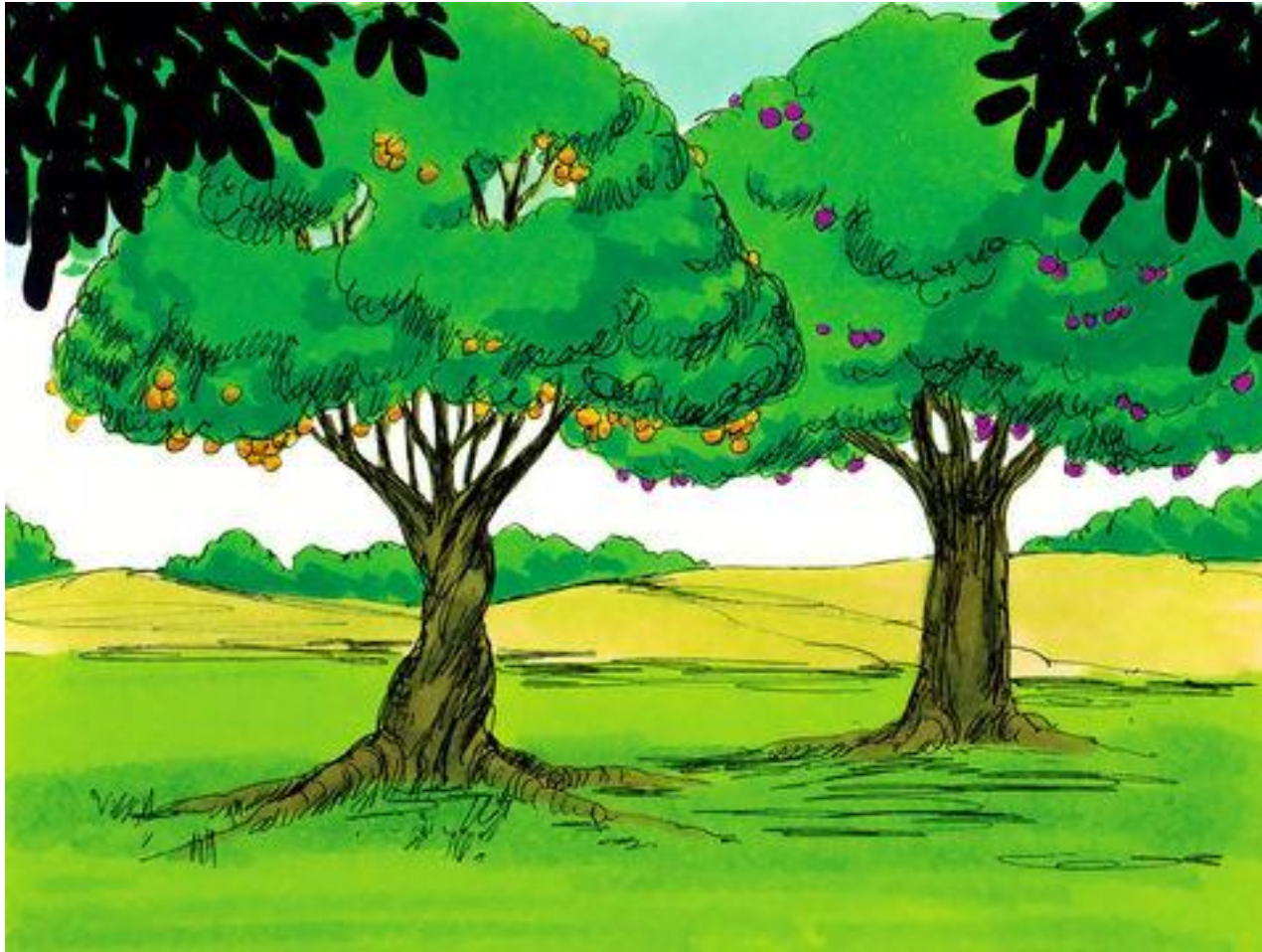


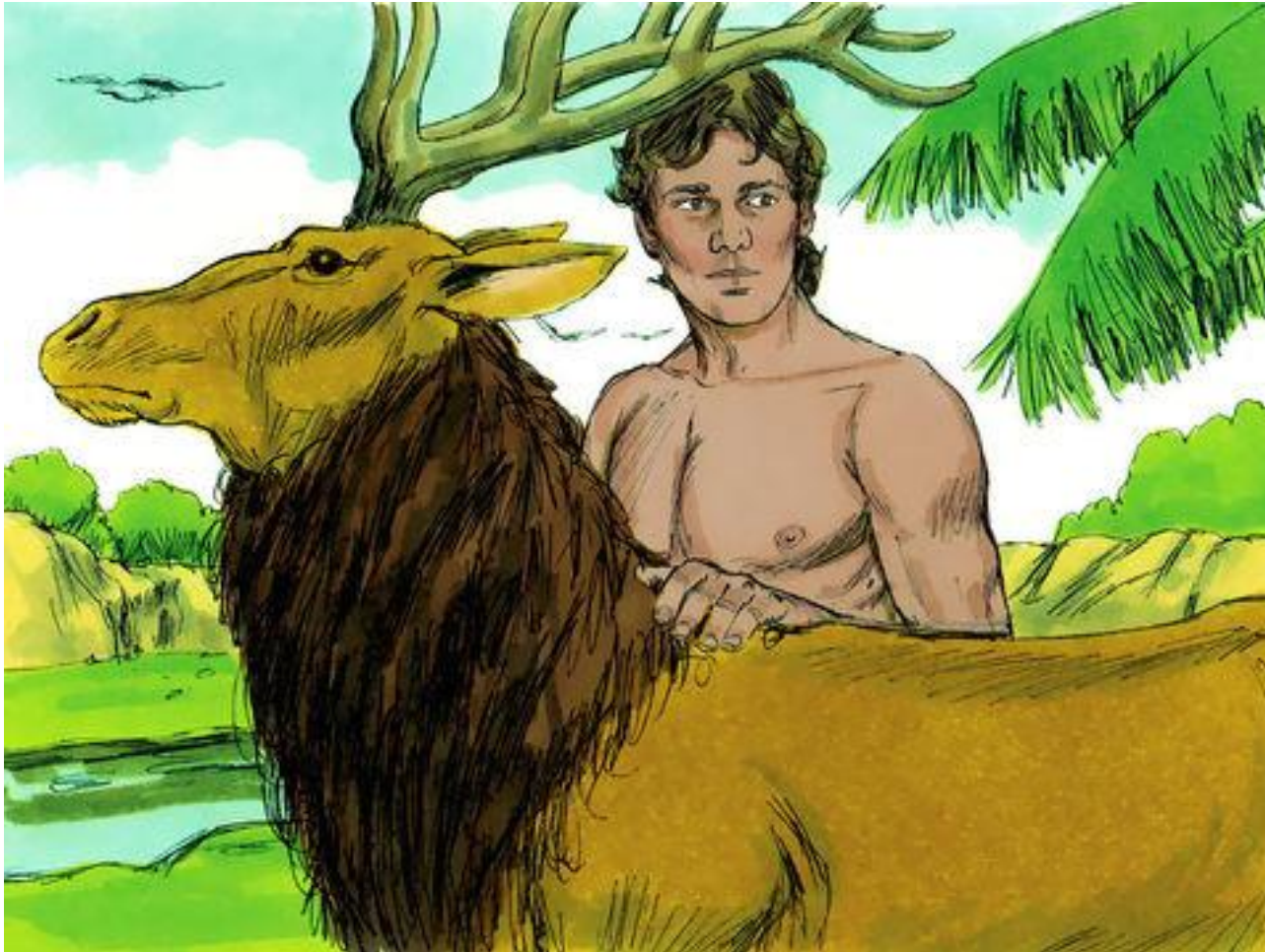


Boys and girls, who has a hard time following directions or instructions? Maybe some time your parents ask you to do something, and you do not want to do it. Do you still follow their directions? In our story today, God gives Adam and Eve an important instruction. Let's find out if they follow God's instruction.

