

# Pre-History in the Bible

Genesis 1:1-9:17

A family Bible Study



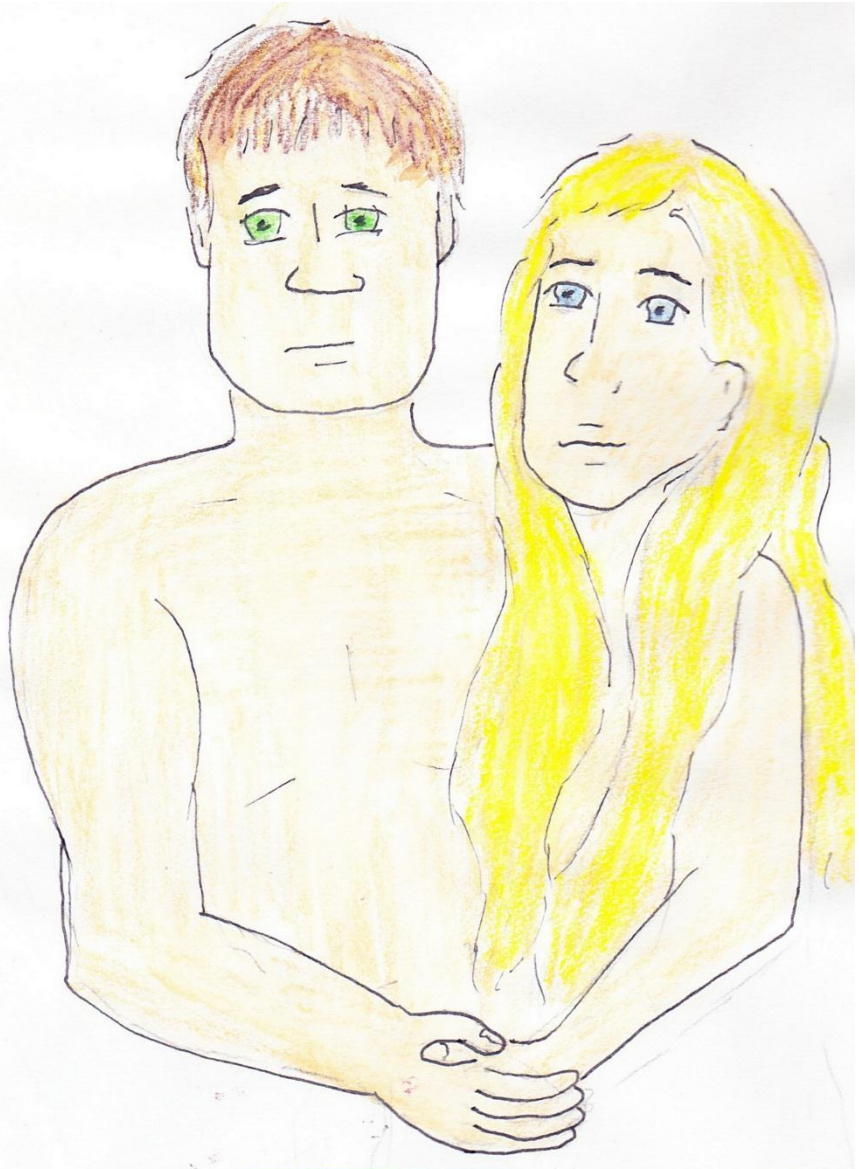
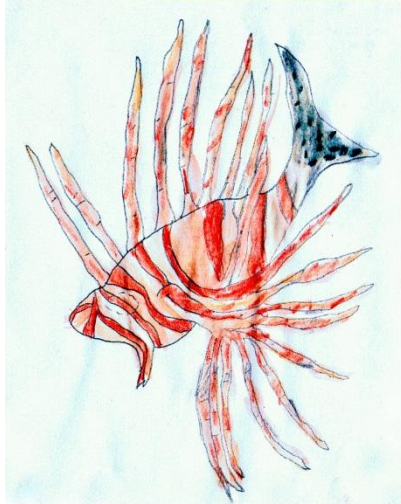
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# God creates the world

## Genesis chapters 1 and 2









In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

God spoke into the darkness saying, “Let there be light,” and because God said it, it happened.

God separated the dark from the light and said “Let the dark be called night, and let the light be called day.”

It was night and day and that was the first day.







God looked around and He created the waters.  
God said, “Let Us separate the waters.”

God created a great expanse that He used to  
separate the waters below and the waters above. God  
called this expanse “sky.”

And then there was night and it was morning, and  
that was the second day.







God looked around and said, “Let Us gather the water all into one place.”

And as God spoke it happened. The waters gathered into one place and dry land appeared. God looked around and liked what He saw, “This is good,” said God.

God said, “The land needs to start growing. Let there be flowers, and plants, and trees, and shrubs.”

The grass started to grow, and the flowers sprouted out of the land. Trees were suddenly there.

God looked at all of this and said it was good. It was night and it was morning, and that was the third day.







