

2 The Greatest Problem

Know the Gospel

God made us to live perfectly with Him, but sin ruins this relationship. Sin is anything we do, say, or think that goes against God.

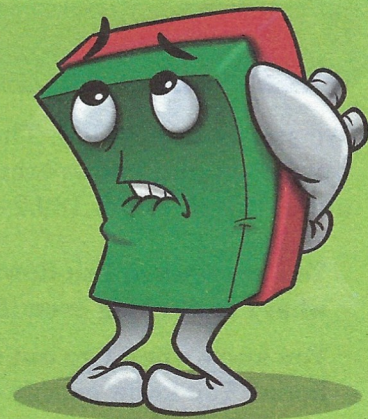
What are some of the choices you have had to make? Do you ever make bad choices?

One day I was coming in to land at an airport. I had important rules to follow to keep everyone safe. However, I wanted to fly past the big planes to show them I could keep up with them. I disobeyed the rules. When I came in to land, I was going too fast. I collided with another airplane, leaving a big scratch on its side.

I quickly hid behind a building so no one would know what I had done wrong. I did not know whether to keep it a secret. I had a choice to make. In the end I made the wrong choice. When the boss of the airport found out, I was told I had to leave and could never use that airport again.

In this story, the first people, Adam and Eve, also faced a choice. Would they listen to God and obey Him?

You can find this story in Genesis 2:15–3:23.



Memory Verse

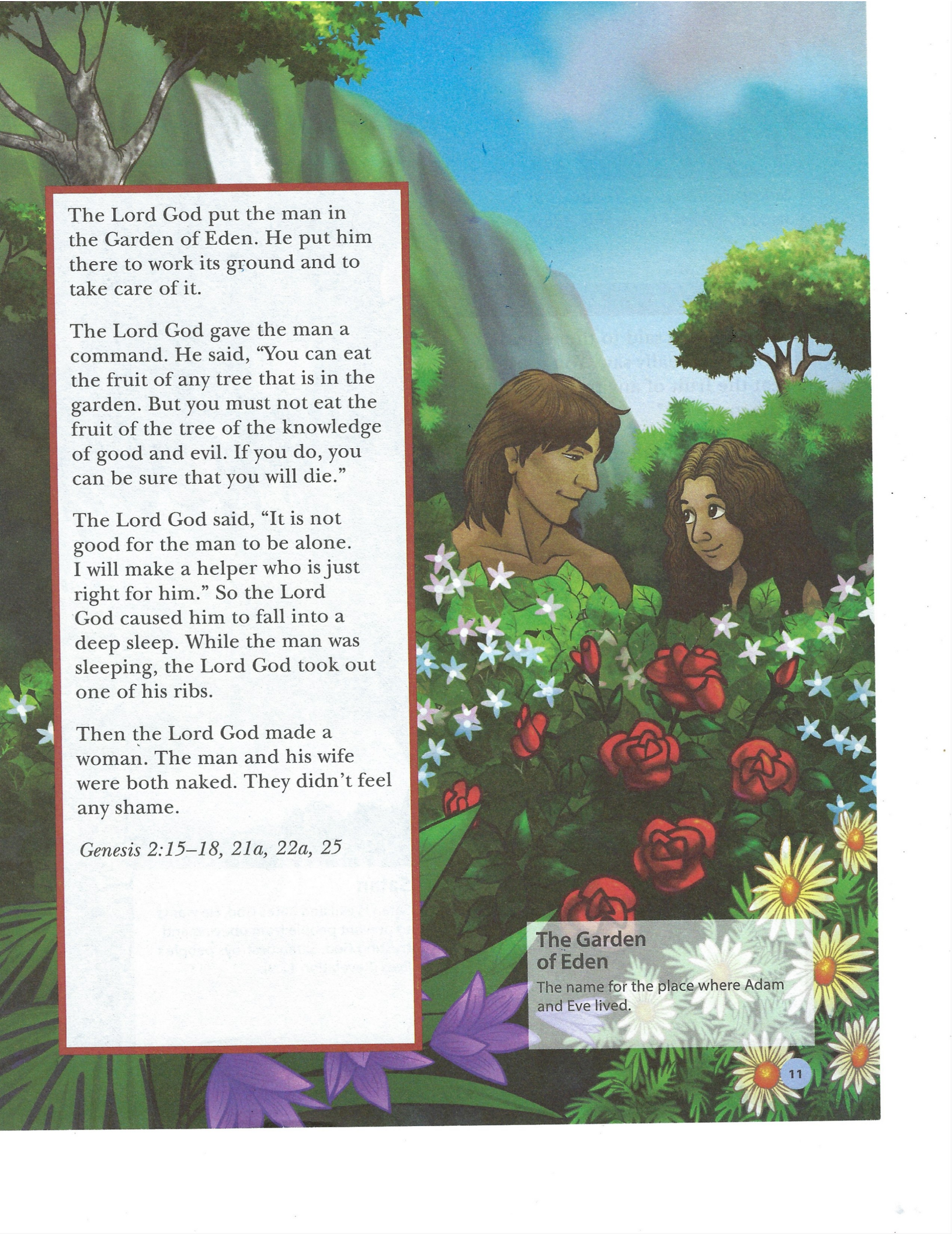
This verse reminds us how serious the problem of sin is. **When you sin, the pay you get is death. But God gives you the gift of eternal life because of what Christ Jesus our Lord has done. Romans 6:23**

