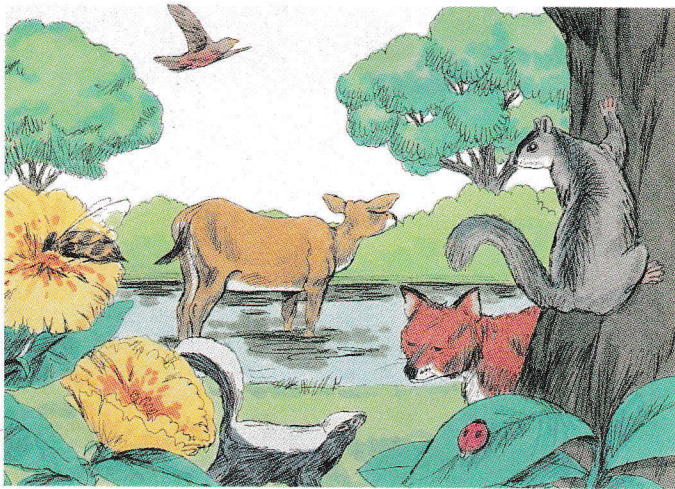


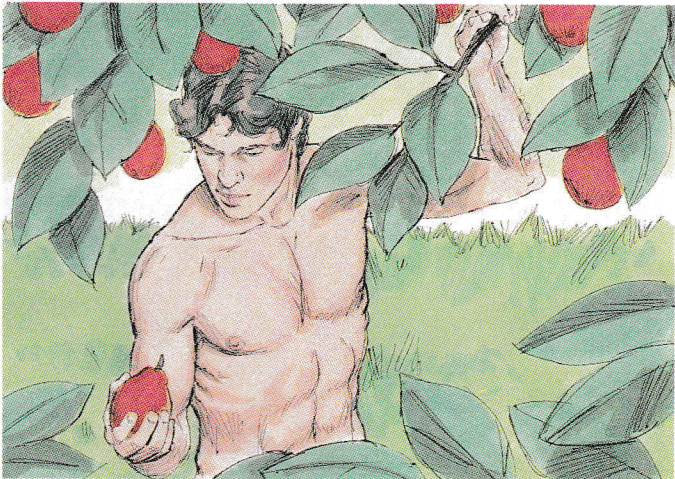
The Creation of Man and Woman



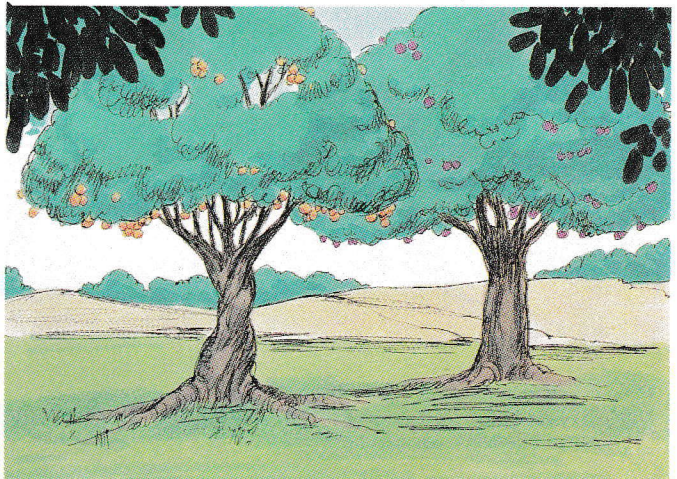
1 God had created a beautiful earth, filled with fish and birds and all kinds of animals. Now he was ready to make something very special—people!



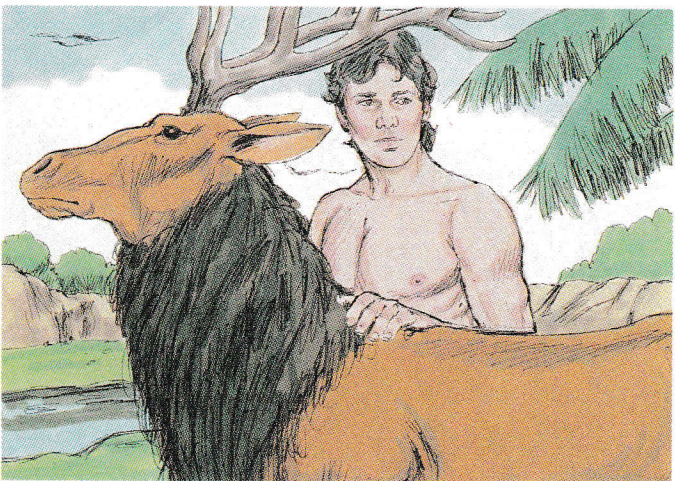
2 God said, "Let us make man in our image, so he will be like us." He made a man (Adam) from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life. So Adam became a living person.



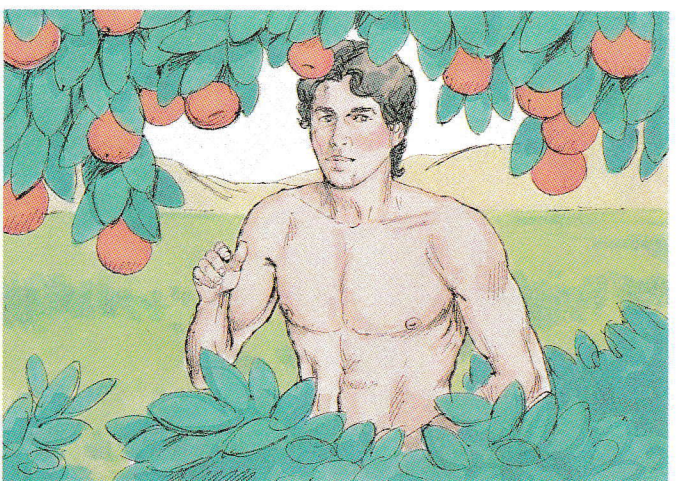
3 Now the Lord had planted a garden in Eden. There were many trees of all kinds in the garden. They were very beautiful and their fruit was delicious.