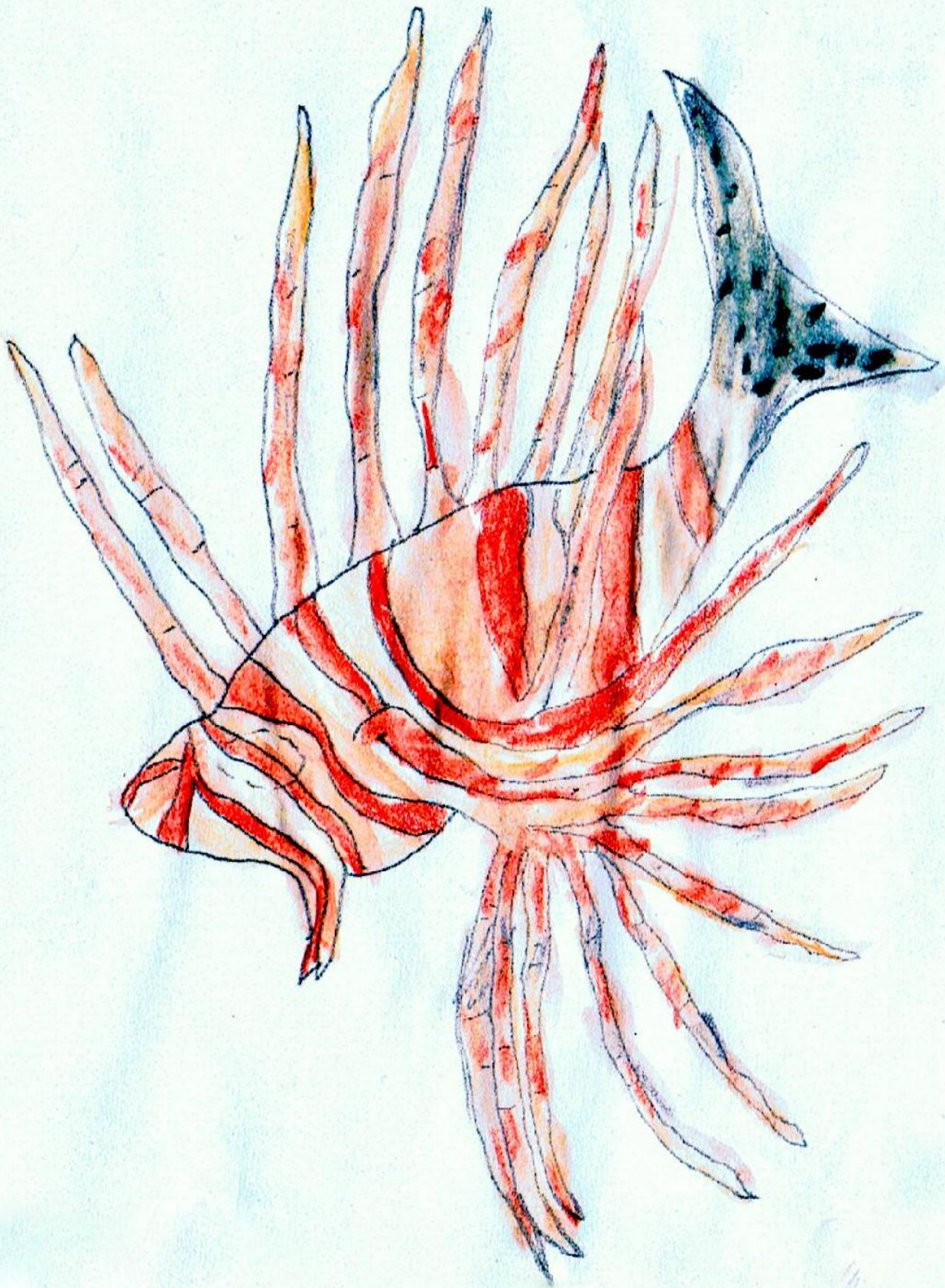
God looked around and thought, “This place needs some lights.” So he said, “Let Us put some lights in the sky. We need the sun to light the day and to make the plants grow. We need the moon and the stars for people to know what days are special and to know the days and years. The stars can guide people as they travel. All this will separate light from darkness.”

As he spoke stars hurtled into the sky into their places, and it was beautiful to behold.

God looked at all He had made that day and said, “This is good.”

There was night and it was morning, the fourth day.





God looked at the oceans and there was nothing there, He looked into the sky and nothing flew. “Now, let there be birds to fly in the sky and insects to fly. Let there be fish to cover the seas and to swim through the waters.”

As God spoke a falcon appeared in the sky flying, and a sea gull hovered over the oceans. A lion fish appeared in the ocean looking around at the jelly fish and the octopus that appeared.

God looked around at the beautiful fish and the wonders of the air. “This is good,” said God. He looked down at His creation and marveled at what He had made.

There was night and then it was morning, and that was the fifth day.





Day six God looked around and decided it was time for the land to have something on it. “Let us make animals of all sorts. Let there be lions to run and roar. Let there be rabbits to leap about. I want to see cats climb the trees.”

As God described the many wondrous animals each one appeared. The giraffe came bounding forth and walked over to a tree to eat its leaves. The ocelot found a tree and climbed up, hiding in its branches.

Finally God made His final creation. He made man, but man was made differently because man was created in God’s image. Man wouldn’t just be another animal, man was going to be God’s most special creation.







So God reached down into the dirt and started to mold man, and shaped man to look like him. Then when God was done He breathed air into the man

Then God looked at Adam and said, “This is not good. He needs someone to help him.”

So, God gave Adam a job, “You are to name every animal created.” As Adam named all of the animals he realized that all of the other animals had a mate, but he did not and he was sad.







When Adam had realized this God made him fall into a deep sleep. While Adam was sleeping God took a rib from him and created woman.

As soon as Adam woke up he saw HER, and knew this was the one for him! “You are called woman because you came from man. God made you for me!”

God looked at all of His creation and all He had made and said, “It is VERY good.”

And God gave Adam and Eve a job, “You are to take care of the garden.”

Finally on the seventh day God rested and He blessed the seventh day and made it holy.

# Questions

## Younger Kids

1. What order did God create everything in? Why do you think He created everything that way?
2. How do you know that God loves the things He made?
3. What job does God give to Adam? What jobs do your parents give you?

## Middle Kids

1. What does God say at the end of each day? Read Genesis 1:4, 8, 12, 18, 21, and 31.
2. What do you think the waters above are? Genesis 1:6-8
3. What is special about man? Read Genesis 2:7.
4. Read Genesis 2:15-17. What job did God give man? What was man not supposed to do?



## Older Guys

1. What do you think the waters above are? Read Genesis 1:6-8.
2. Read Genesis 2:10-14. Where is the Garden of Eden located?
3. Read Genesis 2:15-22. Write down everything you notice about the creation of Eve. What does this tell you about how God views her, and how she should be treated?

## Activities

1. Make a creation book.
2. Help take care of God's creation, go out to a park and pick up trash.
3. Try to create a man out of play dough. Is it easy?
4. Look at the pictures of different items God created, sort them into what day they were made on.

