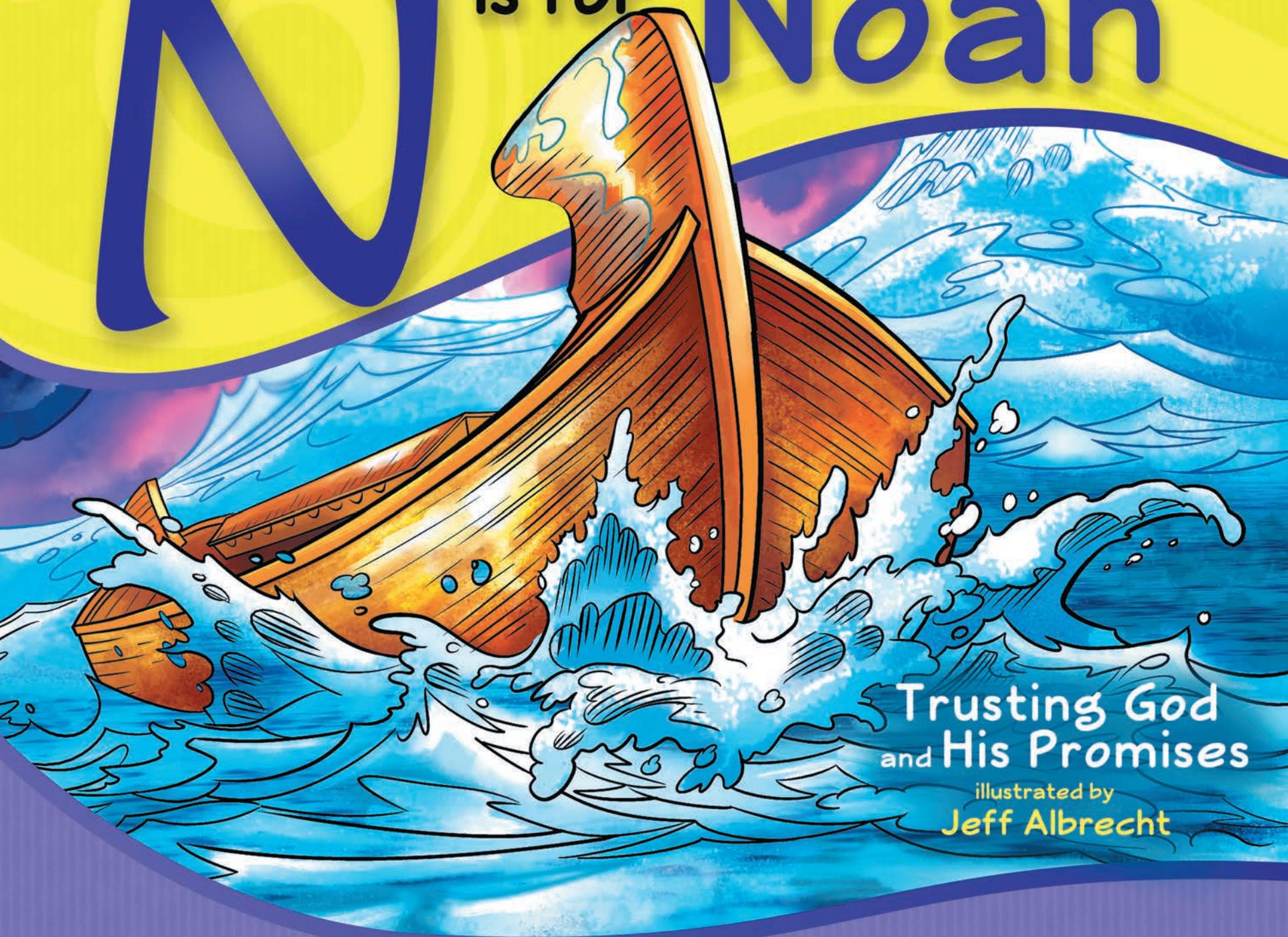


# N is for Noah



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and His Promises

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## Dedicated to Mervyn Ham

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This book is dedicated to our Dad, Mervyn Ham, who went home to be with the Lord June 9, 1995. ***A is for Adam, D is for Dinosaur, and N is for Noah*** were produced because of the legacy he left us—a love for the Word of God. Our father never had great earthly riches, but he left his six children (and children's children) a spiritual inheritance more precious than silver or gold (Proverbs 13:22).