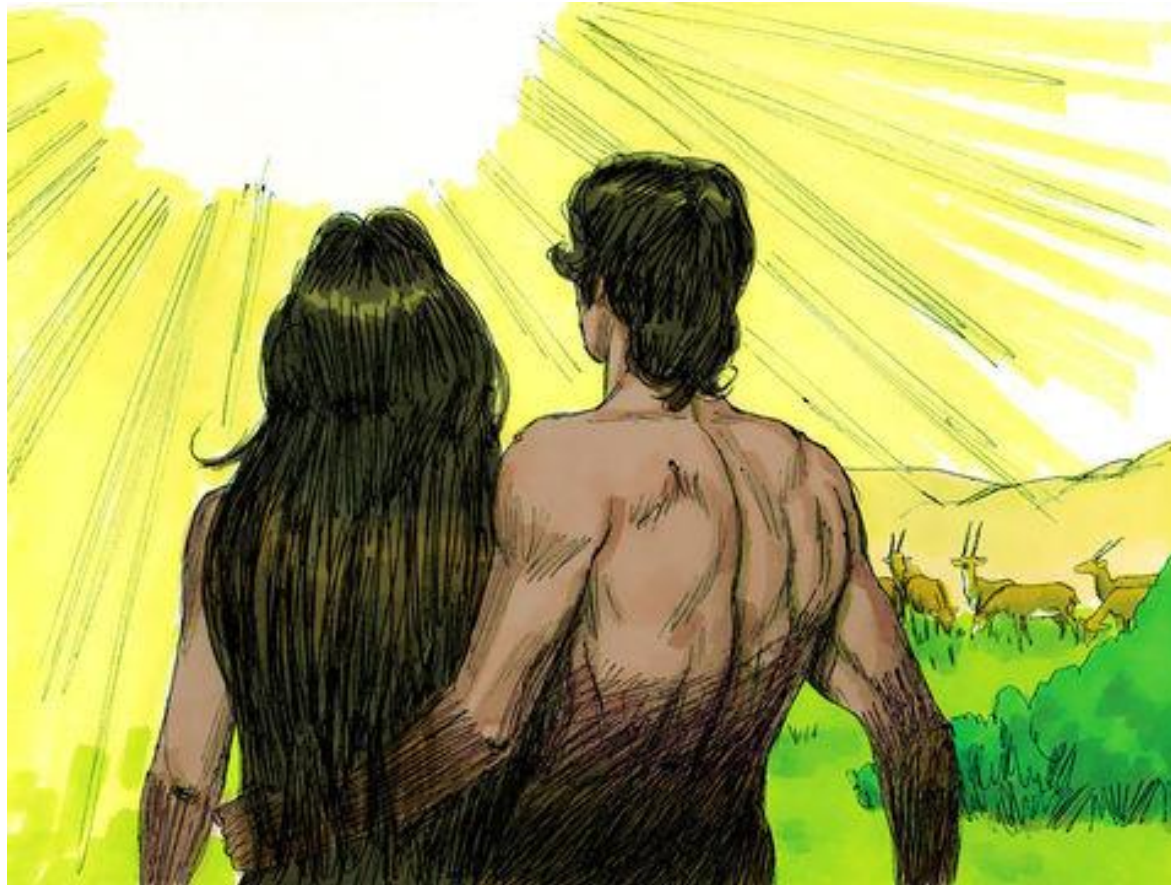


### **Life in The Garden**

Adam and Eve were living in the garden of Eden. They were doing what God told them to do: caring for the garden and the animals. The Garden was so beautiful. Flowers and plants bloomed and gave lots of fruit to Adam, Eve, and the animals.



All the animals were so friendly to Adam and Eve, and they loved taking care of all God's creatures. Adam and Eve enjoyed the Garden. Adam and Eve never did anything wrong. Adam and Eve never got sick or sad; they never said or did unkind things to one another. They loved spending time with God and working in the Garden.



Adam and Eve obeyed God. In obeying God everything was good and right. While in the Garden, God told them one specific rule: do not eat from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. Adam and Eve could eat of any tree but that Tree. God told Adam and Eve if they disobeyed and ate of that Tree, they would die!

Everything was wonderful and good in God's creation for Adam and Eve. They had all they would ever need or want right there. But one day it would all change.



## The Snake

Did you know that God has an enemy? Yes! An enemy. An enemy is someone or something that wants to hurt you, to make you sad, and ruin things for you. The Bible tells us that Satan is God's enemy.

In Genesis 3 we are introduced to Satan, but he is disguised as a snake. "Now the snake was the most clever of all the wild animals the Lord God had made," the Bible tells us. Crafty is another way of telling us Satan is tricky or deceitful. Satan saw what God created, and how beautiful and good it was. Satan wanted to ruin all of it! Satan wanted God's creation to be messed up. Satan came into the Garden as a snake to trick Adam and Eve.



### **The Temptation**

One day a snake came to the Garden and found Eve. It's important to remember that all the creatures God created in the Garden were friendly, so Eve was not afraid of the snake. There might have been lots of snakes in the Garden, but to Adam and Eve they were friends.



