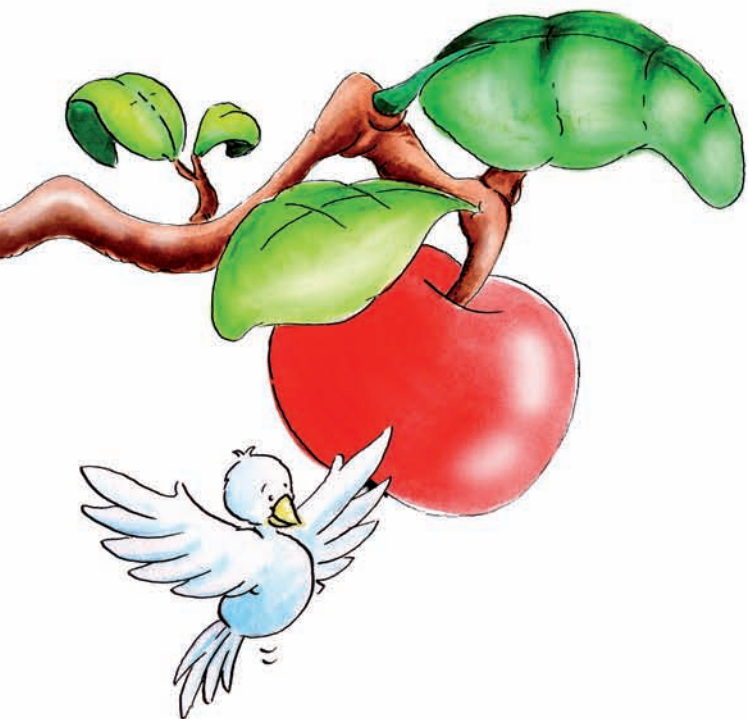








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Dear Parents,

This book was created taking into consideration the whole family, yet its format and content addresses the pre-schoolers and the young elementary age children. The chosen content in the *Bible Stories For Pre-Schoolers*, has been selected and compiled to assist the beginners in their exploration of the Word of God and, at the same time, to help them become fascinated with it. This type of activity concerning the Bible would create a life long commitment.

The *Bible Stories For Pre-Schoolers* is a book to be read together. You might recall your childhood days when you were intrigued as you discovered God's unconditional love. There is no greater joy than to pass the similar type of enthusiasm to our children.

The "Family Meetings", which follow every single story, devote its purpose in assisting the whole family to discovering the collective truth and the beauty of God's Word. This type of family interaction may assist parents to convey the most important lessons of the Bible, and it will aid the children in applying these biblical lessons in their daily life. Without any doubt, the time spent together will be a wonderful blessing for each member of the family.

These "Family Meetings" have been divided into three sections. Each of these parts is very important and much needed. The section titled "Think" is actively intellectual its purpose is to summarize the lesson, and it is also to challenge you to answer the difficult questions which your pre-schooler freely possesses. To us as adults, some of these questions might seem a bit funny or just absurd. In reality, in a life of a child there are no funny questions, they are either important or very important.



Our purpose as parents is to direct our child to the answer he/she possesses. Don't we ourselves need to look for numerous answers in the written Word of God?

The section titled "Do" is the active application for the entire family. Even as it may be difficult to complete the proposed questions, it's important to take the time and assist your child. It's because of this type of interaction; you will possess many beautiful family memories in years to come. The time spent together with your child will become the most treasured reward for you, as well as for your child.

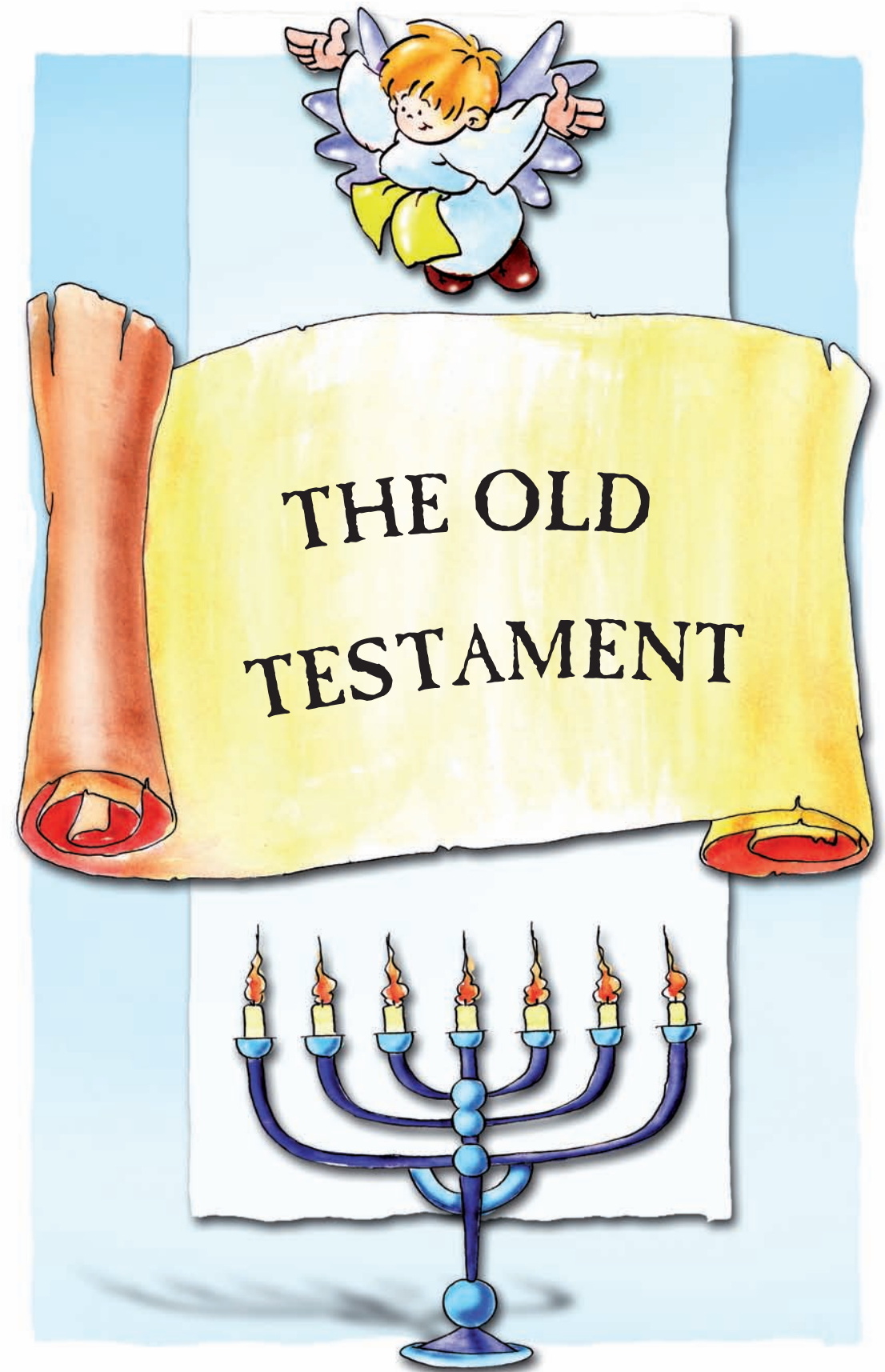
The objective of the last section "Remember" is to invite the whole family to learn and memorize verses from the Holy Scriptures together as a family. Please spend the most important hours of your life in discovering God's love together with your children.