In his last hours, he told his family that life is all about “for and with.” If you live in this world, it is for Christ and when you die it is with Christ. This book stands firm on the inerrancy and authority of Scripture while presenting the gospel message to children and adults. It is our prayer that lives will be changed for the Lord so many will know what it means to be “for and with” as our precious Dad declared.



## Reading Roundup!

(You can read the complete poem on the following page to your child before beginning the individual lessons, or it can be used to help the student begin recognizing words as they follow along. Reading it intermittently between several lessons can help the child become familiar with the words before the individual letter lessons take place. You may prefer to wait and read it as a review following several lessons.)

**A** is for **Ark**. Ark is a name for a great big boat. It had to be strong so it could float, to survive many months during a global Flood, 'cause man's rebellion God had to judge.

**B** is for **Back**. Back in a garden is when it began, when the saddest day was caused by a man. Adam was told, "Don't eat from this tree." God made it clear, "You must obey Me."

**C** is for **Called**. Called the saddest day in world history, Adam disobeyed God and ate from that tree. Now everything changed — dirt, animals, and man. Sin entered the world; the rebellion began.

**D** is for **Dreadful**. Dreadful things happened — when Cain killed his brother, violent things, oh, one after another. The effects of sin were seen everywhere, but sadly, so many just didn't even care.

**E** is for **Earth**. Earth, moon, and stars — the whole universe was suffering the effects of an awful Curse. Disease, death, and suffering, and lots of pain, nothing would ever be quite just the same.

**F** is for **Fruitful**. "Be fruitful and multiply," the first two were told. They probably had fifty by the time they were old. Their children had children and then there were more, hundreds of years later, there were people galore.

**G** is for **Grave**. Grave is the situation many years after creation. At the time of Noah lived a wicked generation. All but eight people they jeered and they scoffed; they didn't love God, all they did was just mock.

**H** is for **Hear**. Hear that great task that God said to do: Build a great boat — your family's the crew. Noah obeyed, he loved God so much, he didn't complain or make any fuss.

**I** is for **Insane**. Insane is the word that some may have used; "Old Noah's stupid," some may have accused. Noah must've been sad 'cause he knew what God said. It wouldn't be long and these people would be dead.

**J** is for **Judgment**. Judgment by water, God revealed His plan, a global Flood would destroy the land. That's why Noah a big ship had to make, it was called an ark, with a barge-like shape.

**K** is for **Kept**. Kept safe on the ark, only eight people went on board, with each kind of land animal and food that was stored. For seven days the ark stood with the door open wide, Noah must have pleaded, "Please, people, please come inside."

**L** is for **Laughing**. Laughing and scoffing Noah must have been hearing as he pleaded with people, "God's judgment you be fearing. My family and each kind of land animal is inside. There's still plenty of room and the door's open wide."

**M** is for **Mighty**. Mighty must've been the bang when God closed the door, as the land did shake and the heavens did roar, great fountains of water broke through the ground and rain came down with a deafening sound.

**N** is for **Noah**. Noah, now he's a man that sure stood out as he trusted God's Word, without any doubt. What a great man of God Noah must have been; he believed God's Word about things unseen.

**O** is for **Over**. Over all the earth the water flowed fast; for many, many months this judgment would last. People outside the ark would have died; too late they realized that God had not lied.

**P** is for **Pleasure**. Pleasure is not how God viewed this great Flood. He must have been sad to see people die in the mud. They could have gone through the door to be saved; a way of salvation for them God had paved.

**Q** is for **Quiet**. Quiet must have been Noah and his family when all of the destruction outside they did see. But then they must have praised God out loud; no doubt they humbly prayed with heads bowed.

**R** is for **Raven**. Raven was the first bird Noah sent from the boat, now that the ark no longer did float. God caused the water to drain off the land and dried up the earth using wind like a fan.

