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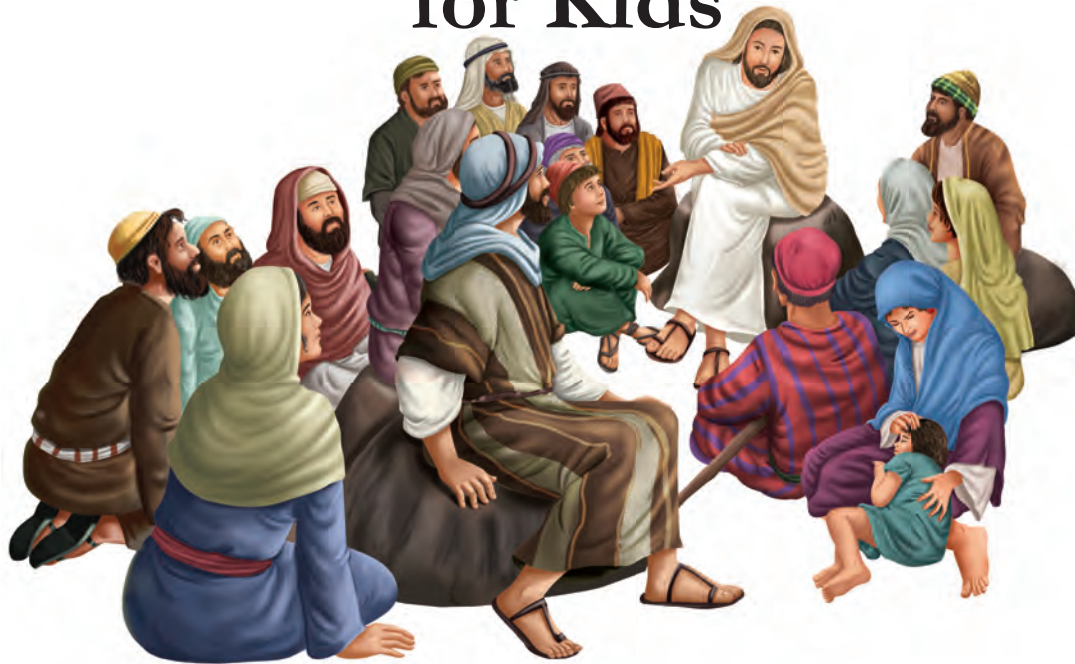
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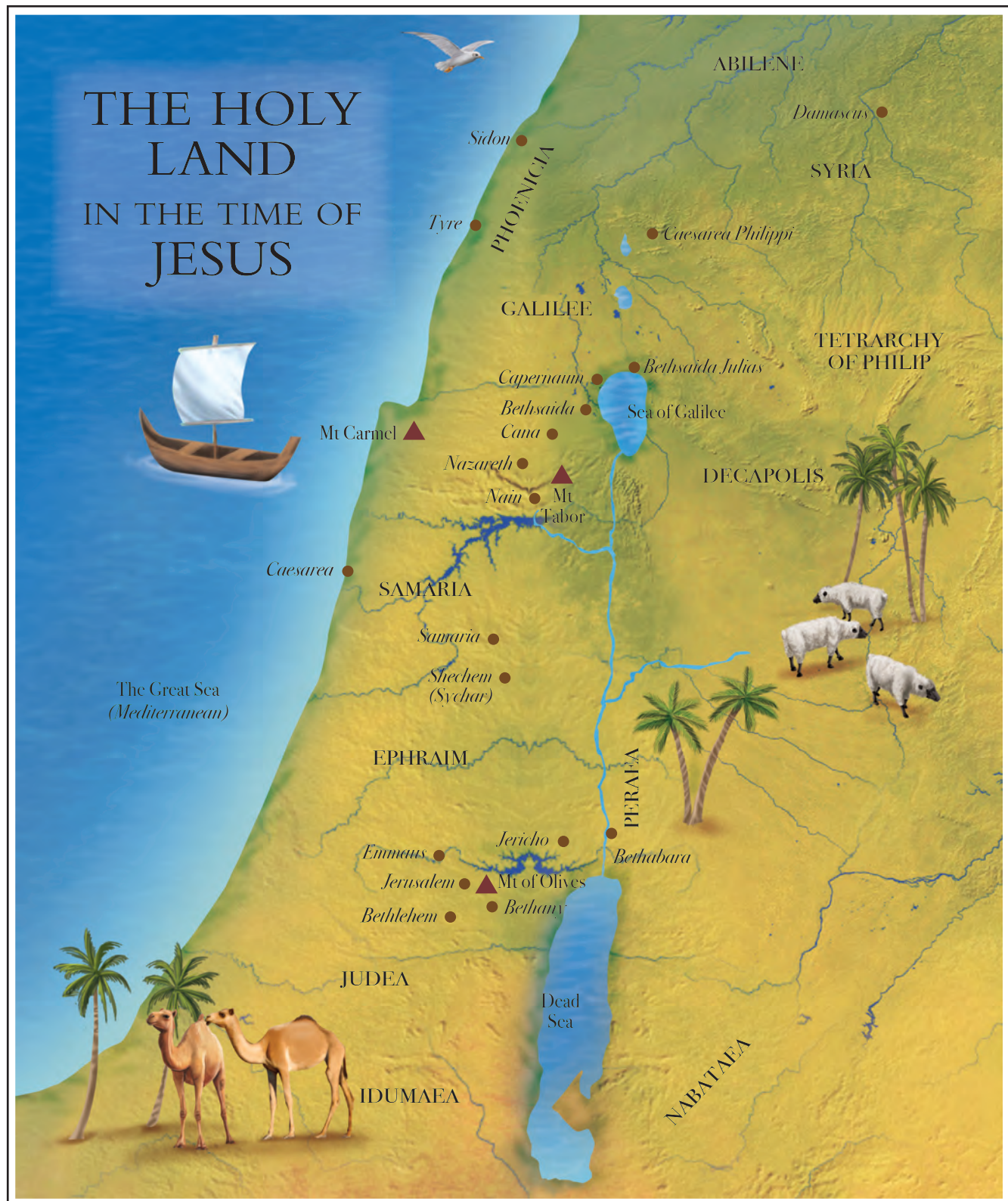
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Every word of God proves true;
he is a shield to those who take
refuge in him.