Death

Life

Jesus





The Lord God put the man in the Garden of Eden. He put him there to work its ground and to take care of it.

The Lord God gave the man a command. He said, "You can eat the fruit of any tree that is in the garden. But you must not eat the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you do, you can be sure that you will die."

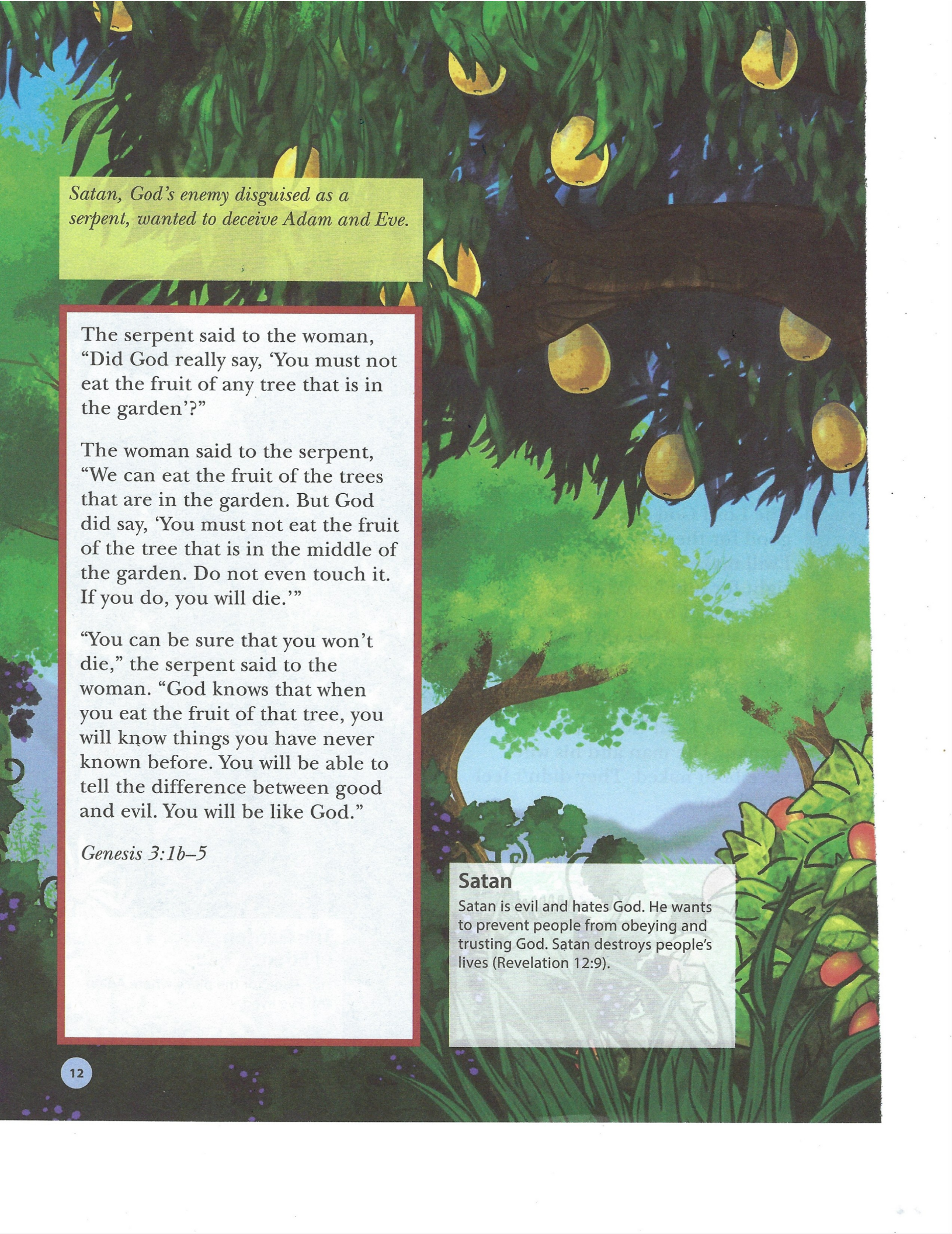
The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is just right for him." So the Lord God caused him to fall into a deep sleep. While the man was sleeping, the Lord God took out one of his ribs.

