



Adam & Eve

In the beginning



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Who made the world?

Many today think that the world made itself over billions of years. But the Bible tells us that God made it in just six days. The New Testament says that everything was made by Jesus, the Son of God, but He was called 'The Word' in the beginning (John 1:1-3) and the Messiah (meaning 'the Christ') in the Old Testament. He was only called Jesus when He came into the world (Luke 1:31).

Fact file

DID YOU KNOW?

The Garden of Eden cannot be found today because Noah's flood destroyed it

What the New Testament says

Jesus and the writers of the New Testament talk and write about the story of Creation as true; that Adam and Eve were real people; and the Garden of Eden was a real place. Without the story of Creation and the first sin (known as 'The Fall'), there would be no need for the Gospel—the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ.

How long ago?

This story happened at the beginning of time. There is enough information in the Bible to work out that it was about 4,000 years between Creation and the coming of Jesus; so it was about 6,000 years ago.

This story happened here

History Timeline

Adam,
Noah,
Babel

Abraham,
Moses,
Joshua

Judges,
David,
Solomon

Kings of
Israel and
Judah

Daniel,
Esther,
Nehemiah

The Lord
Jesus
Christ

A World of Trouble

It is a wonderful thing if you have a happy life at home with your family. Even if you do, you will sometimes be upset, or feel lonely, or get sick. In the end, we all die. Do you ever wonder why God has let bad things happen?

The story of Adam and Eve is what we call 'bitter-sweet.' It includes some things which are 'bitter,' those things that make us sad. We find out why there is pain and death in the world.

DID YOU KNOW?
God is three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, but He is one God

But there are also 'sweet' things in this story, which show us that there are men, women, boys and girls who God loves. It tells us how men and women first came to trust that God would save them and take them to Heaven when they died.

You see, God never makes mistakes. He cannot do anything wrong! He has a special plan which He made in Heaven before He even made the world: a plan full of love.

Some people also think that this Bible story is so strange that it cannot



be true. The Bible is a special book, though. Because the words in it are from God, it always tells the truth. It is a blessing to believe that the Bible is true.

You can read about this in Job chapter 5 verse 7, Ephesians chapter 1 verses 1 to 14, and 2 Timothy chapter 3 verse 6.

The First Man

In the beginning, God made the heavens and the earth. He created everything in just six days. He is so powerful, that He only had to speak, and it happened immediately! Trees, flowers, stars, planets, birds, insects, fish and animals. The sea, air and land were alive with all kinds of creatures. God looked at His work, and He saw that it was good.

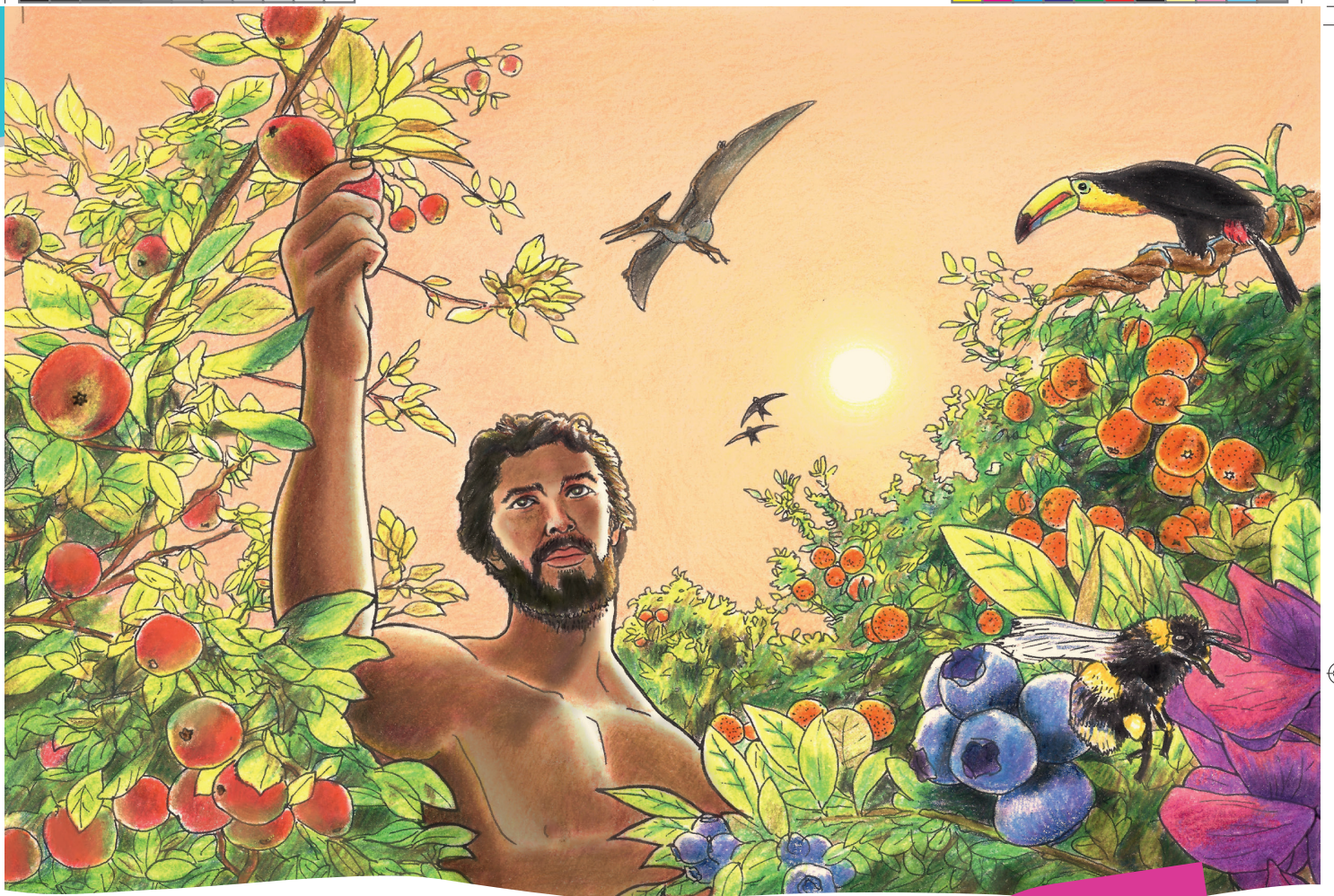
DID YOU KNOW?
'The heavens' means the sky and outer space

On the sixth day, after He had made all these things, God did something even more special. He made the first man. Just one.

And the LORD God didn't make the man by speaking, like He had done with everything else. No! God shaped him from the dust of the ground and then breathed into his nostrils to give him life. How special!

He also made him in God's own image, or likeness. That is, He made Man to be somewhat like God. Not *exactly* the same of course. God didn't want this for the animals—just Man—so He gave the man a living *soul*.

Animals don't have a soul, but every person does. You do. So do I. A soul is precious because it is a life that will never die.



The Bible tells us that the first man's name was Adam, and God put him with some of the animals in a beautiful garden in a place called Eden. God gave him a job to do—he had to take care of the garden, in which were lots of trees with tasty fruit.

DID YOU KNOW?
'Adam' comes from the Hebrew word 'adama' meaning dust