## Online

1. Watch Indescribable:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ewKtSKbWZU>  
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2. A one page creation book from Almost Unschoolers:

<http://almostunschoolers.blogspot.com/2010/09/creation-craft.html>

3. All Join Net series on Five Senses and how God made them:

<http://alljoinin.blogspot.com/2011/05/god-made-me.html>

4. Creation story telling-

<http://ourcountryroad.blogspot.com/2010/09/adam-and-eve-story-telling-box.html>



# Man falls from grace

Genesis 3 and 4









In the garden was a serpent, and he was sneakier than any other animal God had made.

The snake came to the woman and said, “Did God really say ‘you can’t eat from any tree in the garden?’”

Eve answered the serpent, “God said ‘we may eat from any of the trees but the tree in the middle of the garden. We can’t even touch it.’”

“Pshaw,” said the serpent, “You won’t die. God knows if you eat from that tree you will know everything God knows, and be just like Him.”







Eve looked at the tree and boy did that fruit look good. She really wanted to eat from it, and besides it would make her smarter, that's a good thing right?

So she reached out and picked a fruit from the tree, then she gave some to Adam.

As soon as they ate the fruit something changed. They were no longer joyful, and they realized they had no clothes on!

They tried to make clothes with leaves, and did their best to hide from each other because they were embarrassed.

Everything was wrong now.





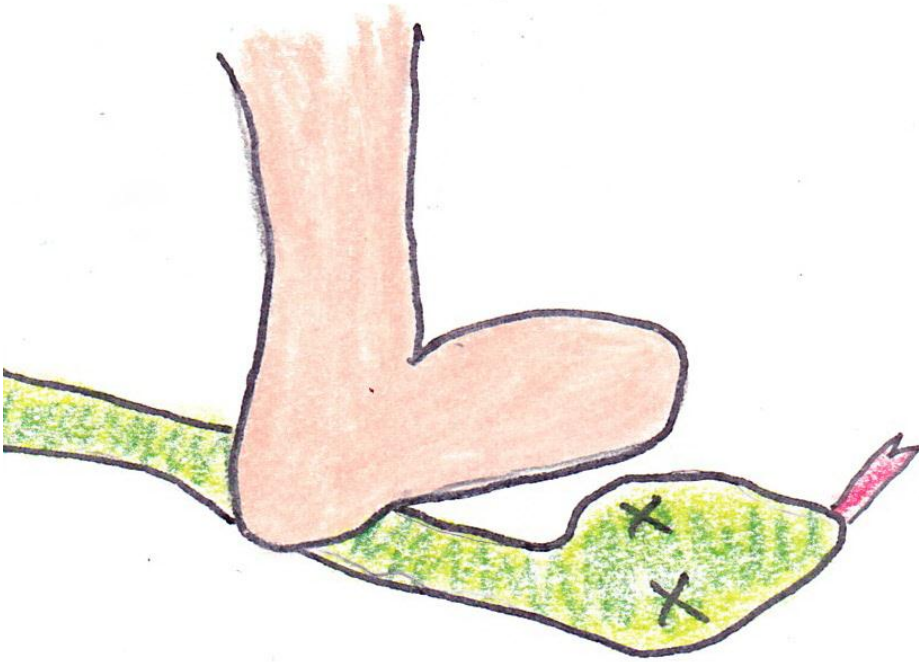
And then they heard the sound of God walking through the garden. They did not want God to see them like this, so they hid. But God called to them, “Children, children where are you?”

Adam answered, “I heard you in the garden and was afraid because I was naked, so I hid.”

“Who told you that you were naked? Did you eat the fruit I told you not to?” God asked. He already knew the answer, but wanted them to tell what they had done.

Then Adam said, “It’s her fault. She gave it to me.”

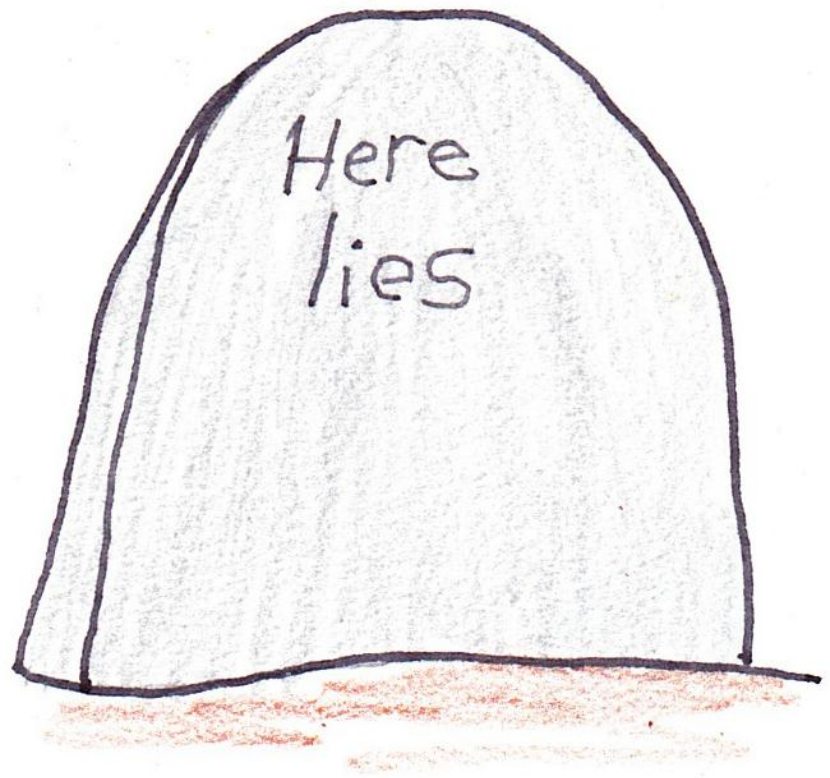
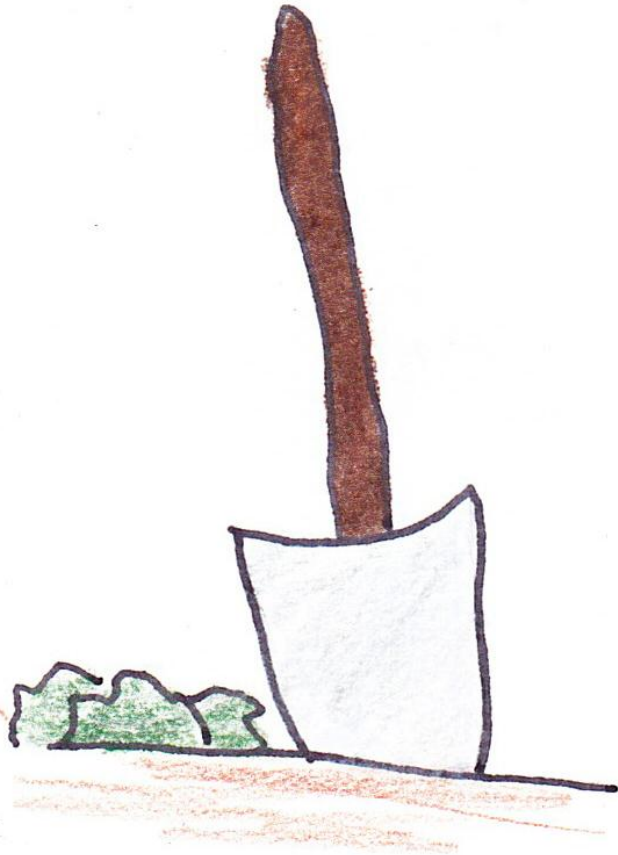
Eve sullenly said, “It’s not my fault. The serpent tricked me.”