I wish that each mom and dad will experience the joy as they witness their child living in friendship with Christ.

Dear Children,

You are holding a book which was written especially for you from cover to cover. This extraordinary book is devoted to young adventure seekers just like you. What are you going to discover by reading this book? I can not reveal that to you. This job belongs to you. I realize that most of you can not read well at this age. Your parents will help you with the reading. They, too, will discover something wonderful by reading this book. Both you and your parents will become explorers. Are you ready? Let's begin!

Author



The Creation of the World

You have surely wondered what it was like when there was nothing: no mommy, no daddy, no trees, no slides, no cars, no lollipops, no tasty chocolates, no hamsters, no cuckoo birds, no Christmas, nor gifts under the Christmas tree. You were not there - the Earth itself was not there. Nobody got up and nobody went to bed.

Back in those times, there was only Lord God who lived in the beautiful Kingdom of Heaven. There were angels with Him praising God with their most beautiful songs.

One day, God decided to create heaven and earth.

There was nothing on the earth back then. The earth was a joyless and empty place, all covered with water.

God said, "Let there be light."

And there was light - God separated the light from the darkness. That is how the day and the night came about. And God saw that what He created was good.

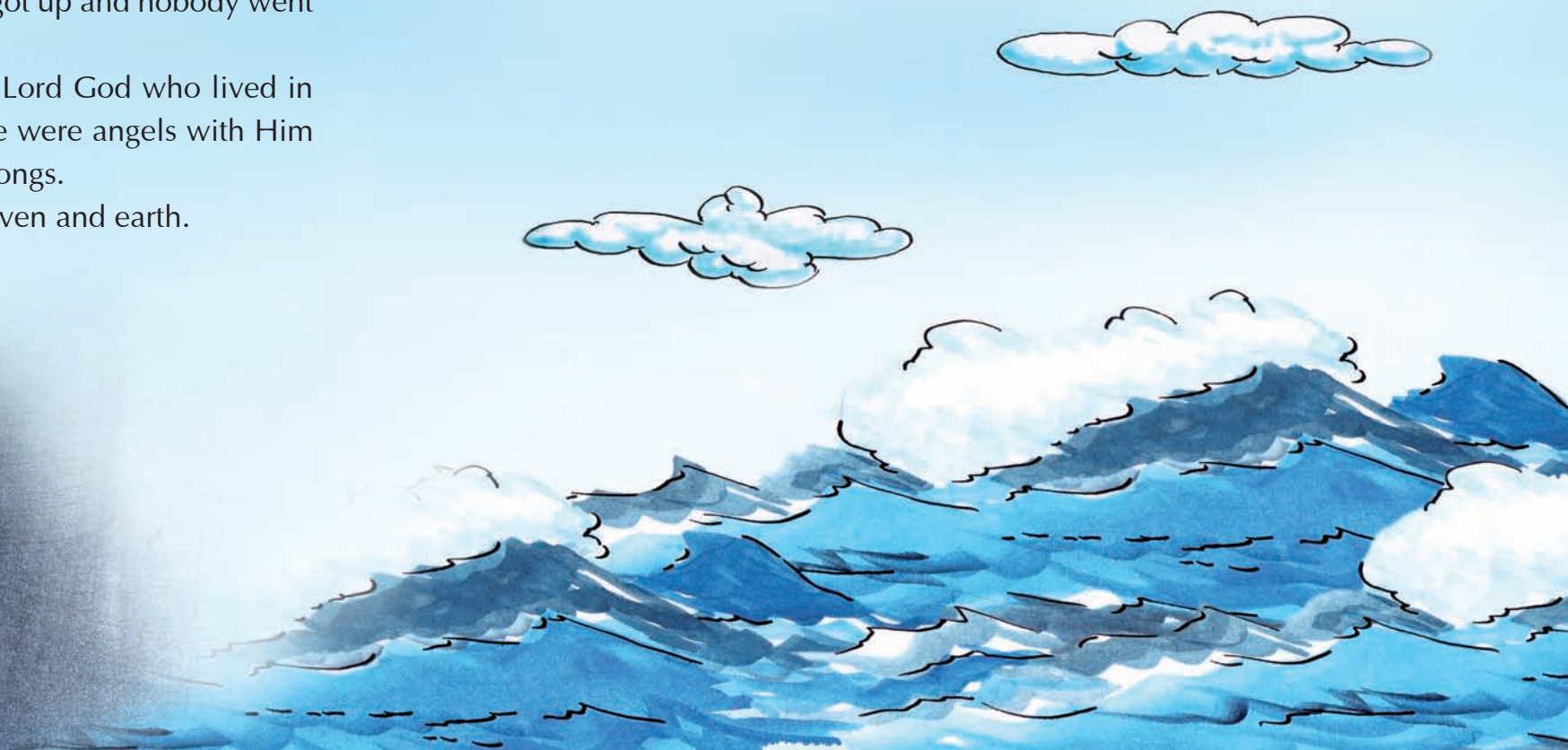
It was the first day.

The next day, God continued His great work.

He said, "Let the blue sky stretch over the earth."

So it happened. The sky appeared. It was a beautiful sight. God knew that what He created was good.