This one snake though was Satan in disguise. The snake said to Eve, “Did God really say that you must not eat fruit from any tree in the garden?” Satan had taken God’s Word and twisted it or made it confusing. God only told Adam and Eve that they could not eat from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, but all other trees were okay to eat.



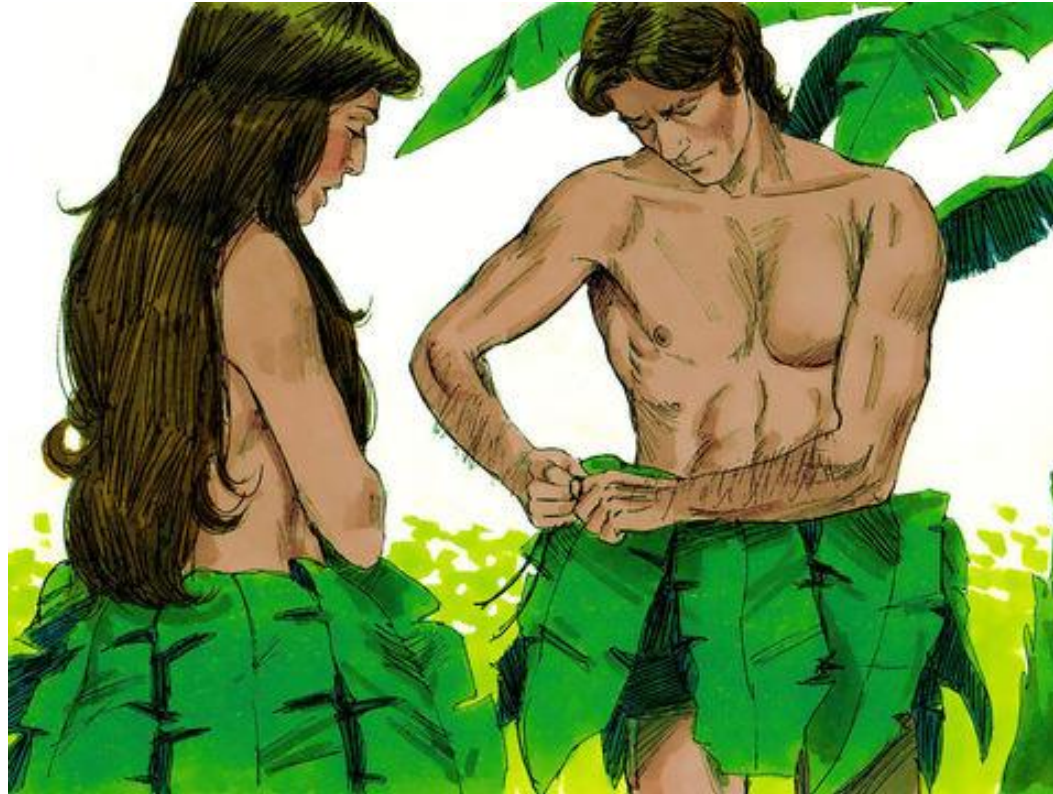
Eve replied back to the Snake, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden. But God told us, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden. You must not even touch it, or you will die.’” Eve did not get God’s instructions right either. God had said, “Don’t eat fruit off that tree;” God never said they could not touch the fruit.

The Snake said to Eve, “You won’t die” with a thin smile. The Snake went on, “God knows that if you eat from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil your eyes will be opened.” “You’ll know good and evil and be like God!” the Snake added. The Snake, Satan, was trying to trick Eve. Satan wanted Eve to disobey God and to ruin everything. Satan tricked Eve into thinking God was keeping something from her and Adam. But God wasn’t, God was truly protecting them! It was a lie from Satan!