**S** is for **Sent**. Sent from the ark, the raven did fly to and fro across the sky. So Noah sent out a dove as a test, but it came back so it could rest.

**T** is for **Twice**. Twice, Noah chose the dove to fly about to see if from the ark they could finally go out. When the dove came back with a leaf from a tree Noah knew now soon the earth he would see.

**U** is for **Usher**. "Usher out of the ark," God to Noah did tell, "your family and each of the animals as well." Noah obeyed, as he always had. To get out of the ark, he must have been glad.

**V** is for **Very**. Very thankful was Noah, he was full of praise. So to thank the Lord, an altar he raised. He made a great sacrifice, the best he could do, for God saved Noah, His Word is so true.

**W** is for **Wonderful**. Wonderful, magnificent, and beautiful was the sign when the colors of the rainbow overhead did shine. It was God's promise that there will never be another global Flood like this catastrophe.

**X** is in **eXtensive**. eXtensive, a word that describes evidence of the Flood, fossils over the world that were buried in mud. What a warning to remind me and you to be like Noah, believe God's Word is true.

**Y** is for **Years**. Years, about four thousand three hundred are there, since the worldwide Flood made the earth so bare. And another judgment's coming, from God's Word we learn, when the whole of the universe from fire will burn.

**Z** is for **Zealous**. Zealous, all of us need to be to tell of God's ark for you and for me. Jesus, God's Son, did die for our sin. He is the ark door — make sure you go in.

## Let's Read:

### A is for Ark

Ark is a name for a great big boat.

It had to be strong so it could float

To survive many months during a global Flood,

'Cause man's rebellion God had to judge.

## The Starting Point:

As we read about Noah's ark and the global Flood, we need to go back to the beginning of Genesis to understand how man became so sinful and rebellious that God decided to judge the world with such a Flood.

The Bible is God's revelation to us. It can be trusted to tell us the true history of the world. In the Bible, we learn about the Garden of Eden, the origin of sin and death, and the Flood. We also learn about God's wonderful plan of salvation.

I call the Bible "The History Book of the Universe" — from God's "very good" creation to the entrance of sin into the world, until the time of the new heavens and earth.

Read 2 Timothy 3:16–17:

*All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

## Bible Bits:

*(Share one at a time, and have the child repeat what you say.)*

- We know that what the Bible teaches is true history.
- The history about Adam and Eve enables us to understand where sin came from.
- God had to punish the people for their rebellion against God.

- God sent a great Flood to cover the whole world as a judgment.
- God had Noah build an ark of salvation so those who loved and believed God would be saved.
- The Bible tells us that we disobey God and sin, too — because we are children of Adam and Eve.
- We need saving in an ark — our ark is the Lord Jesus

## Let's Talk!

*(Be sure that the child responds to each point and signals his or her understanding with an answer.)*

- Tell me what you see in the picture.
- Is the Bible just filled with made-up stories or is it a book of history?
- Does the Bible have answers to our questions about life?
- What does the Bible say about us? Do we sin?

## Always Remember:

*(The child needs to repeat this back to you.)*

The Bible is the history book of the universe. It tells us that God loves us and wants us to be happy. But He also wants us to obey His rules. When we don't, we sin. And God has to punish sin. The Bible tells us that God sent the Flood because so many people were rebelling against Him.

## Stuff to Do:

Let a child hold a Bible and tell them how truly amazing it is. There are actually 66 books in it — about 40 different people wrote them over about 1,500 years, in three different languages (Hebrew, Greek, and Aramaic). The Bible is God's Holy Word. And even though it is filled with history, poetry, prophecy, and more, it all comes together to teach us God's Word and His desire to share with us His grace and truth forever. God is good!

## Quick Review:

1. Is the Bible just a book of "stories"?
2. Why did God send a Flood?
3. Do we sin?

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## A is for Ark

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To survive many months during a global Flood,  
'Cause man's rebellion God had to judge.

## Let's Read:

### B is for Back



Back in a garden is when it began,

When the saddest day was caused by a man.

Adam was told, "Don't eat from this tree."

God made it clear, "You must obey Me."