Proverbs 30:5

GOD MAKES THE WORLD

In the beginning, there was nothing at all. Then God created the heavens and the earth, but everything was still covered in darkness, so God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light! God called the light day and the darkness night, and that was the first day and the first night!

In the days that followed, God separated the water from dry land and covered the land with beautiful plants and trees. He made the sun to shine in the day and the moon and stars to light up the night sky.

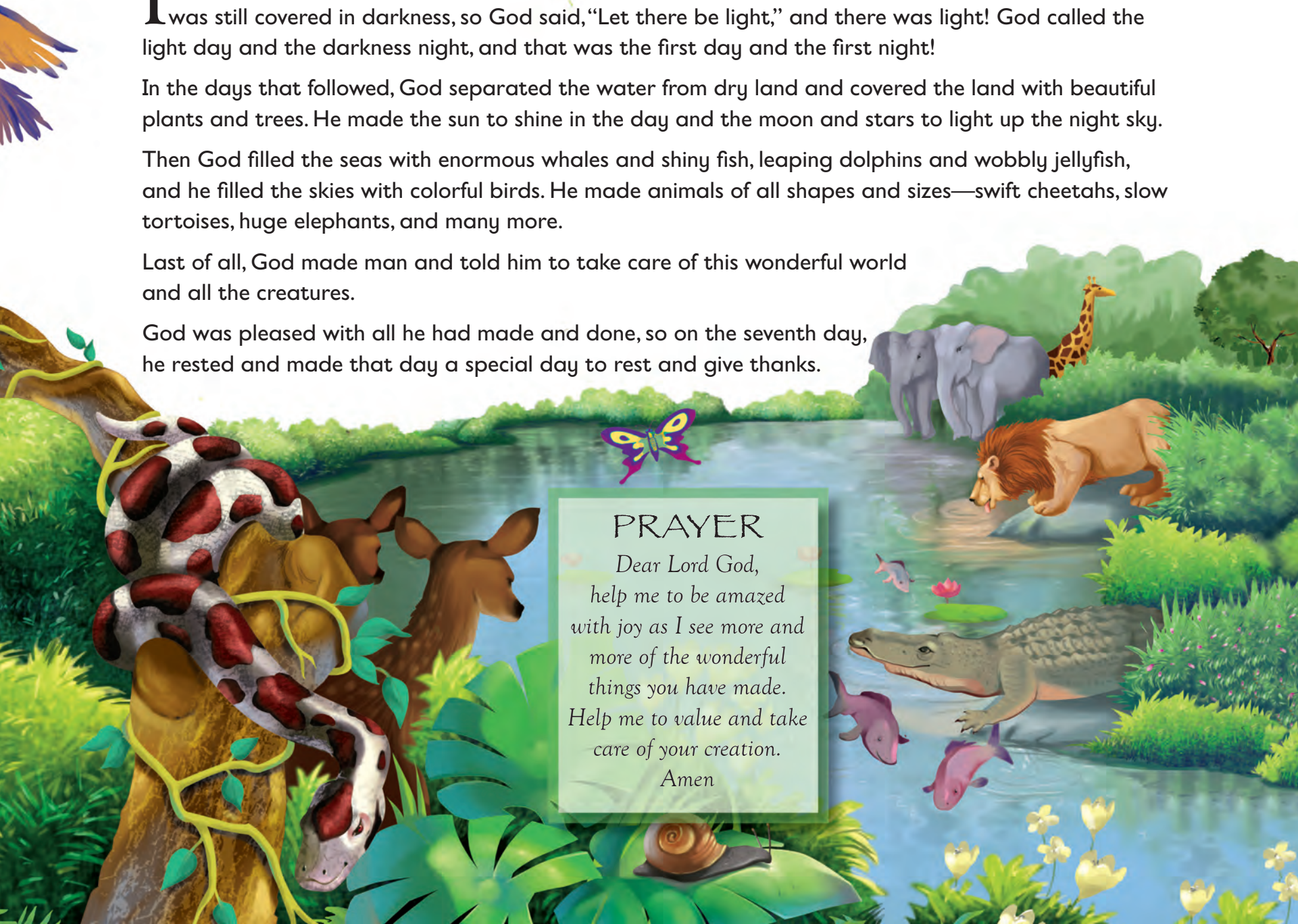
Then God filled the seas with enormous whales and shiny fish, leaping dolphins and wobbly jellyfish, and he filled the skies with colorful birds. He made animals of all shapes and sizes—swift cheetahs, slow tortoises, huge elephants, and many more.