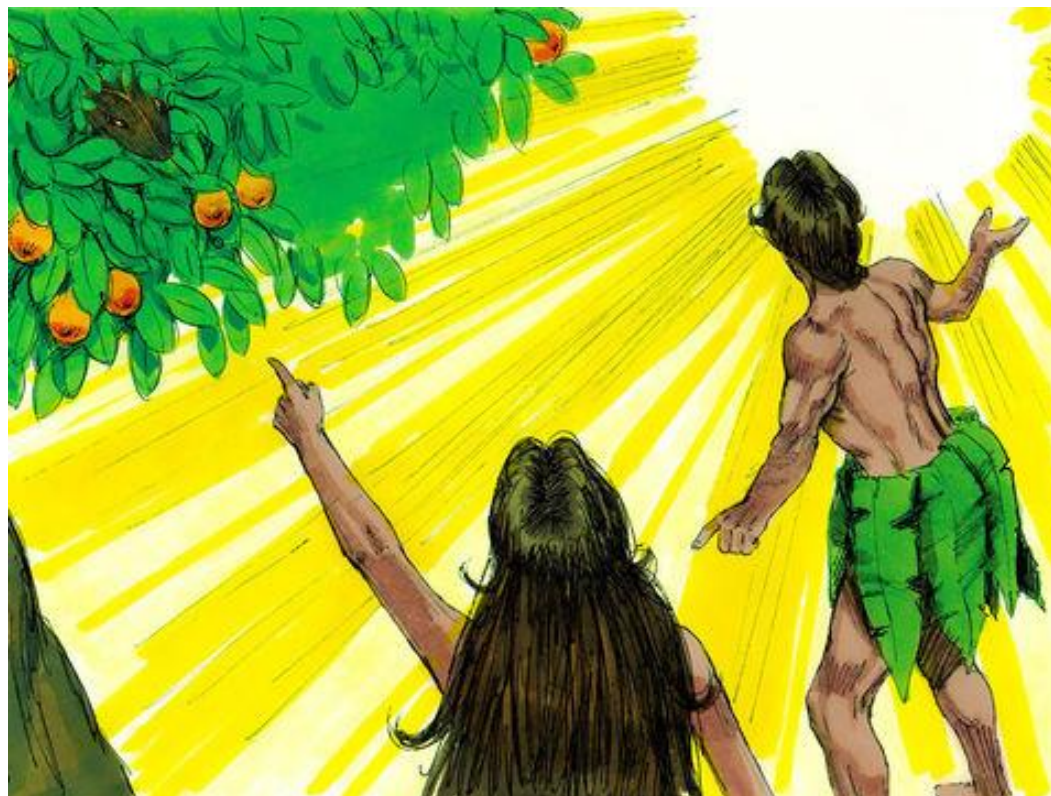
It's silly to think we could be like God. No one can be like God! God is all-powerful, all-knowing, and everywhere. Instead of running away or leaving, Eve looked at the Tree and saw how beautiful it was. She stared at the gorgeous fruit on it and thought it might be delicious to eat and it would make her smart and wise. Eve reached out and took the fruit and had a bite. As she took a bite, the Snake's smile got bigger and bigger. Then Eve handed the fruit to Adam, who was with her, and he ate the fruit too.



### **Adam and Eve Sin**

As Adam and Eve took those bites, they disobeyed God. Remember, God said “Do not eat that fruit.” But they did. Their disobedience is called sin. The Bible tells us as soon as they ate the fruit Adam and Eve’s eyes were “opened.” This meant they recognized and knew that they had disobeyed God. They felt their nakedness and shame. They knew something was not right.

Because they felt their nakedness and shame, and knew something was not right, Adam and Eve took leaves and sewed them together to cover themselves. Then they ran and hid in the Garden. They were trying to hide from God.



Not too long afterwards God came to the Garden. As Adam and Eve were hiding, God called out to them, “Where are you?” Adam answered, “I heard you walking in the garden. I was afraid because I was naked. So, I hid.” God said to Adam, “Who told you that you were naked? Did you eat fruit from that tree? I commanded you not to eat from that tree.” Adam said, “You gave this woman to me. She gave me fruit from the tree. So, I ate it.”

Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What have you done?” Eve answered, “The snake tricked me. So, I ate the fruit.”