## The Starting Point:

Have the children look up Genesis 2:9:

*And out of the ground the LORD God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.*

Then read Genesis 2:16–17 (which is part of a more detailed description of what happened on the sixth day of creation):

*And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."*

## Bible Bits:

*(Share one at a time, and have the child repeat what you say.)*

- God created all the plant kinds on the third day of creation.
- Adam, Eve, and the animals were to eat fruits and plants.
- On day six, God planted a garden with two special trees.
- God told Adam never to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

## Let's Talk!

*(Be sure that the child responds to each point and signals his or her understanding with an answer.)*

- Adam and Eve lived in the Garden of Eden before they sinned.
- Think of how many trees God may have made all over the earth and in the garden — maybe millions. Adam and Eve would have had lots and lots of trees from which they could eat the fruit.
- Do you think Adam and Eve were happy in the Garden of Eden?
- There were two special trees in the garden: the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Which tree is in the picture?
- What did God tell Adam about that tree?

## Always Remember:

*(The child needs to repeat this back to you.)*

God created the world and told Adam and Eve to eat plants. God told Adam not to eat from only one particular tree in the special garden He planted.

## Stuff to Do:

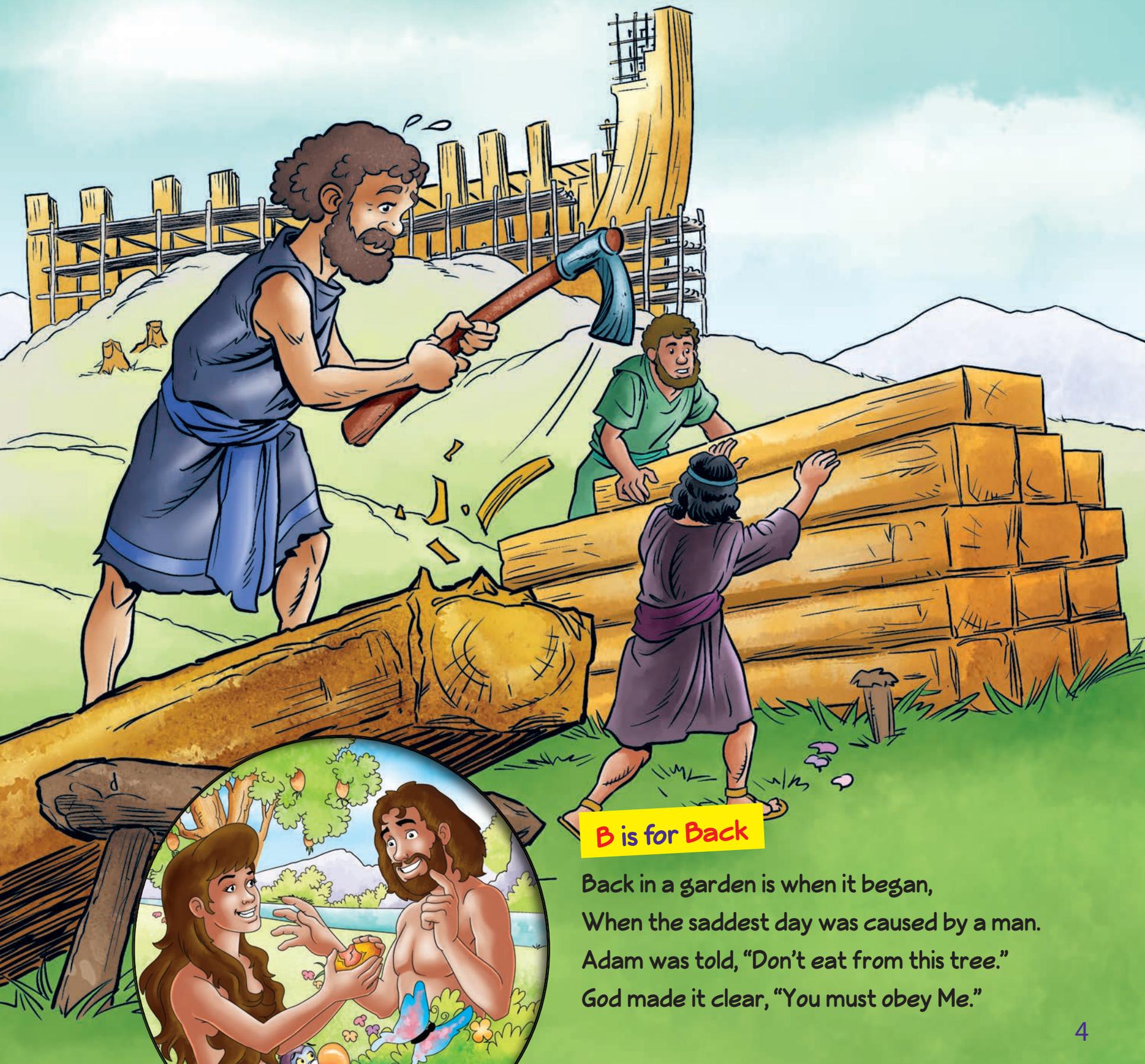
Ask the children, "Why did God test Adam and Eve this way?" If you have a puppet, use it to explain to the children that you can make the puppet do whatever you want. You control the puppet. Explain that God did not make Adam and Eve to be puppets. He did not make them and then force them to love and obey Him. God wanted Adam and Eve to love Him because they wanted to. They had the ability to choose.

