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# A Word to Parents

Young children are wide open to spiritual truth—more than children will be at any later age. Now is the best time to read Bible stories to them, and soon, to read to them directly from the Bible. Here in this book are stories that every child should know.

Regular after-supper family times that include Bible reading and prayer are of great value. This book can be a first step in establishing this fruitful habit.

Pray regularly for your children, and bring them up in the joy and fear of the Lord. May God answer all your prayers and give your children the strong support they will need during all their coming years. May it be true of them that “from childhood they have known the Holy Scriptures that are able to make them wise unto salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.”

*Kenneth N. Taylor*

# God Makes a Beautiful World

Long ago, God made the world out of nothing. But it didn't look the way it does now.

There were no people, animals, birds, trees, or flowers. Everything was lonely and dark. So God made the light. He gave the light the name *Day*. He called the darkness *Night*. This was the first day of creation.

On the second day of creation, God made the sky. He named the sky *Heaven*. And on the third day, God made the oceans and lakes and the dry land. Then he made the grass grow and covered the land with all kinds of flowers, bushes, and trees.

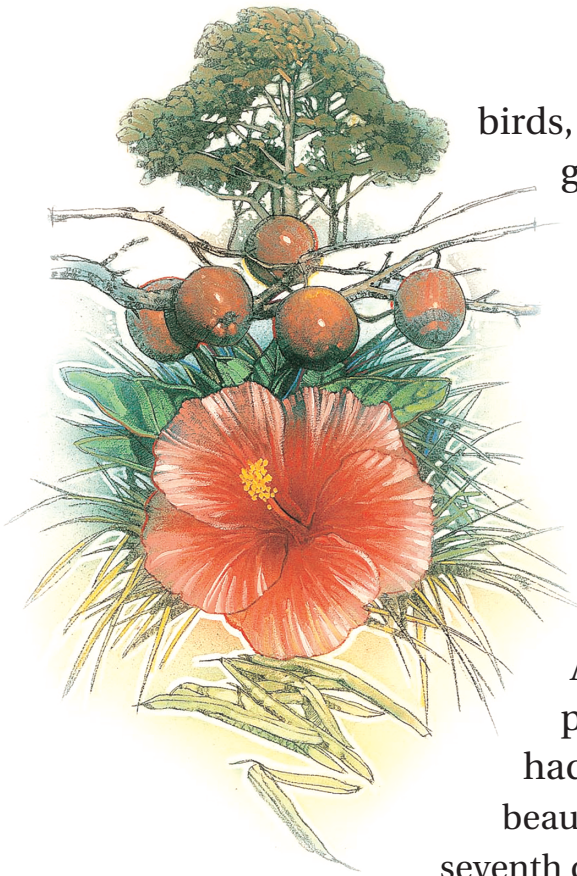
The fourth day God put the sun, moon, and stars in the sky.

On the fifth day, God made all the wonderful fish in the sea, big and small. He made all the