### **Curses and a Promise**

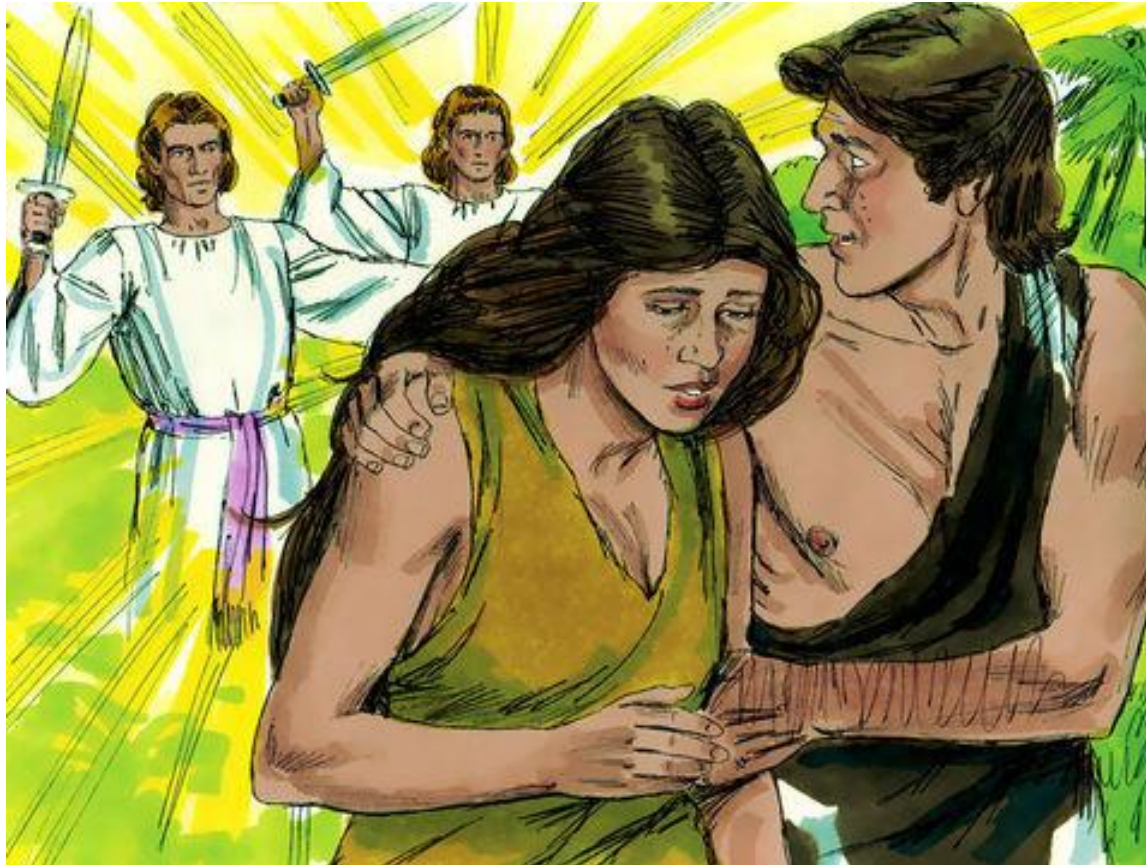
God was furious. His good creation was ruined. Sin had now entered the world, and everything was broken. Everything was messed up.

God punished the snake. The Snake would have to crawl on its stomach the rest of its life. Because of their disobedience, Adam and Eve would fight, get sick, get hurt, and eventually die. Everything God created would eventually die too.



It was a sad day in the Garden. God would also make Adam and Eve leave the Garden.

Because Adam and Eve disobeyed God, sin was now part of God's good creation. Adam and Eve were now sinful people and needed God's grace. Every person born is sinful and needs God's grace too. God would over and over show His grace and love towards every human even though they would be disobedient and sinful.



Before Adam and Eve left the Garden, God made a very big promise to them. One day Someone would come to undo everything that was wrong in the world. God said that Someone would be victorious over Satan, God's enemy. This Someone would make all things right again. When that Someone would come, only God knew. Then God made better clothes for Adam and Eve. God covered them with animal skins instead of the fig leaves. Adam and Eve left the Garden together and very sad about what had happened.

## Questions for Review

Have children answer “yes,” if the sentence is true, or “no” if the sentence is false along with the right answer.

- God made everything out of nothing. (Yes)
- God had help when He created everything. (No! God had no help.)
- God made everything so He would have something to do. (No, God created for His glory).
- God created everything when He spoke. (Yes)
- God called everything good which He created. (Yes)
- God created everything exactly how He wanted. (Yes)
- God is all-powerful and in control of all created things. (Yes)
- Satan is the Enemy of God. (Yes)
- Satan told Eve not to eat from the Tree too. (No! Satan tricked Eve into eating the fruit.)
- Satan told Eve that God was lying, and that Adam and Eve would not die. (Yes)
- Adam and Eve ate the fruit and disobeyed God. (Yes)
- Once they disobeyed God, Adam and Eve made clothes and hid from God. (Yes)
- God promised that Someone would come to make all things right again. (Yes)

## **Scripture Memory and Hand Motions for Summer:**

“The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still.” Exodus 14:14

- **The Lord** (point upwards)
- **Will fight** (punch the air or shadow box)
- **For you; you** (point towards audience)
- **Need only to be still.** (stand completely still or frozen)