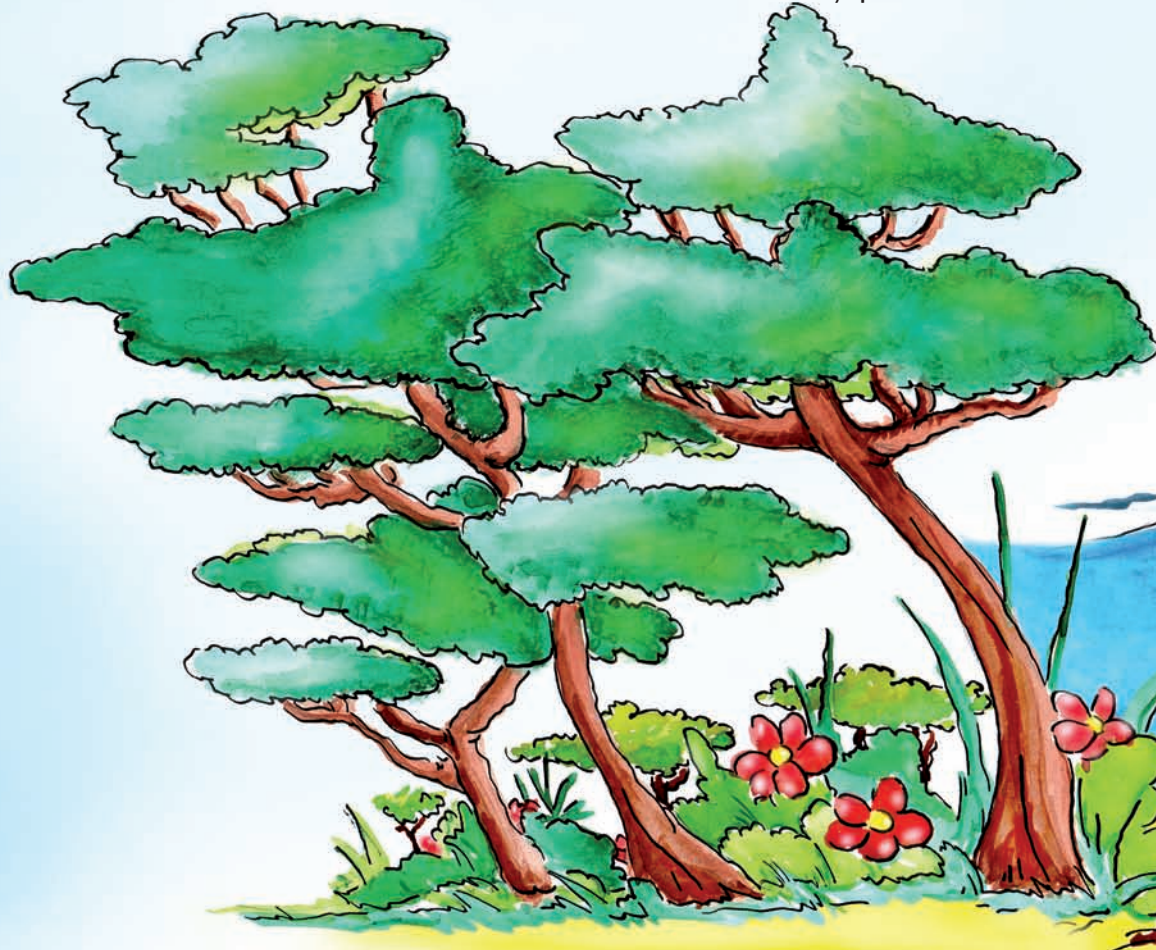
That is how the second day passed.



The earth was still covered with water, so on the next day, God said, "Let there be dry land." God separated the waters and dried up some of the waters. That is how the land came about. The rest of the waters were called the sea. God saw that it was good. Then Lord God said, "Let the land make flowers, trees, fruit and vegetables."

The fragrant flowers and tall trees grew on the land. Then, the earth was really beautiful.

That is how the third day passed.



The next day, God said, "Let there be lights in the sky to separate night from day." God made something really amazing. He created the sun that warmed the earth with its rays. It shone in the sky during the day, and set in the evening. Even then, it was not completely dark, because God created the moon and millions of stars. God saw that it was good. That is how the fourth day passed.

Do you know what happened on the fifth day? God said, "Let fish live in the water and birds fly in the sky." God created fish and birds. He made the fish in the water to swim. He made the birds to sing, fly and build nests. And God saw that all He had created was good.

That is how the fifth day passed.



The next day was another great day. The Lord God said, "Let the land produce living creatures." God created the animals, small and big. And then God said, "Let's make somebody special. Someone, who will resemble Me. Somebody, who can love Me. Someone, who will talk with me about everything."

God made the people. He created a man and a woman - Adam and Eve.

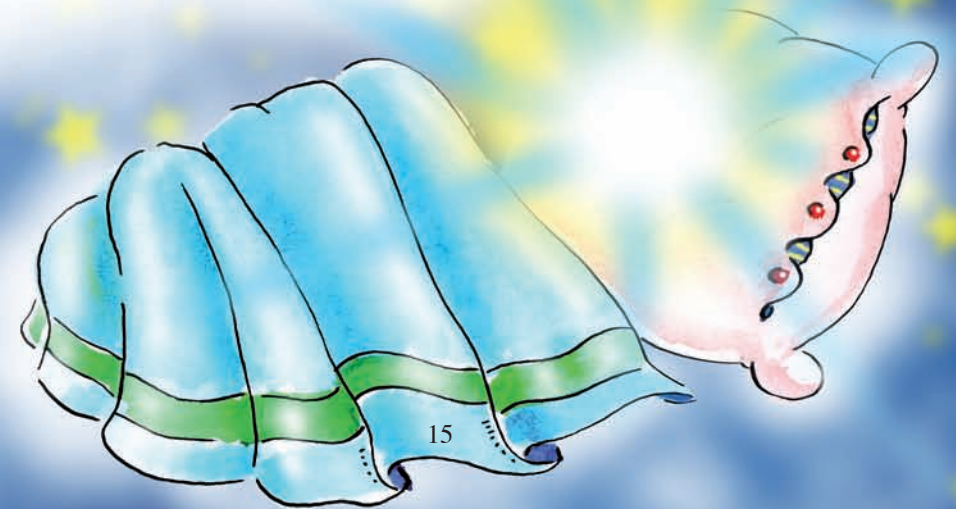
Lord God said to the people, "Adam and Eve, all that I created belongs to you. Enjoy it. Rule over the fish, birds and all of the animals. All I want is that you would honor Me."

God knew that what he had created was good.

That is how the sixth day passed.



On the seventh day, God rested.
God had finished his work.