Last of all, God made man and told him to take care of this wonderful world and all the creatures.

God was pleased with all he had made and done, so on the seventh day, he rested and made that day a special day to rest and give thanks.

PRAYER

Dear Lord God,
help me to be amazed
with joy as I see more and
more of the wonderful
things you have made.
Help me to value and take
care of your creation.
Amen



THE BEAUTIFUL GARDEN

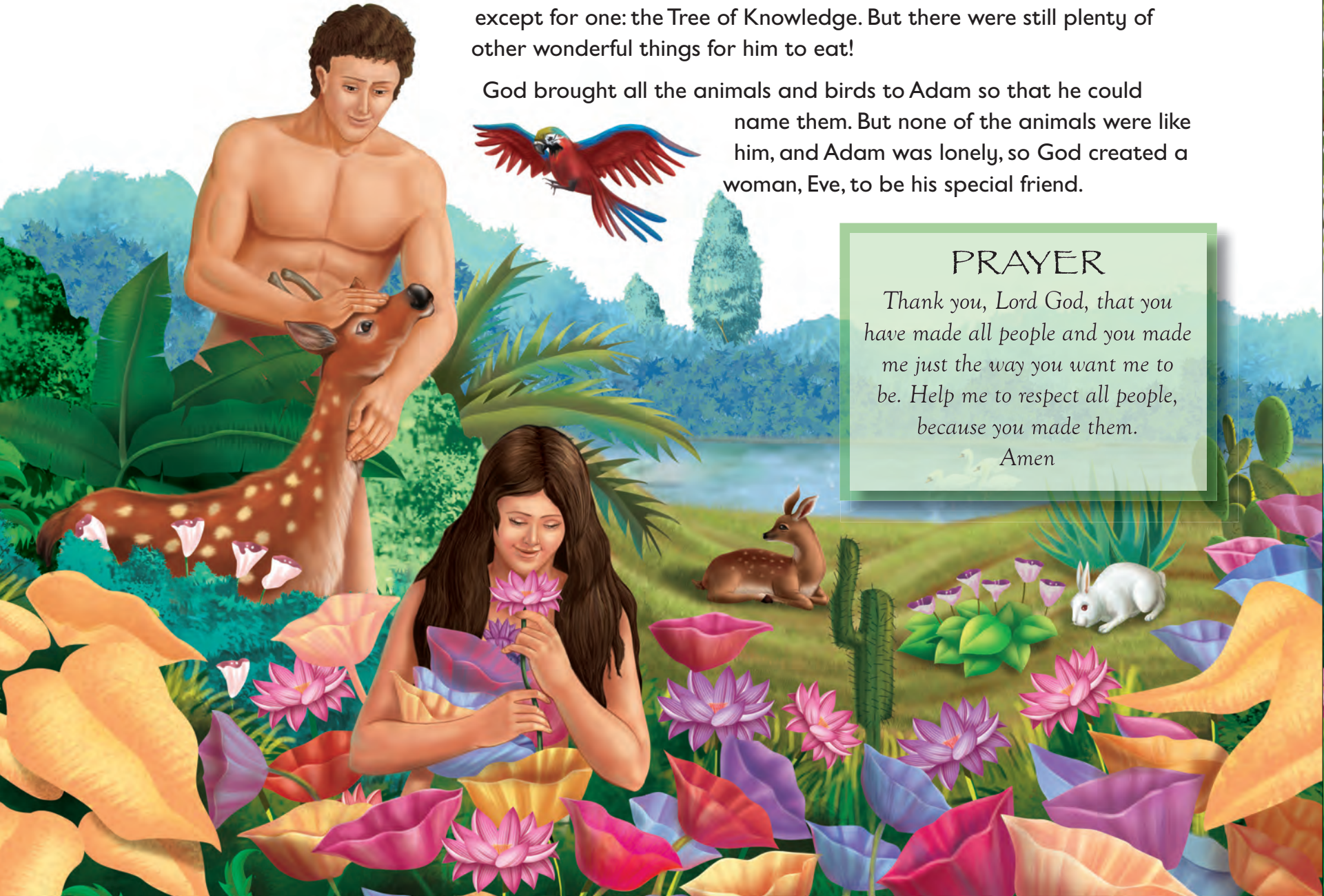
God created the beautiful Garden of Eden for Adam—a marvelous paradise filled with green grass, colorful plants, and wonderful trees. God told Adam to help himself to fruit from any of these trees except for one: the Tree of Knowledge. But there were still plenty of other wonderful things for him to eat!