## Quick Review:

1. What was the one thing God told Adam not to do?
2. Why do you think Adam disobeyed?
3. What was it like to live in the Garden of Eden?

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## B is for Back

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When the saddest day was caused by a man.  
Adam was told, "Don't eat from this tree."  
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## Let's Read:

### C is for Called



Called the saddest day in world history,

Adam disobeyed God and ate from that tree.

Now everything changed — dirt, animals, and man.

Sin entered the world; the rebellion began.

## The Starting Point:

Adam did something very wrong — he disobeyed God. When he did, sin entered the world and then it changed from very good and safe to bad and dangerous. It was like a sickness had come, and everything and everyone needed a cure. Life got hard for Adam and Eve. They had to leave the Garden of Eden, and Adam now had to work in the fields to grow food and make a living.

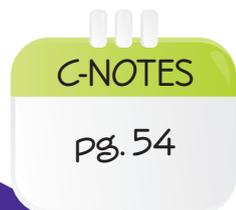
Read Genesis 3:6–8:

*So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings. And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.*

## Bible Bits:

*(Share one at a time, and have the child repeat what you say.)*

- Sin is disobeying God.
- God had told Adam (and Eve) not to eat the fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.
- Even though God made Adam and cared for him, Adam chose to disobey Him.



- After eating of the one tree Adam and Eve were told not to, God sent them out of the garden so they couldn't eat of the tree of life and live forever in their sinful state.
- Now they had to work hard against a cursed ground to grow their own food.
- They now had to worry about weeds, rocks, and thorns.
- What had been a good world became a world filled with pain and suffering because sin entered the once-perfect world (Romans 5:12).

## Let's Talk!

*(Be sure that the child responds to each point and signals his or her understanding with an answer.)*

- How would you describe what sin is?
- What changed about the world because of sin?
- Do our sins hurt others?