Then the Lord God made a woman. The man and his wife were both naked. They didn't feel any shame.

Genesis 2:15–18, 21a, 22a, 25

The Garden of Eden

The name for the place where Adam and Eve lived.



Satan, God's enemy disguised as a serpent, wanted to deceive Adam and Eve.

The serpent said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat the fruit of any tree that is in the garden'?"

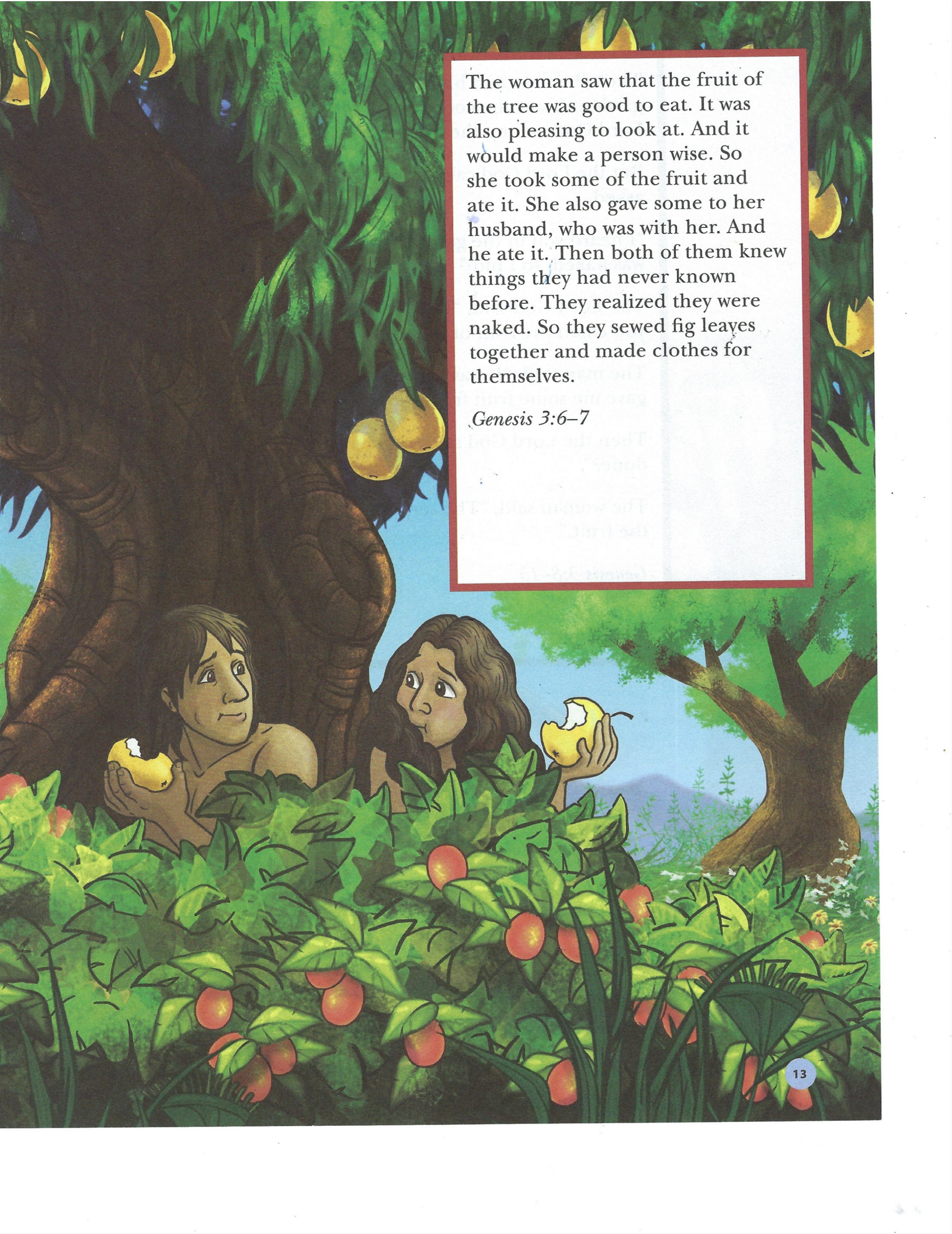
The woman said to the serpent, "We can eat the fruit of the trees that are in the garden. But God did say, 'You must not eat the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden. Do not even touch it. If you do, you will die.'"