God looked at them all in sadness, His perfect creation was marred, and because they had sinned they could not stay in the garden with Him.

God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this you are cursed above all other creatures. The woman’s offspring will bruise your head and you will bruise His heel.”

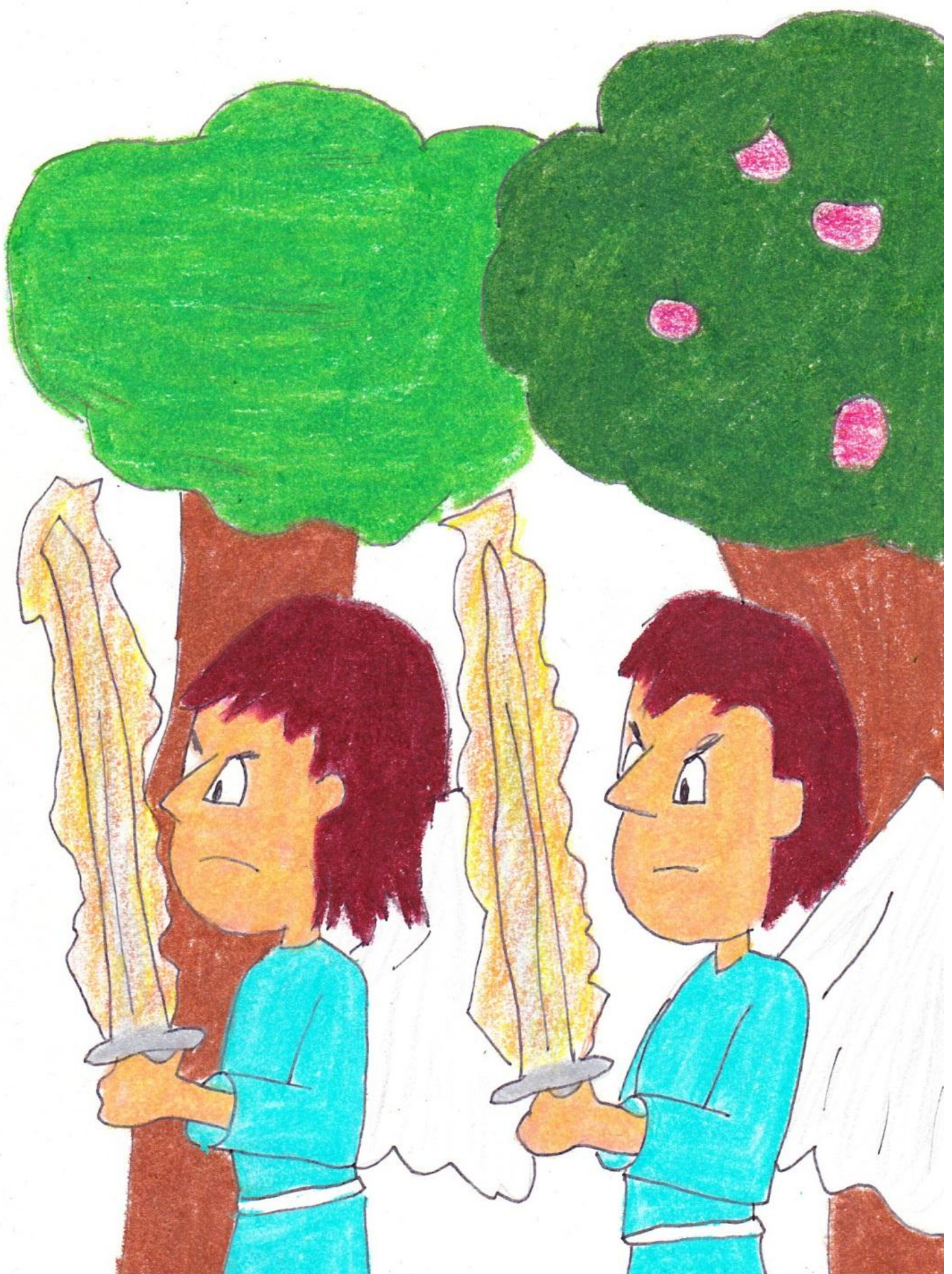




Turning to woman He said, “It will be much harder to raise children now. You will want to be in charge of your husband, but he will rule over you.”

And to Adam He said, “Because you did not do as you were told your work is much harder now. Now when you farm there will be thorns and thistles. You will work all your life until you return to the dust from which you came.”

Then God killed some animals and made clothes for Adam and Eve out of their skins.





Sadly God sent Adam and Eve out of the garden, and He said, “To protect man from doing further harm we will put him out of the garden.”