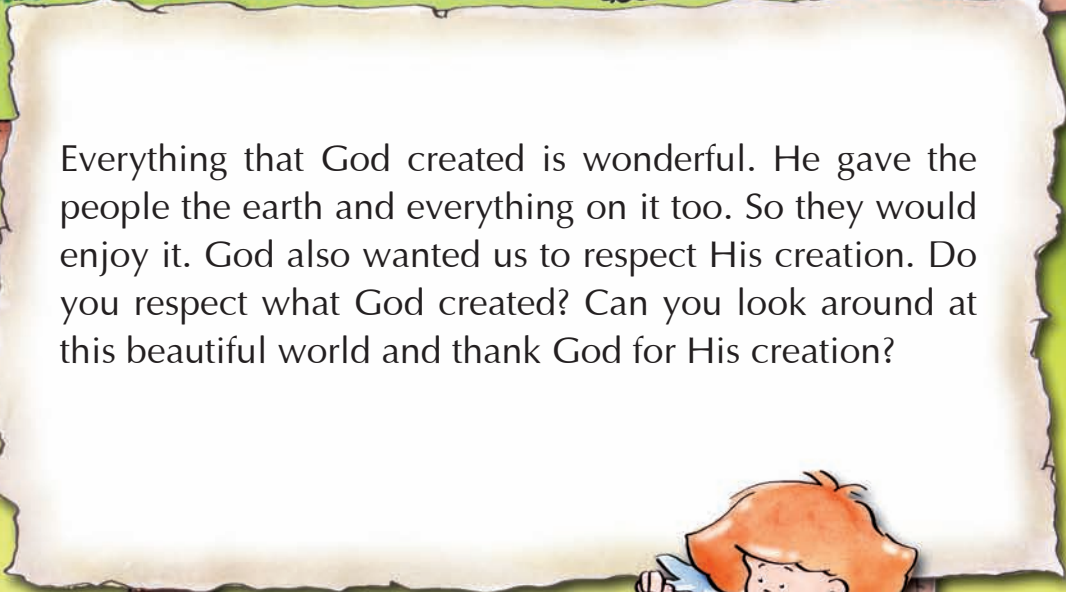




The Family Meeting



Think:



Everything that God created is wonderful. He gave the people the earth and everything on it too. So they would enjoy it. God also wanted us to respect His creation. Do you respect what God created? Can you look around at this beautiful world and thank God for His creation?



Do:



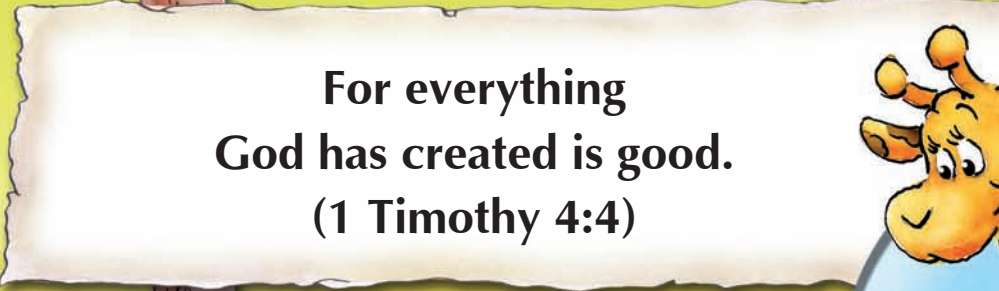
**THE BOOK,
"HOW GOD CREATED THE WORLD"**

Materials: seven sheets of paper, crayons, a family photograph.

Make a book titled, "How the Good God Created the World." Draw on each sheet of paper what God created on each day. On each piece of paper write the verse, "And God saw that it was good." You will have to make seven pages, but the last page (the seventh) should be a special one. Put your family photograph on it. God has also created each one of you. List your favorite ways of spending time together on this page.



Remember:



**For everything
God has created is good.
(1 Timothy 4:4)**

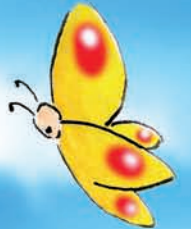




Adam and Eve

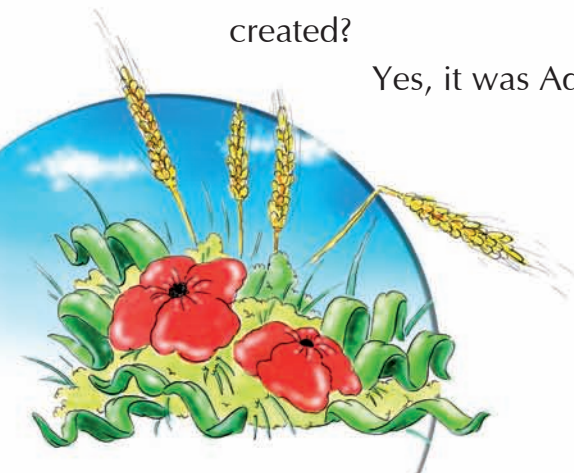
Adam lived in a beautiful garden. Many trees grew there, and they bore wonderful fruits: bananas, apples and many others. There were plenty of animals there living in harmony with each other. The birds sang, and colorful flowers grew among green grass. The rivers flowed through the garden. This great garden, filled with scents of flowers and herbs, was called Eden, that is, Paradise. It was not just because it was colorful, and there was always something interesting going on, but because the Lord God Himself was present in the garden.

God cared for Adam as a father cares for his child. Adam was truly happy. He worried about nothing. God allowed him to give names to all the animals. Adam enjoyed the wonderful garden, and God knew his desires.



Do you remember the wonderful things that the Lord God made when He created the world? Do you remember the name of the first man He had created?

Yes, it was Adam.





God knew that Adam had nobody like himself. So God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone."

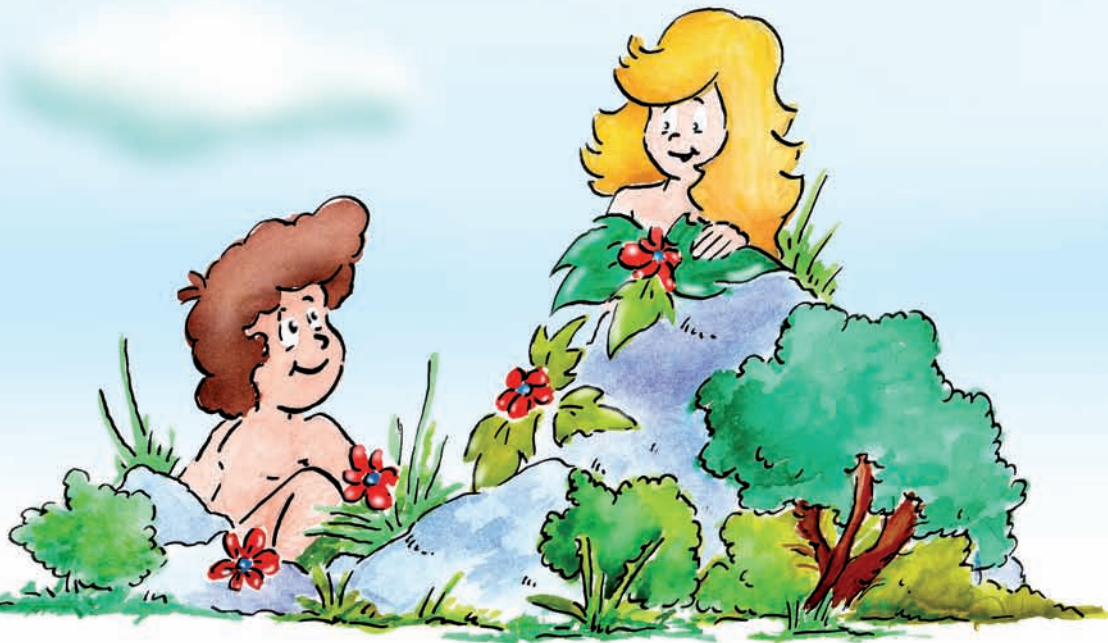
He made a woman and gave her the name Eve.