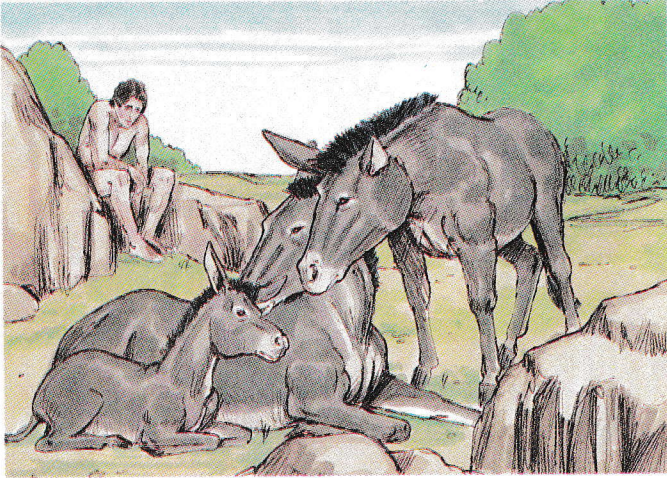
4 In the middle of the garden were two special trees—the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.



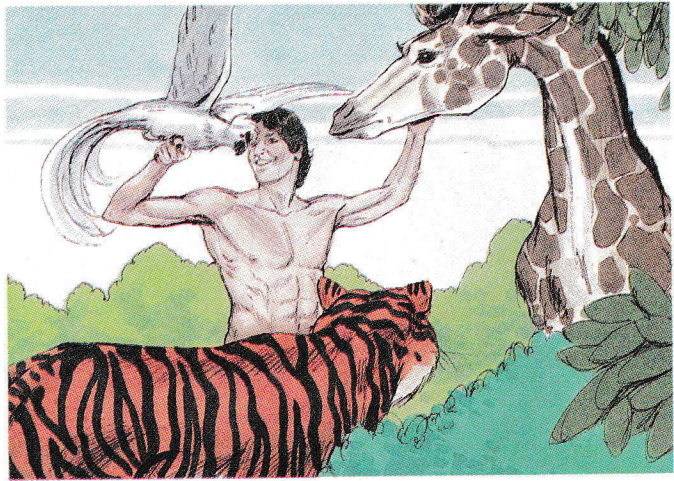
5 The Lord God took Adam and put him in the garden of Eden. He told him to care for the garden.



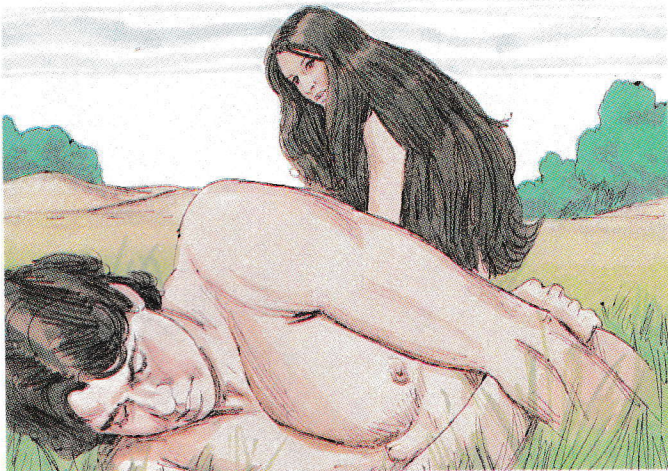
6 God allowed Adam to eat the fruit of all the trees in the garden—except one! God warned Adam not to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. "If you do, you will surely die," God said.



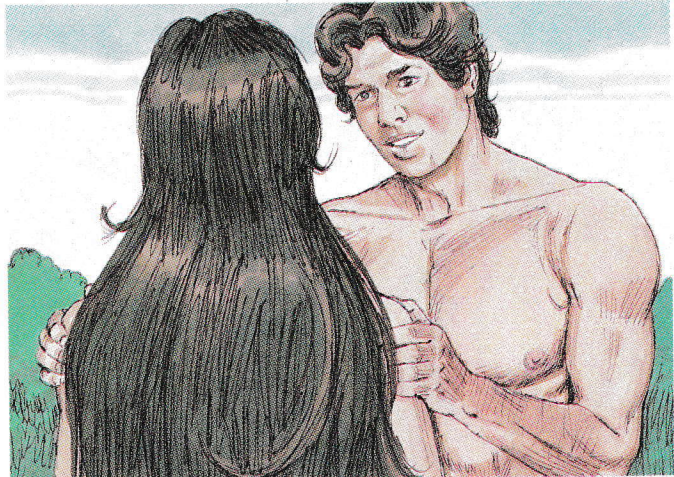
7 Now the Lord God said, "It is not good for Adam to be alone." So God decided to make a helper who would be just right for Adam.



8 God brought to Adam all the birds and animals he had made so Adam could give them names. But none of these creatures was just right to be Adam's helper.



9 So God caused Adam to fall into a deep sleep. Then God took a rib from Adam's side and made a woman (Eve) from the rib.



10 When Adam woke up and saw the woman, he said, "This is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh." (That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife. The two of them become as one.)



11 God told Adam and Eve to have many children so that people would live all over the earth. He also told them that he was putting them in charge of all the fish and birds and animals of the earth.



12 When God finished making man and woman on the sixth day, his work was completed. On the seventh day God rested. He made the seventh a holy day because on that day his creation was complete.