To protect the garden he put an angel and a flaming sword that kept anyone from entering the Garden of Eden and no one would be able to get to the tree of life.

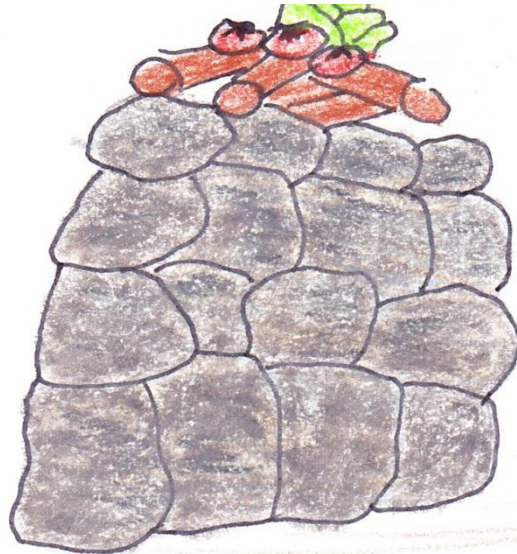
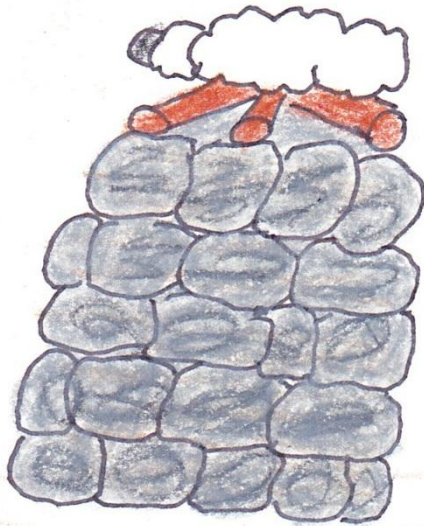




Time passed and Adam and Eve had two sons.

The oldest was named Cain and he was a farmer.

The youngest son was named Abel, and he was a shepherd.





It came time to sacrifice to God. Abel looked through his flock and chose the best sheep he had. God looked at what Abel brought and was happy.

Cain brought an offering as well. He went to his farm and picked some fruit and vegetables he had. There wasn't anything special about what he brought. God was not happy with what Cain brought.

Cain got mad because of God's reaction. God saw this and warned Cain, "Do not be angry, but bring your best next time. Be careful, you are being tempted to sin."





Cain went and talked to Abel. As he did Cain started to get more and more angry. Finally he grabbed a rock and killed Abel. Later God searched out Cain and said, “Where is your brother?”

“Why should I know?” Cain retorted.

“Cain, your brother’s blood cries out against you,” God answered. “And now because of what you have done you will wander all of your days and you will not be able to grow anything.”

Cain said, “How will I bear this? It is too much. Now anyone who sees me will kill me.”

“They will not. I will put a mark on you so all will know to leave you alone.”

# Questions

## Younger Kids

1. Did the serpent lie to Eve?
2. Were Adam and Eve happy when God came?  
What do you do when you break the rules?
3. What do you give God? Is it your best or just some stuff you've found?
4. How can you handle disappointment and not sin?

## Middle Kids

1. Read Genesis 3:1-3 and then read 2:16-17. What did God really say about the tree?
2. How did Adam and Eve react when God was coming? Read Genesis 3:8. Have you ever hidden from your parents when you've done something wrong? What did you do when you were caught?
3. What did Adam and Eve do when they were caught? Genesis 3:12-13.



4. Compare Can and Abel's sacrifices. Whose gift pleased God? Why? What sins are crouching at your door?

## Older Guys

1. Read Genesis 3:6. Was Adam there when the serpent was talking to her? Reread Genesis 3:1-9. How did Adam sin? How did Eve sin?
2. Read Genesis 3:8-13. How did Adam and Eve react to what God said? Did anyone take responsibility?
3. Read Genesis 3:14-19. What promises does God give? What punishments are given?
4. Read Genesis 3:22-24. Where do Adam and Eve go after all of this? Why does God leave an angel guarding?
5. Read 4:6-7. How have you reacted in situations you didn't like? Did you let in the sin crouching at your door?

## Activities

1. Make a collage of things you could sacrifice to God.
2. Talk through things you can do with disappointment. Cain chose to sin when disappointed. What can you do instead?