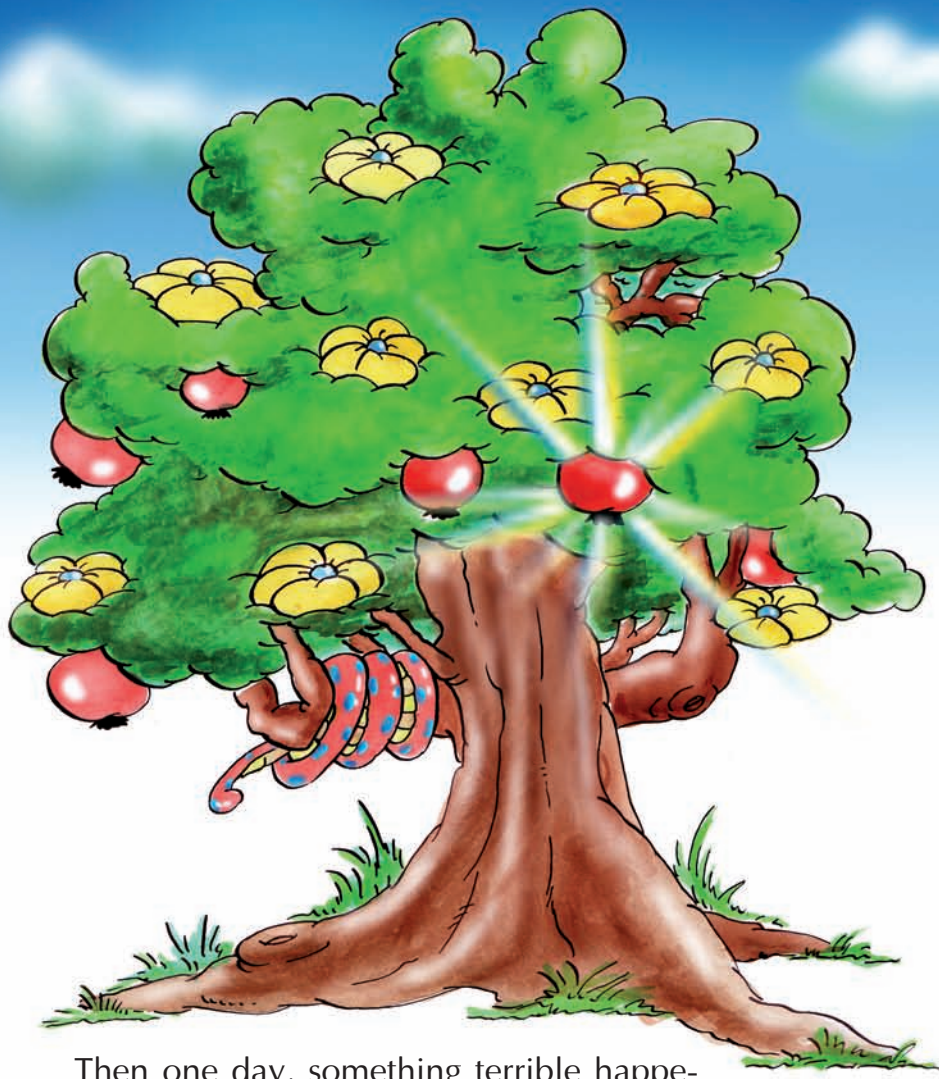
Adam was very pleased. He showed Eve around the whole garden. Adam and Eve were never hungry. They were not cold. They both were very happy, because they lived close to their Father who had created them - God. They were happy people.



Adam and Eve could use everything that was in the garden. They could eat any fruit they wanted, from any tree except one. They could not eat fruit from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. The Lord God said, "Every fruit is tasty and good, but if you eat from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, you will die."

Adam and Eve obeyed that command. They did not want to make God sad.





Then one day, something terrible happened. While walking through Eden, Eve came close to the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. Suddenly, she heard a voice. Who could be speaking to her? It surely was not Adam's voice. It also was not God speaking, because she knew His voice. Eve stopped to hear better where the voice was coming from. She began walking toward it. She walked and walked... and then she saw a beautiful serpent, shining in the sun, looking at her with its radiant eyes.

"Good day," the serpent welcomed her kindly. "It is I that spoke to you."



Eve was scared, but her curiosity was so great, that she decided to ask the serpent a question.

"Who are you? I don't remember seeing you among animals that live in Eden."