## Always Remember:

*(The child needs to repeat this back to you.)*

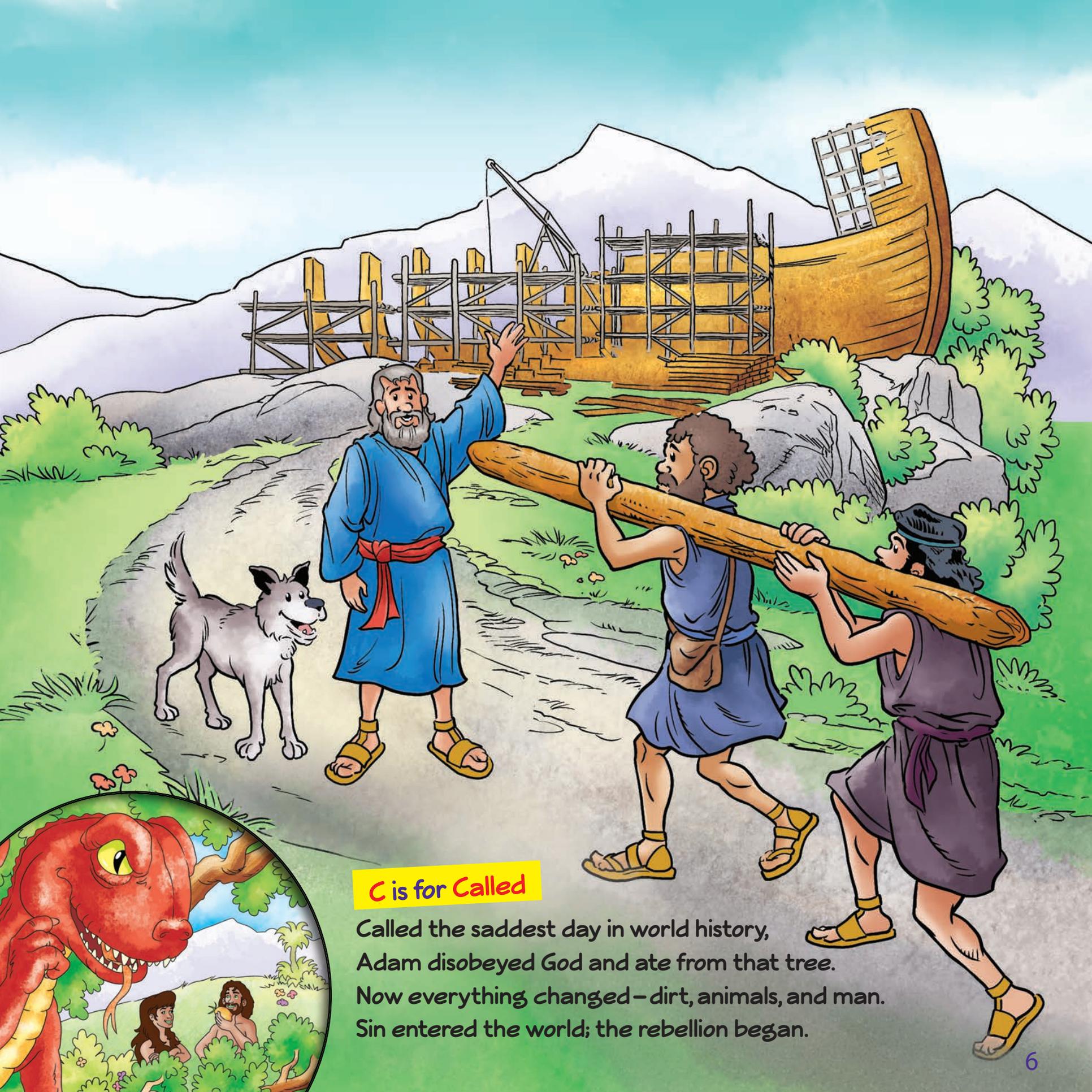
The first sin from 6,000 years ago still hurts us today, just like our sins hurt others and God. It's so good to consider every day that God makes a way for us to do what's right through His Son Jesus.

## Stuff to Do:

Discuss what sin is. Have the children list out what they know is bad or hurtful. Then talk about some of the specific things in Scripture that God clearly states as sin in a context children can relate to, such as lying or stealing. Help them understand that because Adam was the head of the human race, and we are descendants of Adam, we are just as much to blame for sin and what it did as Adam. It is our fault there are bad things in the world — it's not God's fault.

## Quick Review:

1. How did sin change the good and perfect world?
2. Is sin still in the world today?



### C is for Called

Called the saddest day in world history,  
Adam disobeyed God and ate from that tree.  
Now everything changed – dirt, animals, and man.  
Sin entered the world; the rebellion began.

## Let's Read:

### D is for Dreadful



Dreadful things happened — when Cain killed his brother,  
Violent things, oh, one after another.  
The effects of sin were seen everywhere,  
But sadly, so many just didn't even care.

### The Starting Point:

The Bible tells us about a sad event that happened to Adam and Eve's family. Their first two children offered sacrifices to God. Abel's sacrifice pleased God, but Cain's didn't because his heart was not right. He likely did not trust God as Abel did. Cain was in rebellion against God.