"You can be sure that you won't die," the serpent said to the woman. "God knows that when you eat the fruit of that tree, you will know things you have never known before. You will be able to tell the difference between good and evil. You will be like God."

Genesis 3:1b-5

Satan

Satan is evil and hates God. He wants to prevent people from obeying and trusting God. Satan destroys people's lives (Revelation 12:9).



The woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good to eat. It was also pleasing to look at. And it would make a person wise. So she took some of the fruit and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her. And he ate it. Then both of them knew things they had never known before. They realized they were naked. So they sewed fig leaves together and made clothes for themselves.

Genesis 3:6-7

Then the man and his wife heard the Lord God walking in the garden. It was the coolest time of the day. They hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

But the Lord God called out to the man. "Where are you?" he asked.

"I heard you in the garden," the man answered. "I was afraid. I was naked, so I hid."

The Lord God said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten the fruit of the tree I commanded you not to eat?"

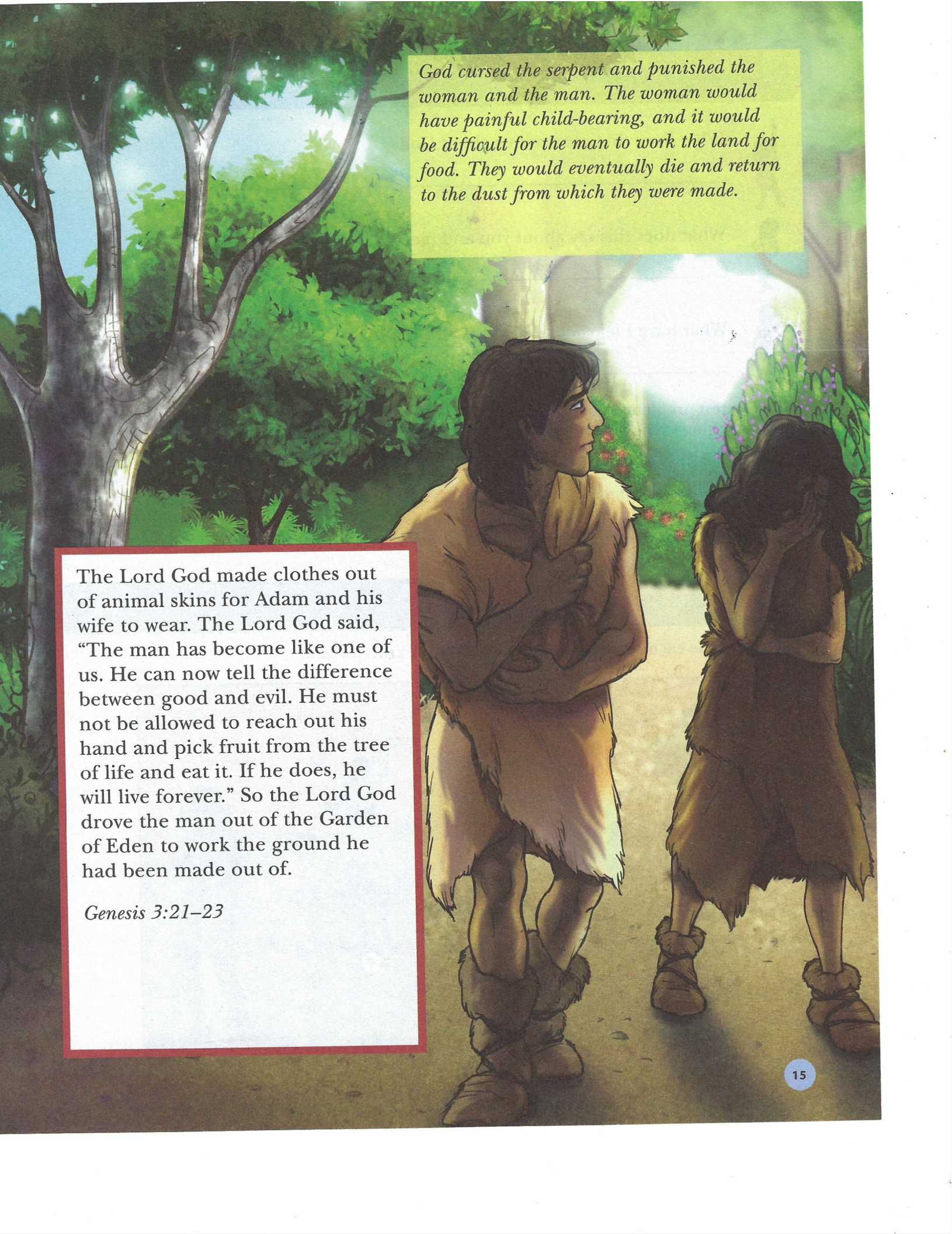
The man said, "It was the woman you put here with me. She gave me some fruit from the tree. And I ate it."

Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What have you done?"

The woman said, "The serpent tricked me. That's why I ate the fruit."

Genesis 3:8-13



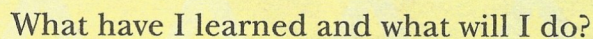
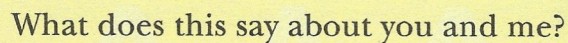
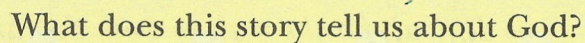


God cursed the serpent and punished the woman and the man. The woman would have painful child-bearing, and it would be difficult for the man to work the land for food. They would eventually die and return to the dust from which they were made.

The Lord God made clothes out of animal skins for Adam and his wife to wear. The Lord God said, "The man has become like one of us. He can now tell the difference between good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and pick fruit from the tree of life and eat it. If he does, he will live forever." So the Lord God drove the man out of the Garden of Eden to work the ground he had been made out of.

Genesis 3:21–23

Bible Discovery



from God and everything good forever. The Bible calls this hell. The Bible tells us that, although we sin against God, He still loves us and gives us a solution for our sin problem. It tells us how we can trust, obey, and live forever with God. There is nothing more important than this.

Find the Problems

Can you circle each person who is acting sinfully in this picture?



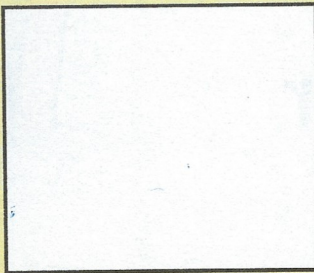


Draw the Story

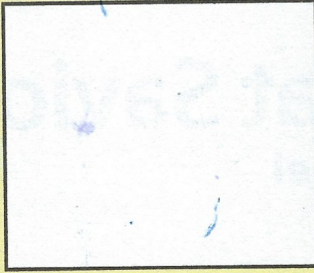
Draw the missing parts of the story.



God, man, and woman together.



They disobeyed God.



They are separated from God.



God punished them.



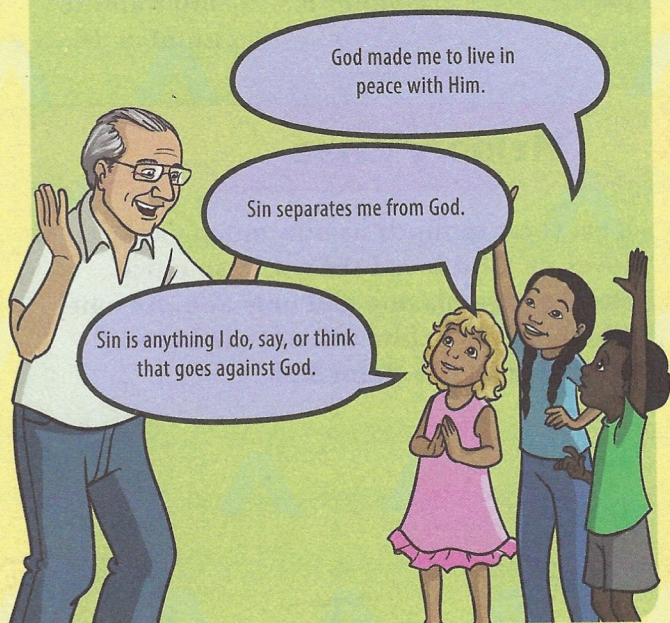
Challenge



With whom will you share this story? Draw a picture or write the names here.



Remember



Talk with God

Dear God,
Thank You that You love us. I am sorry for all the things I do, say, and think against Your ways. Thank You for being perfect and thank You that You still love us even when we do not live Your way. In Jesus' name, amen.