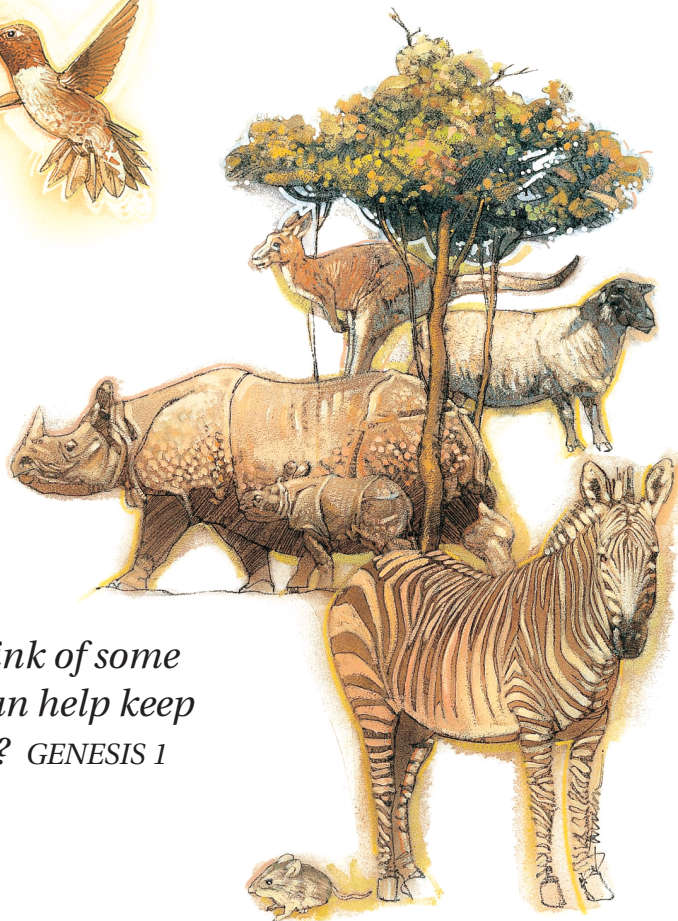




birds, too—ducks and geese that could swim, eagles and robins to live in the woods and fields. Then, on the sixth day, he made the animals—rabbits, elephants, and even bees—he made them all! And God was very pleased with what he had made. It was all beautiful and good! The seventh day, God rested. It was a quiet and different day from all the other days, a holy day of rest.

*Let's thank  
God now  
for the  
beautiful  
world he  
has made.*

*Can you think of some  
ways you can help keep  
it beautiful? GENESIS 1*



# God Makes Adam and Eve

On the day God made all the animals, he made the first man and named him Adam. God shaped him out of dust from the ground and breathed into him to make him alive. God put Adam in a beautiful garden to live. But Adam was lonely because he was the only person in all the world. So God put him to sleep and took one of his ribs and made a woman from it. Her name was Eve, and she became Adam's wife. So Adam and Eve lived together in the Garden of Eden. They were very happy, and they were special friends of God.

God told Adam and Eve to take care of the garden. He also told them to eat any food in the garden except the fruit from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.





*You are an amazing creation. Look at the way your hand moves! Listen to the noises around you. You can hear! Let's thank God now for making you so wonderful. GENESIS 2*

# The World's Saddest Day

There was a wicked spirit named Satan in the garden with Adam and Eve. He was disguised as a beautiful snake. He came to Eve and told her to eat the fruit God said not to eat. “God is bad,” Satan told her. “That fruit is good for you.” Satan was lying, but Eve believed him instead of believing God. She looked at the forbidden tree. Its fruit looked so good that she took some and ate it. Then she gave some of it to Adam, and he ate it too. What a sad day! Adam and Eve disobeyed God. Now there was sin in the world. And God punished them and sent them out of the beautiful garden!

*What did Satan tell Eve? What did Eve do? How did God punish Adam and Eve for disobeying him? GENESIS 3*





**Cain** Adam and Eve had a son named Cain.  
**Kills** He was a farmer and grew lots of  
**Abel** fruits and vegetables. His  
brother, Abel, was a shepherd  
and had a flock of sheep. Both  
Cain and Abel had sinful hearts, like  
their parents. But Abel was sorry  
about his sins. He brought a lamb from his flock  
as an offering to God so that God would forgive  
him. God wanted Cain to sacrifice a lamb, too.  
But Cain didn't do what God wanted. He gave  
God vegetables from his farm instead. God was  
pleased with Abel's gift, but not with Cain's. This  
made Cain very angry. He wanted to get even. So  
one day when they were alone, Cain killed Abel!  
How sad this made God! God told Cain that he  
would never have a home to call his own. This  
was his punishment for killing Abel.



*Do you ever get angry? Let's  
ask God now to help you  
when you are angry. Ask  
God to help you get rid  
of your anger before  
it makes you do  
something  
wrong.*

*GENESIS 4*