Read Genesis 4:3–8:

*And in the process of time it came to pass that Cain brought an offering of the fruit of the ground to the LORD. Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat. And the LORD respected Abel and his offering, but He did not respect Cain and his offering. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell. So the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it." Now Cain talked with Abel his brother; and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him.*

### Bible Bits:

*(Share one at a time, and have the child repeat what you say.)*

- Cain and Abel were brothers.
- God accepted Abel's sacrifice, but not Cain's.
- Cain was jealous of Abel.
- Cain became angry and killed Abel because God did not accept Cain's sacrifice.
- God punished Cain because of his sin of killing another human being.

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### Let's Talk!

*(Be sure that the child responds to each point and signals his or her understanding with an answer.)*

- What is a sacrifice?
- What did Cain do to Abel?
- Do you think Cain believed no one would know what he did?
- Even if no one else is around, God still knows what we do, doesn't He? He sees and knows everything. He sees everything you do and knows everything you are thinking. He knows every person's heart.

### Always Remember:

*(The child needs to repeat this back to you.)*

When Cain killed Abel, it was a terrible sin. Things are getting worse and worse since Adam disobeyed and sin came into the world.

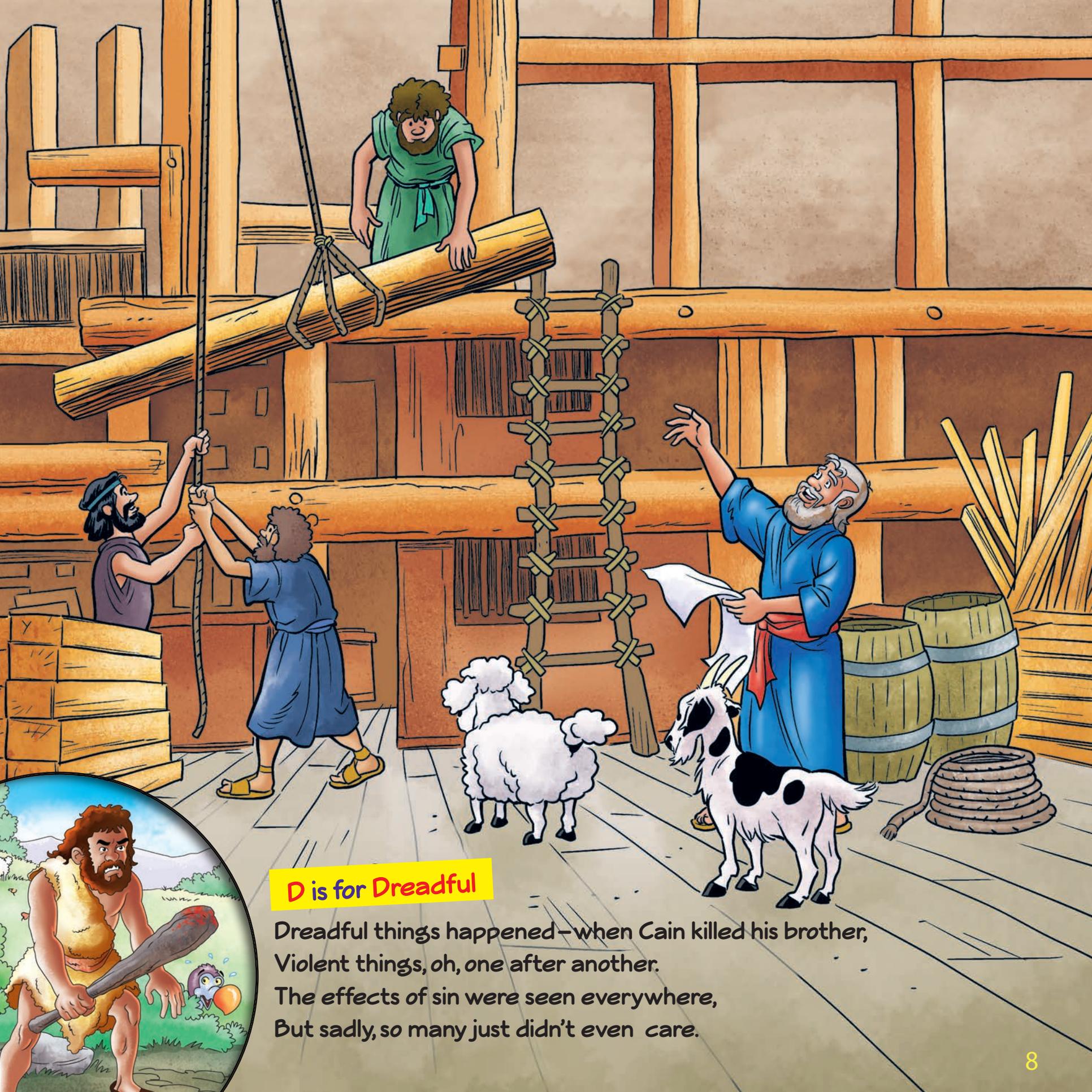
### Stuff to Do:

