

1. GOD MADE THE WORLD

(GENESIS 1)



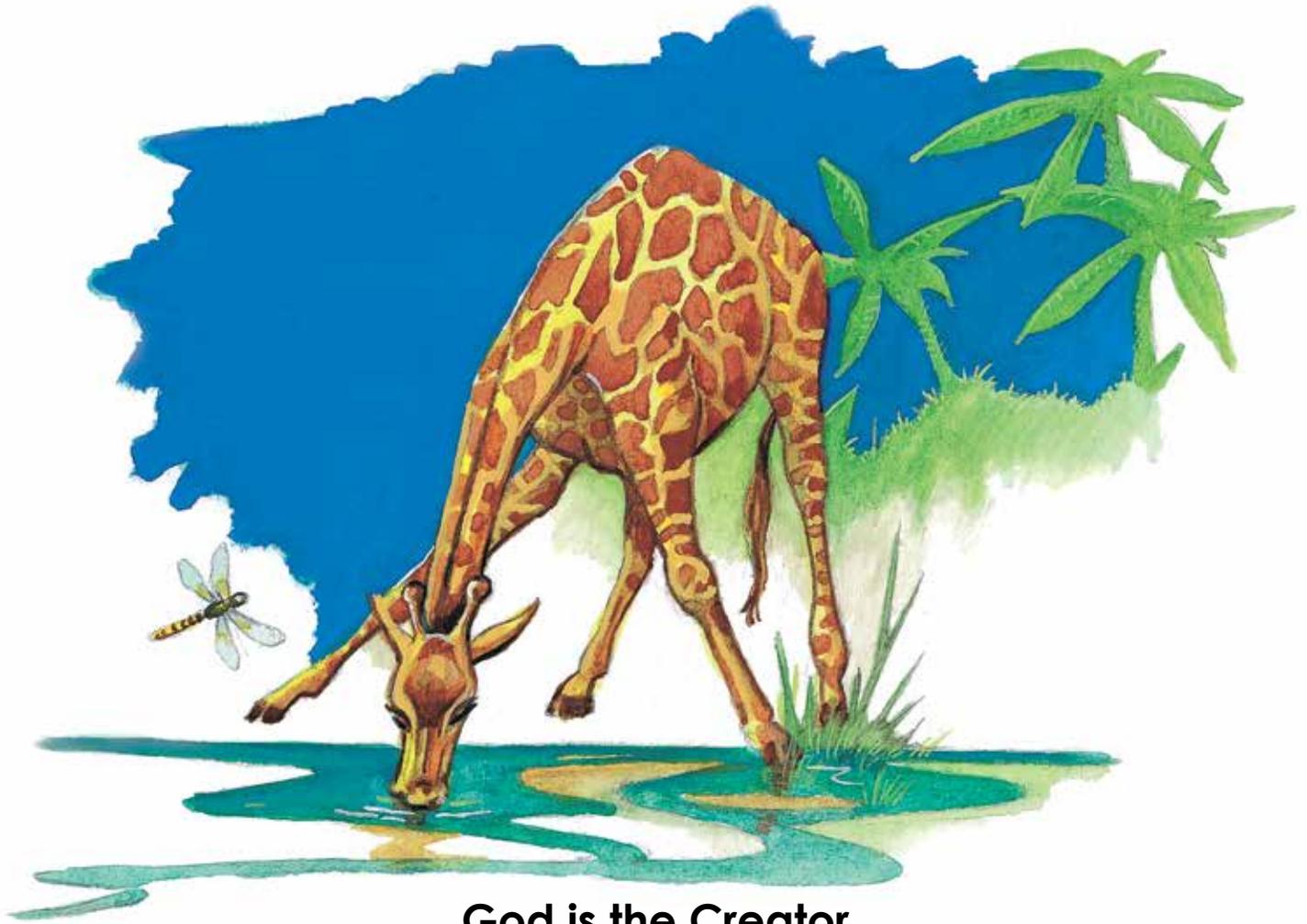
In the beginning, God made the whole world from nothing. On the first day, God said, “Let there be light,” and light appeared. God saw that the light was good. God called the light “day” and he called the darkness “night”.

On the second day, God made the sky with all the different clouds. All the water was made by God – oceans, seas, rivers, lakes. On the third day, God said, “Let dry ground appear.” And so the hills and valleys, mountains and plains were formed. By his powerful Word, God made the trees and plants, bushes and flowers. God saw that all he had made was good.

On the fourth day, God made the sun and moon and stars which we see in the sky. On the fifth day, God made the fish and sea creatures which live in the oceans and the beautiful birds which can fly through the air.

On the sixth day, God made all the animals. “Let the land produce living creatures,” he said. And so all sorts of wonderful animals came into being – the giraffe, the cow, the mouse and the firefly. Everything was good.

What did God make on the first day?



God is the Creator

God made the world out of nothing. To make a cake, we need eggs, flour and sugar. To make a picture, we need paper and paints. God made the world out of nothing. He spoke the Word and it was done. Isn't that amazing?