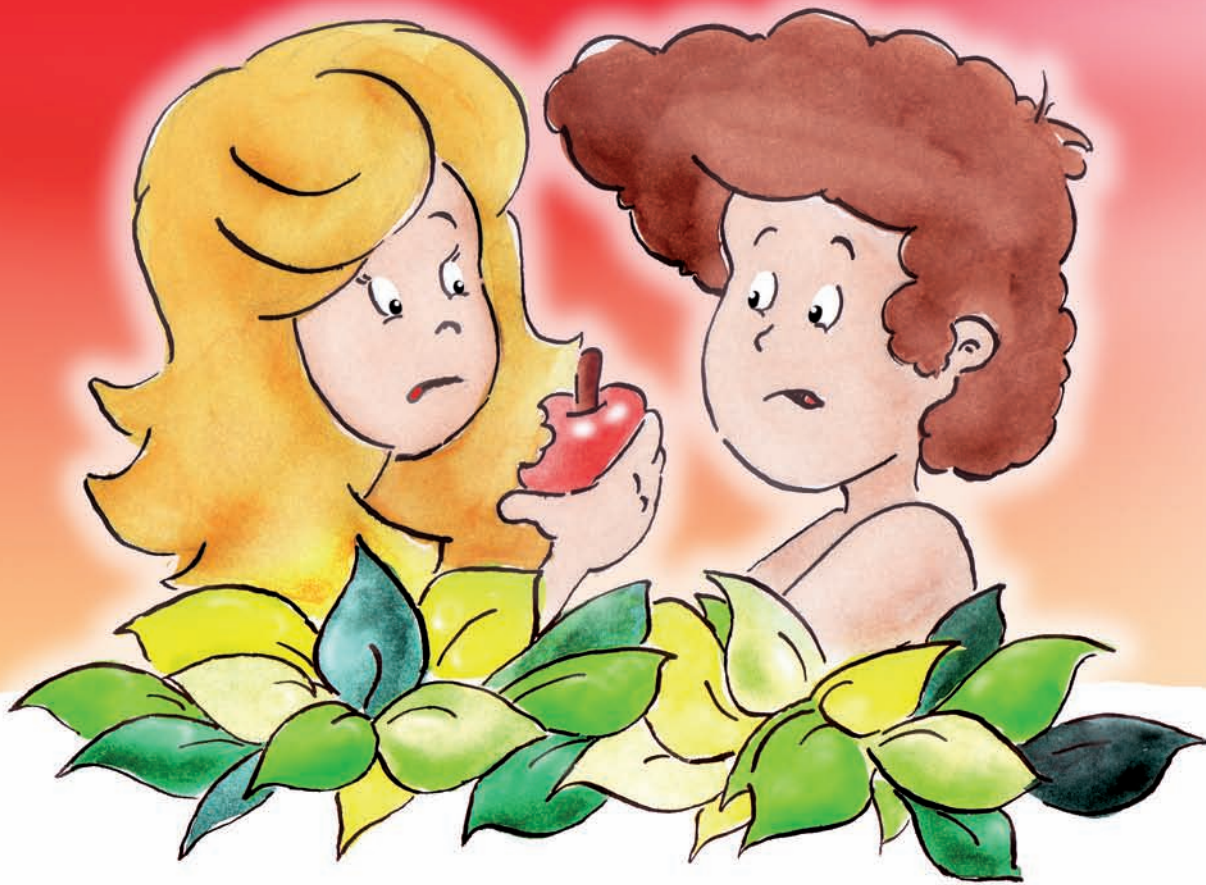
"It is not important who I am. Tell me, is it true that you may eat all of the fruit except the fruit from that tree that I am on?" The serpent asked shrewdly.

"Yes, it's true. This fruit is not good for us." Eve responded. "The Lord God told us so, and He cares for us."

Then the serpent came closer to Eve and whispered into her ear,

"It's not true, this fruit is very tasty. God said so because He did not want you to try it, because if you eat it, you will become as wise and powerful as He is. Trust me. I know Him better than you do." The serpent continued. "Eat the fruit, and





Adam and Eve hid behind thick bushes, because they were afraid of God. But the Lord God sees and hears everything. He saw them hiding and asked,

“Adam and Eve, why do you hide? Has anything bad happened?”

Now, they had to face Him and tell Him the whole truth. God, seeing them naked and scared, asked,

“Have you eaten the forbidden fruit?”

Adam answered,

“Yes, but it wasn’t our fault. The serpent made us do it.”



you will see that something wonderful will happen.”

Do you know what happened? Eve listened to the serpent and ate the fruit from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. Then, she called for Adam. And Adam also ate the fruit, although the Lord God had strictly forbidden that. They disobeyed their Father. They committed a great sin.

Adam and Eve quickly realized that the serpent had lied to them. He had said something wonderful would happen, but it was just the opposite. They became very unhappy. They were sad and scared. They also saw that they were naked. They quickly made themselves some covering to hide their nakedness.

Sometime later, the Lord God began calling for Adam and Eve. Where were they? Why were they afraid to face their Father?





The Lord God became angry at the serpent, because He realized that His great enemy had hidden in the serpent's skin. It was Satan. He was responsible for what had happened. He envies God and wants to make all the people unhappy. Adam and Eve had free will, and they could decide what they wanted to do or not do. So the Lord God said to them,

"You will be punished for your disobedience. You cannot live in Eden anymore."

God gave them clothes made of animal skin and cast them out of the beautiful garden. They settled outside Paradise. And from that time on, they were never truly happy.

Despite their sin, God loved Adam and Eve very much. He promised His disobedient children, that some day

everything would change. A very special Child will be born, much stronger than Satan. This Child would have a very important task to fulfill. Do you know who I am talking about?

Yes, about Lord Jesus...

He would die on the cross for our sins. He would defeat Satan, so every man, big and small, who believes in Him, would be happy again, and would live in an even more beautiful garden - in Heaven, close to God Himself.





The Family Meeting



Think:

The Paradise that God had given to Adam and Eve was wonderful. God treated the first people like His children. They could do anything they wanted, but there was one rule in Paradise. Do you remember what it was? Somebody else knew about his rule. Do you remember who it was? Do you remember what he convinced Eve to do? And what did Eve do next? Adam and Eve were disobedient to God. Disobedience to God is a sin. They were punished for that: they were cast out of Paradise, and all the joy disappeared from their hearts. God loved His children very much and promised them that one day somebody would be born who would defeat Satan and remove all sins. Do you know who I am talking about? Do you know that it applies also to you and your disobedience?

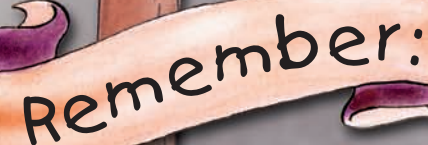


Do:

PARADISE SHISH KABOBS

The ingredients: various fruits, cool whip or melted chocolate, skewers

Peel the fruit and cut it in small cubes. Take the fruit cubes and put them on a skewer one by one. Pour melted chocolate on each fruit shish-kebab or dip the shish kebab in cool whip. Enjoy!



Remember:

We all, like sheep, have gone astray.
(Isaiah 53:6)