## Online

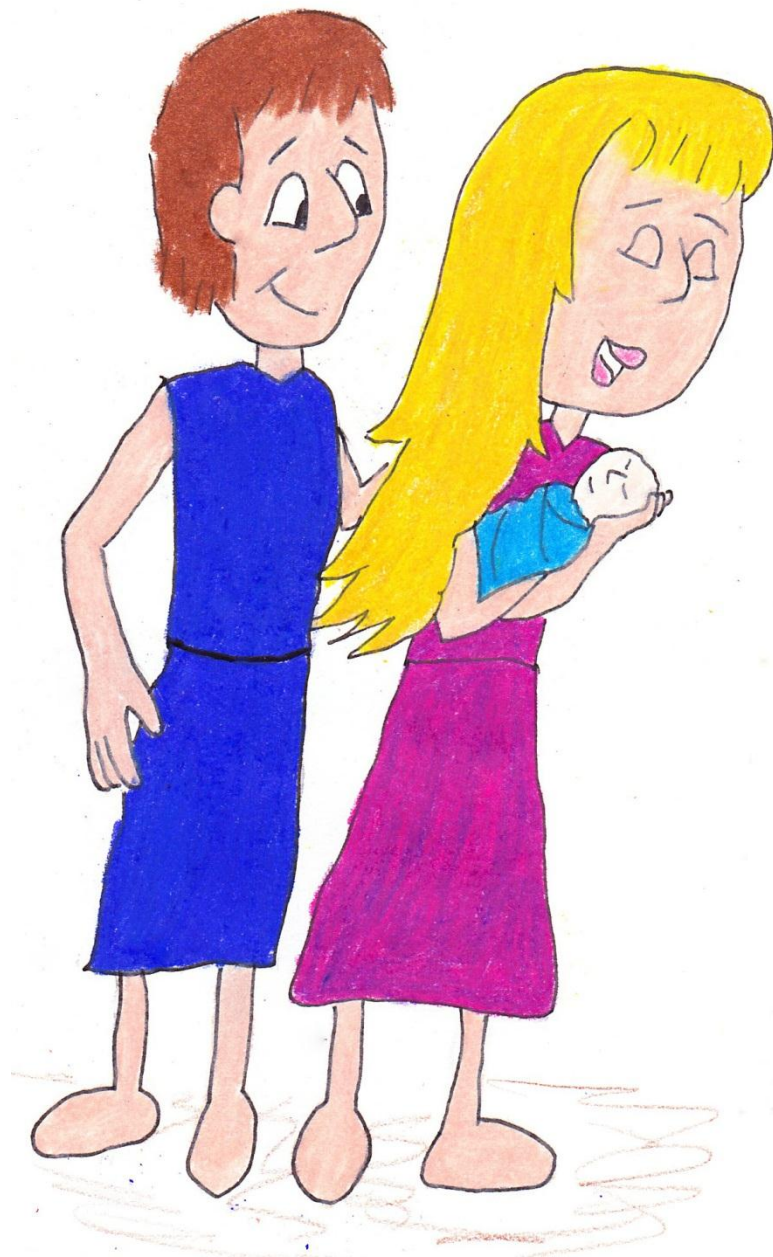
1. Fantastic Five forgiving hand:-  
<http://thefantasticfive-hockmana.blogspot.com/2011/03/bible-alive-tuesday-forgiving-fingers.html>
2. Adam and Eve activities:  
<http://www.christianpreschoolprintables.com/AdamandEve.html>
3. Adam and Eve story telling box:  
<http://ourcountryroad.blogspot.com/2010/09/adam-and-eve-story-telling-box.html>
4. Cain and Able crafts at DLTk Bible:  
<http://www.dltk-bible.com/genesis/chapter4-index.htm>



# Noah's Family Tree

## Genesis 5

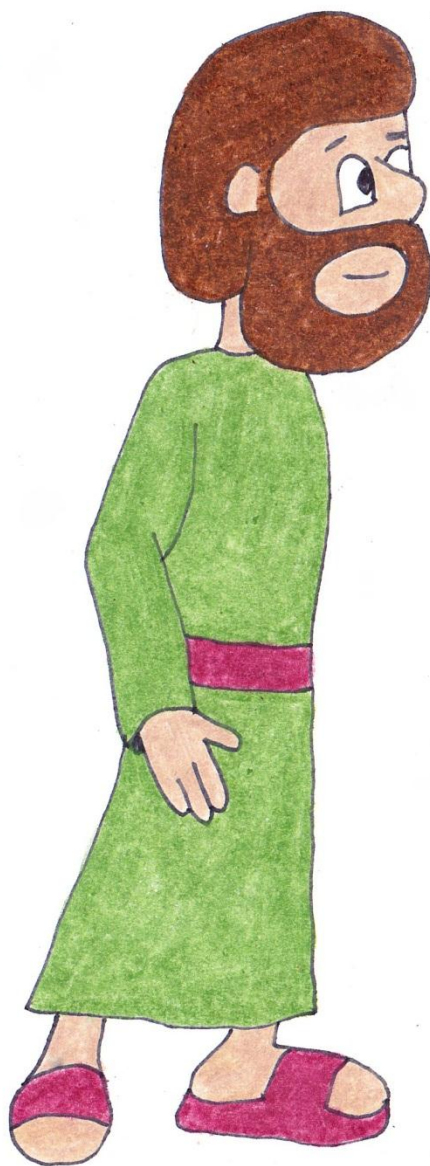






On the day God created man He looked down on them and blessed them. After Adam and Eve were expelled from the garden they had two sons, but Cain killed his younger brother and so Adam and Eve were sad.

130 years later, Adam and Eve had another son and called him Seth. Adam lived to be 930 years old.





Seth lived to be 105 years old and his wife had a son named Enosh. Seth lived to be 912 years old.

Enosh became Kenan's father at 90 years old. Enosh lived until he was 905 years old.

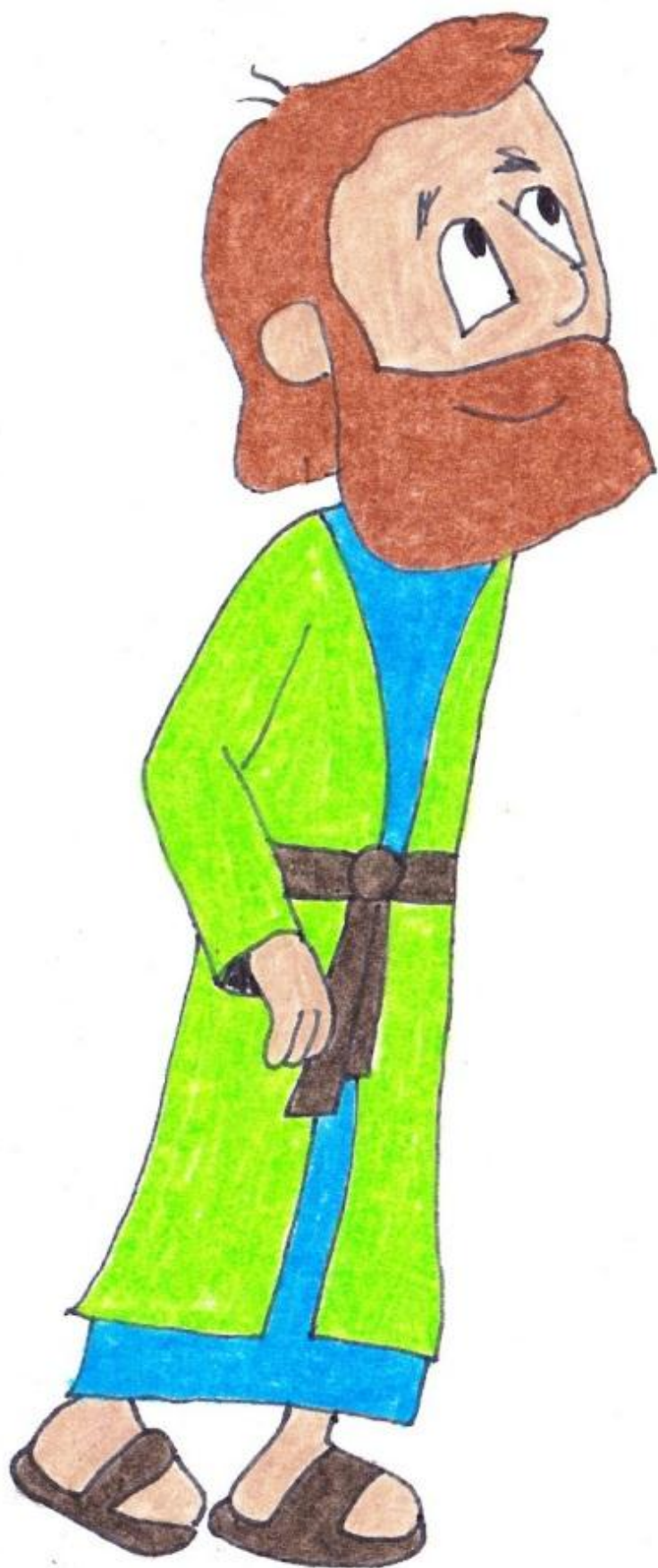
Kenon lived 70 years and he had a son, and he named him Mahalel. Kenan lived to be 910 years old.