2. GOD MADE ADAM AND EVE

(GENESIS 1–3)

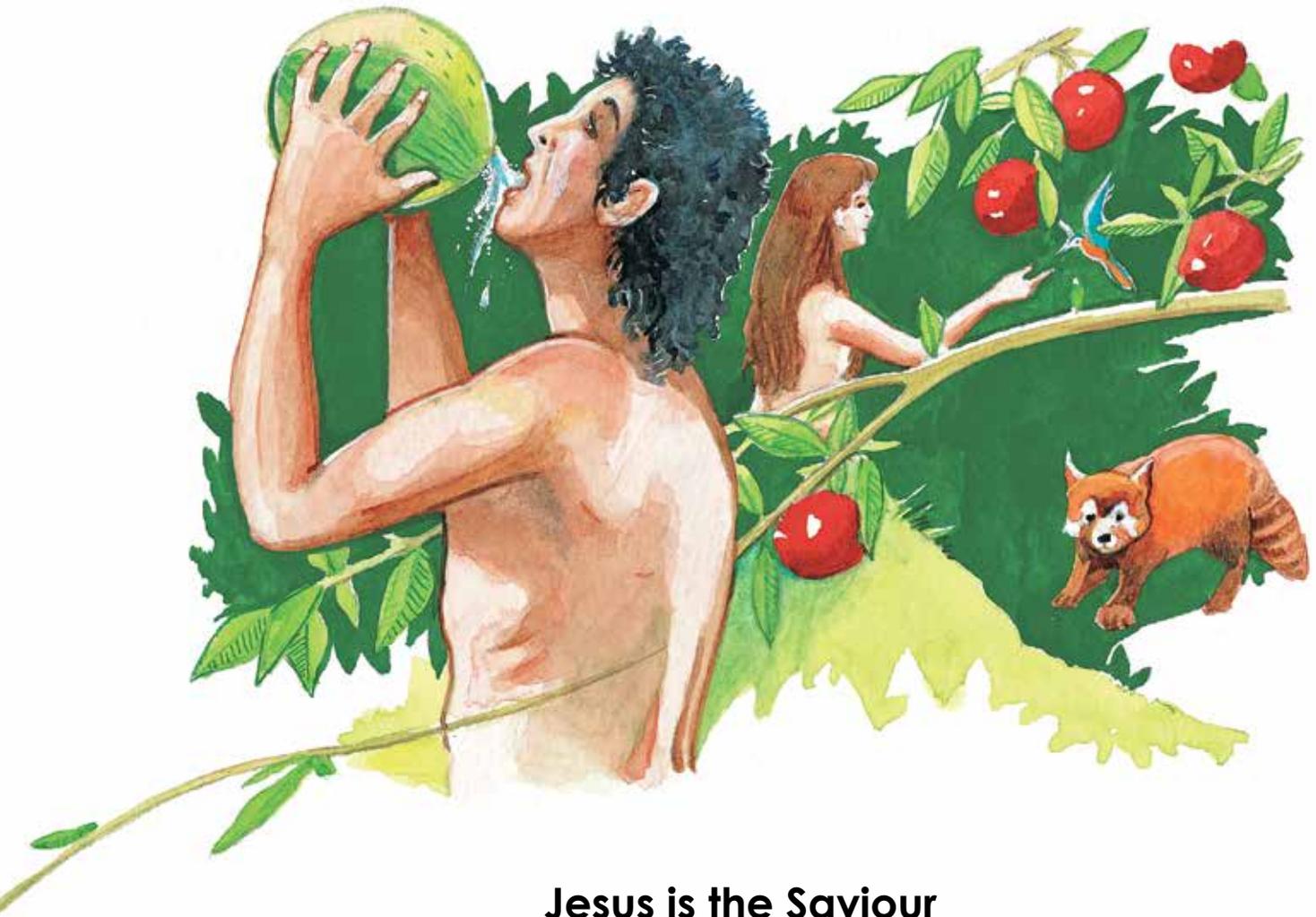
On day six, God made a man called Adam from the dust of the ground. He breathed life into him. God did not want Adam to be alone so he made him fall asleep. He then removed one of his ribs and from this he made a woman. Her name was Eve. Adam was very glad.

Adam and Eve were different to animals. God gave them a living soul. He blessed them and told them to have children. God gave them the Garden of Eden to live in. They ruled over all the other animals in the garden. God saw that everything was good and rested on the seventh day. It was a day of rest for man too.

God told Adam that he was not allowed to eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil. But Satan, disguised as a serpent, tempted Eve. Eve listened to Satan's lie and ate the fruit. She gave some to Adam too. Sin spoiled God's creation. Adam and Eve knew they had disobeyed God and tried to hide from him. "Where are you, Adam?" God called out. Adam could not hide any longer. He blamed Eve and Eve blamed the serpent. God had to punish sin. Hardship, pain and death entered the world that day. Adam and Eve were banished from the Garden of Eden.



Where did Adam and Eve live at first?



Jesus is the Saviour

Jesus died to save us from our sins. Adam and Eve's children were born sinners. When they grew up Cain killed Abel, his brother. Sin affects our lives too, but because of what Jesus has done, we can trust in him to save us from sin.

3. SAFE IN THE ARK

(GENESIS 6–9)

People on the earth became more evil. God sent a big flood to destroy them. Noah, who was a good man, was warned by God about the flood. God told Noah to build a big boat and he told him how big to make it. Noah, his wife, his sons Shem, Ham and Japheth and their wives, were all to go into the big boat – the ark. Two of every animal (and seven of some) were also taken into the ark.

Then God shut the doors and the rain began to fall. It rained for forty days and nights. The earth was flooded. The bad people were destroyed. The waters covered the earth for 150 days. At last the ark came to rest on top of Mount Ararat. Noah sent out a raven and a dove. The raven did not come back as it found food elsewhere, but the dove returned. It could find no place to rest. Seven days later, the dove was sent out again. This time it brought back an olive leaf. Noah knew that the trees must be visible. Seven days later, the dove did not return. Noah knew the land was dry. Noah and his family thanked God for saving them. God promised that he would never again flood the whole earth. He put the rainbow in the sky as a sign of his promise.



What sign did God give of his promise never to flood the whole earth again?



God is great

God wants to bless you. Noah obeyed God's Word and was saved from the flood. How can we obey God? How does God bless us and save us today? God has blessed us by giving us his Word (the Bible) and telling us about his Son, Jesus.