BUILD A GREAT BOAT

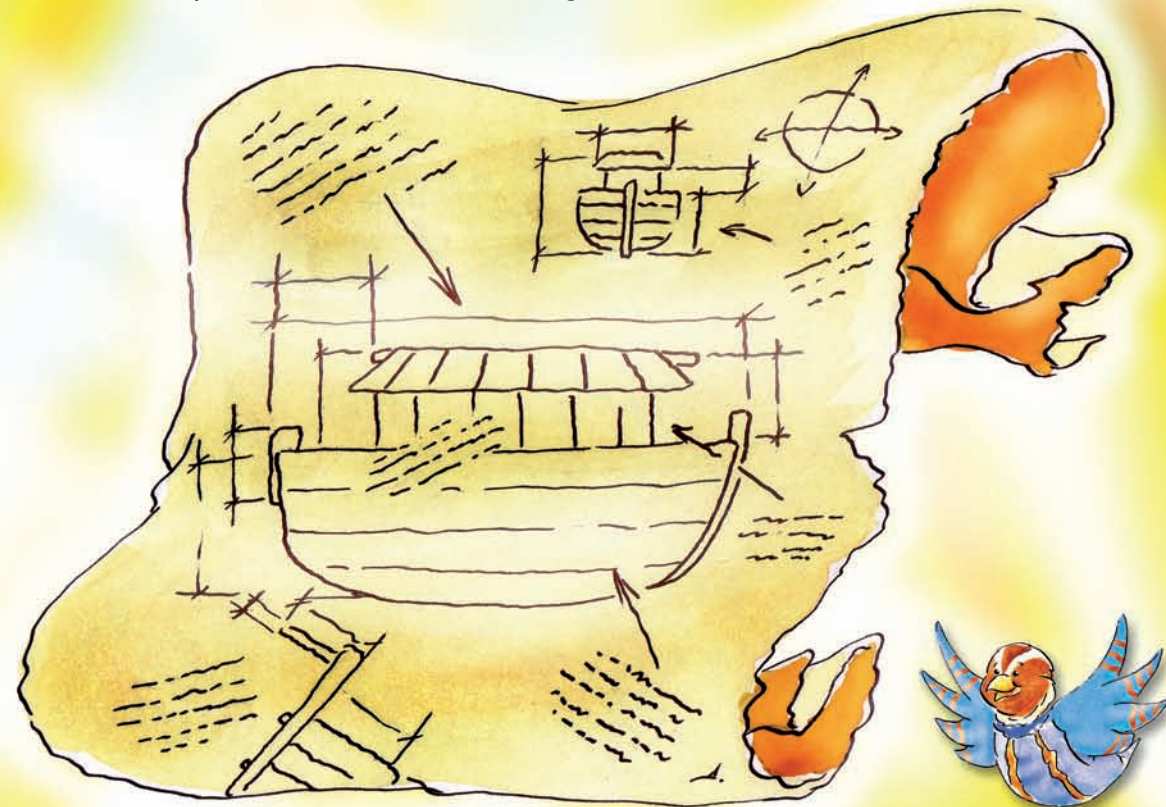


Noah

There was a man named Noah. Noah loved God very much and was obedient to Him. The Lord God liked watching Noah as he worked. God also liked talking with him. There were also other people, but they did not listen to the Lord God.

One day, God said to Noah,
"Noah, I don't like it that the people don't want to obey me. I have to punish them. A great rain will fall on the earth. It will rain for many days until the water covers all of the houses, trees, and even the high mountains. But you and your family will be safe."

Then, God said,
"Build a great boat - an ark. Take a pair, one boy and one girl, from each kind of animals inside. Then, go into the ark, you and your family, and I will close the door behind you. Only I can open the door when the right time comes."





a boat since there is no rain, and the sun is shining brightly?"

"There will be rain," Noah answered. "The Lord God told me."

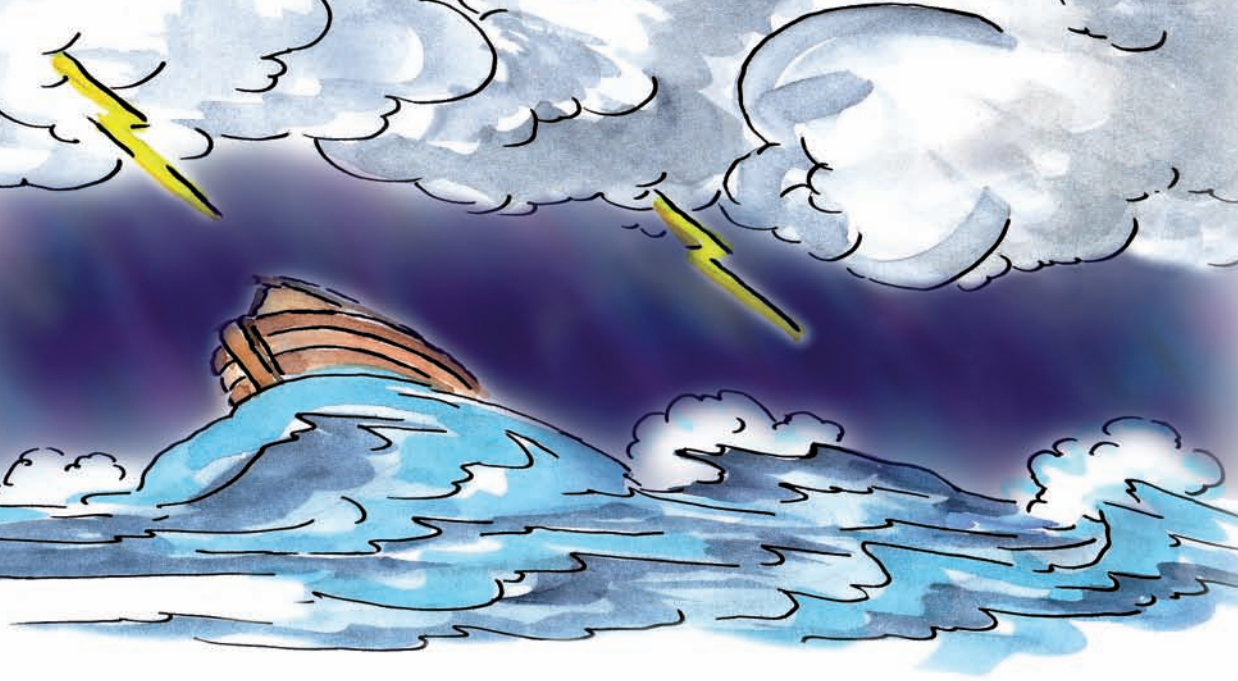
They continued laughing.

Then one day, when the boat was ready, the animals began to gather, a pair from each kind, just like God said. The big animals came. The small ones came as well. Some of them even flew to the ark.

Noah was obedient to God, as usual. He began building a great boat, just as the Lord God had told him to do. The people saw what Noah was doing, and they were laughing at him. Both the children and the adults laughed at Noah, but he continued building.