Mahalel became a father at 65 years old to Jared.  
Mahalel lived until he was 895 years old.

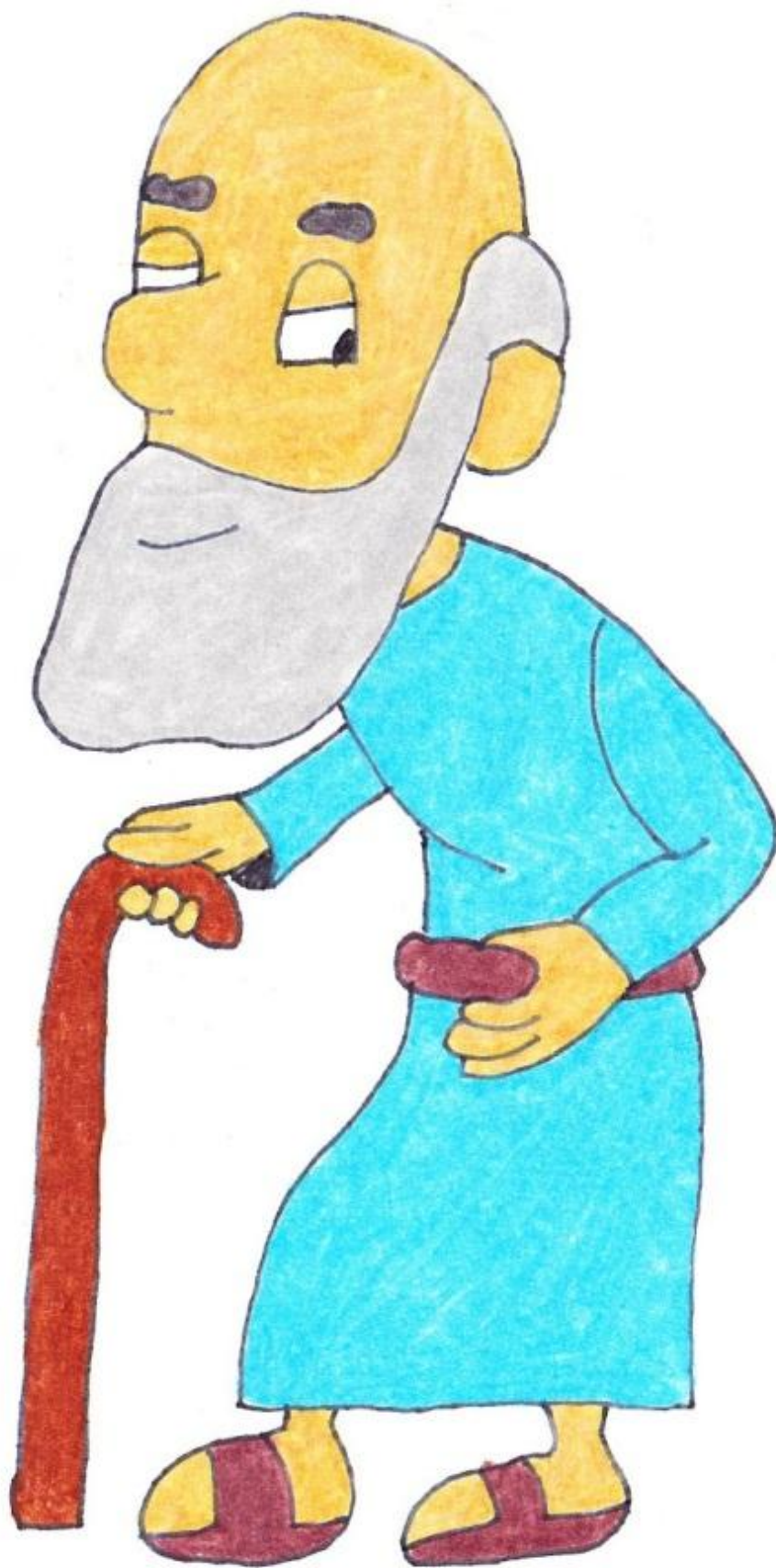
Jared had a son named Enoch at 162 years old.  
Jared lived until he was 962 years old.





Enoch became a Dad at 65 years old. His son was named Methuselah. Enoch walked with God. At 365 years old God took Enoch to heaven.

Enoch is one of two people who did not die before going to heaven.





At 187 years old Methuselah became a father to Lamech. Methuselah lived to be 969 years old.

Methuselah lived to be the oldest man ever.





After Lamech had lived 182 years he had a son. He named him Noah, and said, “He will give us rest from our hard work.” Lamech died at 777 years old.

When Noah was 500 years old he had three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

# Questions

## Everyone

Read Genesis 5 together, then answer these questions.