Think about the things that make you angry with your brother or sister. Then remember what God tells us to do — love one another, and forgive one another. What is something nice you can do for your mom and dad, or brother and sister to show you love them?

### Quick Review:

1. Who killed Abel?
2. Why was Cain angry?
3. How did God know that Cain did something wrong?





## D is for Dreadful

Dreadful things happened—when Cain killed his brother,  
Violent things, oh, one after another.  
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## Let's Read:

### E is for Earth



Earth, moon, and stars — the whole universe

Was suffering the effects of an awful Curse.

Disease, death, and suffering, and lots of pain,

Nothing would ever be quite just the same.

## The Starting Point:

The disobedience of Adam and Eve didn't just mean they had to leave the Garden of Eden and work hard to grow food. It also meant that changes took place in the whole universe! On earth, thorns and thistles, disease and suffering are just a few examples of how the world changed from a beautiful and perfect creation to one that contained pain, suffering, and death. But always remember: it's not God's fault all this happened, but our fault because we sinned in Adam. And even though we sinned, God had a plan to save us from our sin!

Have the children look up Genesis 3:17–18:

*Then to Adam He said, "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it': Cursed is the ground for your sake; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life. Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, and you shall eat the herb of the field."*

Read Romans 8:20–22:

*For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now.*

## Bible Bits:

*(Share one at a time, and have the child repeat what you say.)*

- The world was perfect without sin, but when Adam sinned, the world — the whole universe, in fact — changed.
- God had to judge Adam (and all of us who are children of Adam) for this sin — that means Adam (and all of us) had to face punishment because of disobedience.

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- Even the ground changed, making it hard work for Adam and Eve (and now us) to survive.
- When you see thorns or weeds, remember they exist because Adam (and we, as children of Adam) disobeyed God.
- God is holy, pure, and perfect — so sinners can't live with a holy God.
- God didn't want people to be separated from Him forever, so, because He knew we would sin, He had a plan to make a way for people (including you) to be saved from sin and eternal separation from God.

## Let's Talk!

*(Be sure that the child responds to each point and signals his or her understanding with an answer.)*

- How was the Garden of Eden different from the world today?
- What happened to the world because of Adam's sin?
- Do we see the results of Adam's sin in the world today?

## Always Remember:

*(The child needs to repeat this back to you.)*

When Adam disobeyed God, the whole world was changed. Death, disease, and thorns are the results of sin, and they are a reminder of what happened on that sad day when Adam disobeyed God.

## Stuff to Do:

Help with weeding a flower bed or the garden — learn to pull out the weeds and how to know the difference between a weed and what should be there like a flower or a vegetable plant. As you pull out weeds, you could say, "I have sinned — I have sinned." This is just a reminder that it was our sin in Adam that resulted in weeds. Then when you have time, draw a picture of what you think a perfect world may have looked like without weeds, thorns, or thistles.

## Quick Review:

1. Why are there weeds and thorns?
2. What was the world like before Adam disobeyed?
3. Was it easy for Adam and Eve to grow food?

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Was suffering the effects of an awful Curse.  
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