God brought all the animals and birds to Adam so that he could name them. But none of the animals were like him, and Adam was lonely, so God created a woman, Eve, to be his special friend.

PRAYER

Thank you, Lord God, that you have made all people and you made me just the way you want me to be. Help me to respect all people, because you made them.

Amen



DISOBEYING GOD

Now, of all the animals, the most cunning was the snake. One day, he said to Eve, “Did God really tell you that you couldn’t eat fruit from any of the trees in this garden?” And she replied, “Oh, no, we can eat from any of them except from the one in the middle of the garden. We’re not even allowed to touch it!”

“The Tree of Knowledge?” asked the wily snake. “But the fruit is delicious, and it won’t harm you in the slightest! The only reason God doesn’t want you to eat it is because it will make you wise like him. Go on, take a bite!”

The fruit looked so delicious that Eve picked some. She offered some to Adam, too, and they both ate it.

At once, it was as though their eyes had been opened. They realized they were naked and tried to cover themselves with some fig leaves that they sewed together to make clothes.

PRAYER

*Dear Lord God, I am sorry that I hurt you and I hurt other people when I disobey your rules. Please make me strong to do what is right.
Amen*

CAST OUT

Later that day, God was walking in the garden. When he found Adam and Eve hiding behind some bushes, he knew exactly what had happened. He was very angry. He cursed the wicked snake to crawl on its belly in the dirt for the rest of its life, and he banished Adam and Eve from the Garden of Eden. He told them that from now on they would need to work hard to get their food from the ground and would have to struggle with sharp thorns and choking weeds, for they had disobeyed him.

Then he used some animal skins to make clothes for them and sent them away from the beautiful garden. He placed an angel with a flaming sword to stand guard at the entrance.

PRAYER

Dear Lord God, help me to understand that you are holy, and help me to be glad that you are always fair and therefore you must punish wrong. Please help our police and judges to be fair too.

Amen



CAIN AND ABEL

Time passed, and Adam and Eve had two sons. Cain was a farmer who worked in the fields all day with his crops, while his younger brother Abel was a shepherd. One day both Cain and Abel brought offerings to God. Abel brought the very best meat he could, the finest and fattest of his lambs, and God was pleased. But God wasn't so pleased with the crops that Cain brought. When Abel brought his offering to God he had faith in his heart, and that is why God was pleased with him, but Cain was proud.

God saw that Cain was angry and said, "Why are you looking so cross? If you do what is right, then I'll be pleased with you. But watch out—if you don't do what is right, then you will find that sin is just around the corner! You must control it and not let it control you!"

Without faith we can't please God. We won't be accepted into the kingdom of heaven just because we have done good things. It isn't just what we do that matters—it is the way we do it and what is really in our hearts.



PRAYER

Thank you, Lord God, that Jesus has come as the Lamb of God, an offering for the sins of the whole world. Help me to trust in him and not try to bring any other offering.
Amen

MY BROTHER'S KEEPER

Cain was very jealous of his brother. He was angry with him—and he was angry with God! God hadn't accepted his offering, but he had accepted that of his younger brother!

With evil in his heart, Cain invited Abel to come with him into the fields, and there, filled with rage and bitterness, he killed his younger brother!

Later that day, God asked him where his brother was. Cain answered rudely, "How should I know? Do you expect me to watch over him? Am I my brother's keeper?"

But God saw Abel's blood on the ground and was angry. He knew what had happened. He punished Cain and sent him away from his home and family to wander from place to place without a home.

PRAYER

*Dear Lord God, please help me to
keep control of my temper. Help me
not to be jealous of other people.*

Amen