1. Who lived the longest? How old did he live to be? Who is the oldest person you know? How old are they?
2. What happened to Enoch? What do you think that means? Why do you think God took him to “be with God”?
3. What did Lamech say when Noah was born? Do you think Lamech knew what Noah was going to do?

## Activity

Make a timeline with the figures at the end. How many generations were alive at the same time? Did Noah meet Adam? Who was the last person to meet Noah?



## Why do I include a “boring” timeline lesson?

Several reasons. First, I think it is helpful to get an idea of how much time passed between Adam and Noah, over 1000 years pass in one chapter of the Bible. That is a lot of time.

Think about being able to hear about God from someone who met Him. And still people went astray. It's encouraging for when we share and people do not listen to us.

Second these people are mentioned in the Bible for a reason. God does not do things without a reason. If you notice he lists off several names and generations and all that is important and to be remembered about them is they had a son and then they died at a very old age. One man is different, he gets 4 verses, and that's

all we know. We know he walked with God and then he was not.

Are you living a life that someone will be able to say something about you? Will they just say you were born, you had kids, and then you died? Or will they say That person lived for God?

How do you want to be remembered? Do you want to be remembered for walking with God? What legacy are you going for?

# The Story of Noah

## Genesis 6:1-9:17







Man had lived for over 1000 years and they had started to do whatever they wanted.

God looked on this and said, “I will not fight with man forever. His life will be much shorter, no more than 120 years.”

God saw into man’s heart and it was evil. They conspired to harm one another and did not love God. God was sorry He had made man, but He had a Plan.

“I will start over with one family, and through them My Plan will continue.”







Noah loved God and he was a righteous man.

But all around him was evil. Not just man, but the earth itself was hurt by what man had done.

God called Noah and said, “The sin in this world saddens me. I will start over with you.” God said, “You will make an ark out of gopher wood, and cover it with pitch. Make a window near the top and put a door in its side. It will need three decks.”

“I will flood the earth, but I promise to save your family. Bring 2 of every animal, boy and girl. Also bring food with you to eat.”

Noah heard what God said and followed his directions.



Then God said to Noah, “Go into the ark with all of your family. Take seven of every clean animal, girls and boys. Take two of every unclean animal, girl and boy. Take seven of the birds, girl and boys.

In seven more days it will rain for 40 days and 40 nights. And everything on land or in the air will die.”

And seven days later just like God had said it did start to rain.

When Noah was 600 years old the rains came, it was on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of the second month. Then Noah and his wife, his sons and their wives all went on the ark. Once they were all on board God shut the door.





And it rained, and rained, and RAINED! For 40 days it rained. Just like God said.

The rain came down, and God opened up the flood waters of the deep, and everything on the earth was covered by water. Even the tallest mountain was covered in water.

God remembered Noah and everyone on the ark; and God sent a great wind over the earth and the water stopped. God closed the floodgates and the fountains, and slowly the water went down.

After 150 days the water had gone down and the ark finally stopped on Mount Ararat. And slowly the tops of the mountains appeared. God had followed his plan and the earth was washed clean.







After 40 more days Noah opened the window of the ark and sent out a raven. It flew here and there, but found no place to land, so it flew back.

So, Noah next sent out a dove. It flew here and there, but found no place to land.

Noah waited seven days and sent the dove out again. It flew here and there, and then it flew some more. Finally, it brought back a twig of an olive tree.

Noah waited seven more days and sent the dove out again. It flew here and there and never came back.





In Noah's 601<sup>st</sup> year the waters had finally gone down. Noah looked out and saw dry land.

Then God said, "Noah, come on out. It is time for all of you to come out and fill the earth again. Go out and have many children."

So they all climbed out and marveled at this new world.

Noah came out and he built an altar to God. Noah sacrificed one of every clean animal and bird to God.

God smelled the offering and said to himself, "I will never do this again because of man. While earth remains spring will follow winter and day will follow night."



# Questions

## Younger Kids

1. In Genesis 7:5 it says Noah did as commanded. How can you do that?
2. Did Noah have to find the animals?
3. Who closed up the ark?
4. What did God tell Noah and the animals to do? Who else did he tell that too?
5. What is the first thing Noah did upon leaving the ark?

## Middle Kids

1. What is the prophecy in Genesis 6:4? In what verse does it come true?
2. Did God keep his word? Does He have a plan?
3. How did God stop the flood? Read Genesis 8:1-2
4. What happened with the birds? Read Genesis 8:6-12.
5. Read Genesis 8:21. Give an example of how that is true.

## Older Guys

1. In Genesis ch. 6, 7, and 8 it says “Noah did as God commanded him,” find these passages in your Bible and underline them. In Hebrew repetition is used for emphasis. Why is that emphasized?
2. What are clean and unclean animals? Read Lev. Chapter 11. Why might these animals be unclean?
3. What are the springs of the deep and the floodgates of the heavens?
4. Read Genesis 8:20. Noah sacrifices some of all the clean animals. What did he sacrifice and how many did he sacrifice? Read chapter Genesis 11.

## Activities

1. Plan out how to put everyone on the boat.
2. Walk out 20 feet. That’s how much water covered the tallest peak.
3. Build your own toy ark out of a milk carton. Then play with it in the bath tub. Print out the Noah pictures at the end on cardstock. Color and cut out,

then glue them to toothpicks. If you put floral foam inside the carton than you can stick them into it.

Example here:

<http://adventuresinmommydom.org/noahs-ark-or-maybe-just-a-fun-boat-to-play-in/>

## Online

1. Comparison of Flood mythos-<http://www.layers-of-learning.com/2011/02/comparison-of-worldwide-floods.html>
2. Noah's ark lapbook-  
<http://livingwithfairies.blogspot.com/2010/04/noahs-ark-lapbook.html>
3. Noah's ark rainbow craft-  
<http://auntiesbiblelessons.wordpress.com/2012/10/03/the-sign-of-the-covenant/>
4. Noah's ark preschool game and file folder-  
<http://kidsbibledebjackson.blogspot.com/2012/10/noahs-ark-for-preschool.html>



# Printables