"Noah," they shouted "why do you need





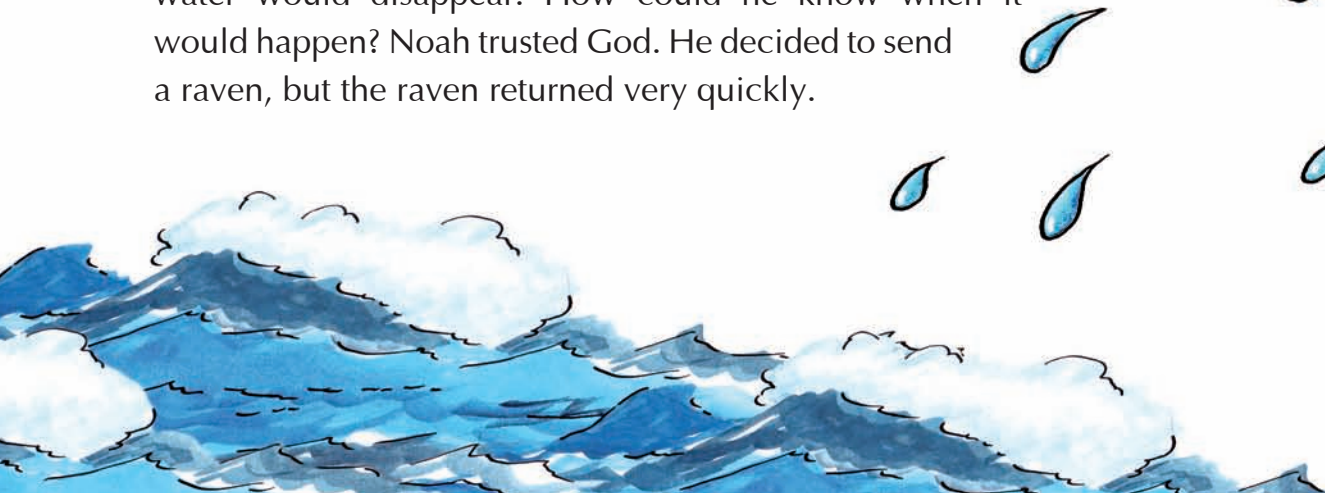
People were amazed, but they still did not believe what Noah told them. They did not believe God.

Noah and his family went into the ark at last.

Then... what is that? The door to the ark closed slowly. People looked at this with amazement, but they still did not believe.

When the door had closed completely, small drops of rain began falling from the sky. Then, they turned into big raindrops, and the big raindrops turned into a downpour that covered all the earth with water, just as the Lord God had said.

Noah and his family were safe. The animals were safe as well. God protected Noah in the boat until the day that the water would disappear. How could he know when it would happen? Noah trusted God. He decided to send a raven, but the raven returned very quickly.



"The waters have not receded yet," Noah said. "We have to wait."

A few days later, Noah sent a dove. The dove did not return for a long time. Noah waited. After some time, the dove returned with a little branch in her beak.

"The water is going down," Noah said, "but we have to wait longer."





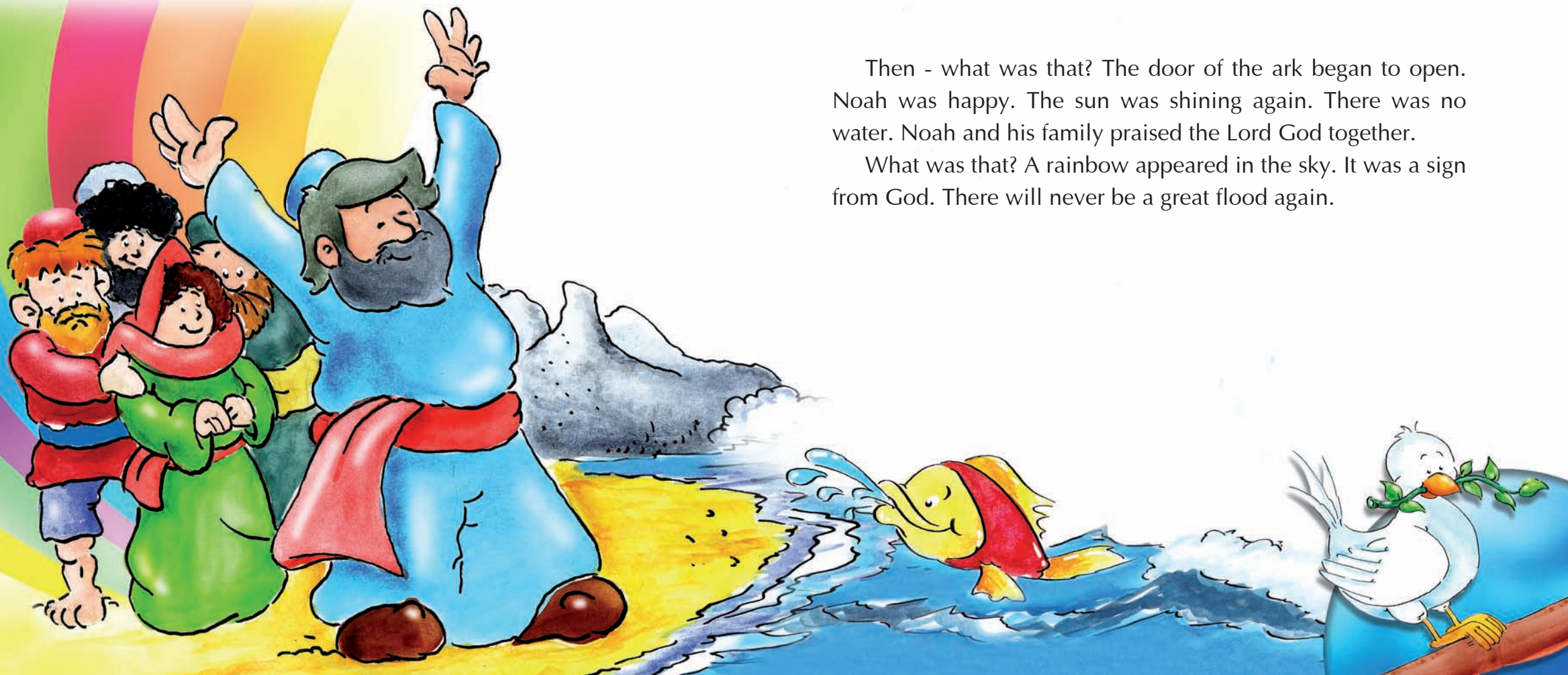
Noah trusted God.

A few days later, Noah sent a dove again. He waited and waited, but the dove did not return. Then Noah said, "The water had gone down and the land had dried up, just as the Lord God had said."



Then - what was that? The door of the ark began to open. Noah was happy. The sun was shining again. There was no water. Noah and his family praised the Lord God together.

What was that? A rainbow appeared in the sky. It was a sign from God. There will never be a great flood again.



The Family Meeting

Think:

Noah trusted God. He knew that if God decides something, He will always do it. Noah was obedient, even when God gave him a very strange task. Do you remember what it was? What did other people do when they saw Noah at work? Were they obedient to God? Why did God send the flood to the world? Are you obedient to God. Do you trust Him? This will not always be easy for you, but when you see the rainbow, remember that God wants to talk with you, even when you are not obedient.

Do:

OUR FAMILY ARK

Materials: a large sheet of paper, small sheets of paper, a pencil, a ruler, crayons, markers, glue and scissors.

Draw a colorful rainbow on the big piece of paper. Now, draw an ark on a small piece of paper. Write your name in the middle of the ark. Cut the ark out, and glue it under the rainbow you have painted.

Remember:

Whoever trusts in the Lord is kept safe.
(Proverbs 29:25)