

LESSON ONE

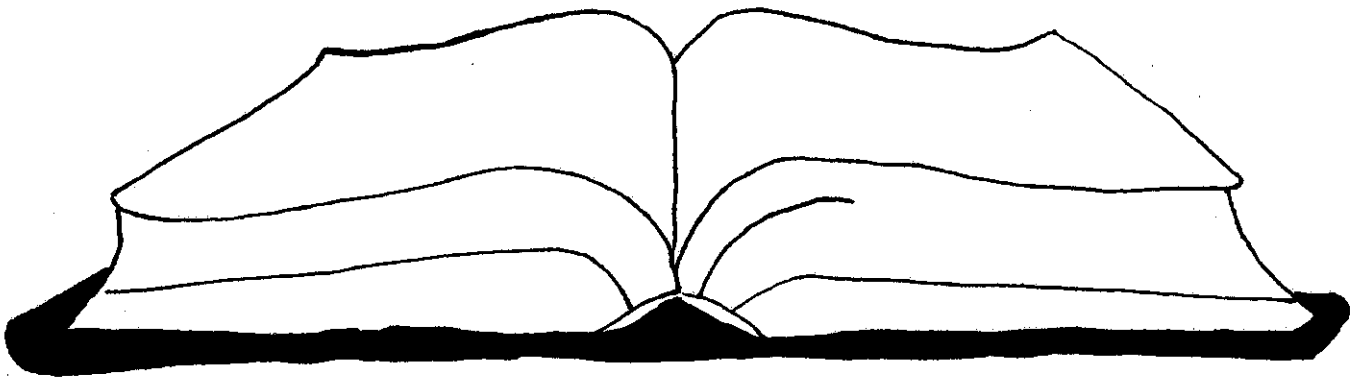
THE BEGINNINGS

IN LESSON ONE YOU WILL LEARN

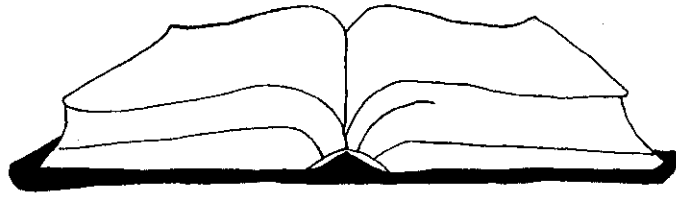
- ♦ Facts About God's Word, The Bible
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The Bible

The Bible is one big book!



Inside the Bible you will find 66 smaller books listed on the Table of Contents page. Another name for the Bible is the Holy Scriptures (Scripture means writing). This book is holy because it was given by God and God is holy (holy means pure or without sin). This book is also called God's Word, because the Bible is God's message to us. These are three different names for the same book.



Can you remember the three names for the Bible?

Write the three names for the Bible below:

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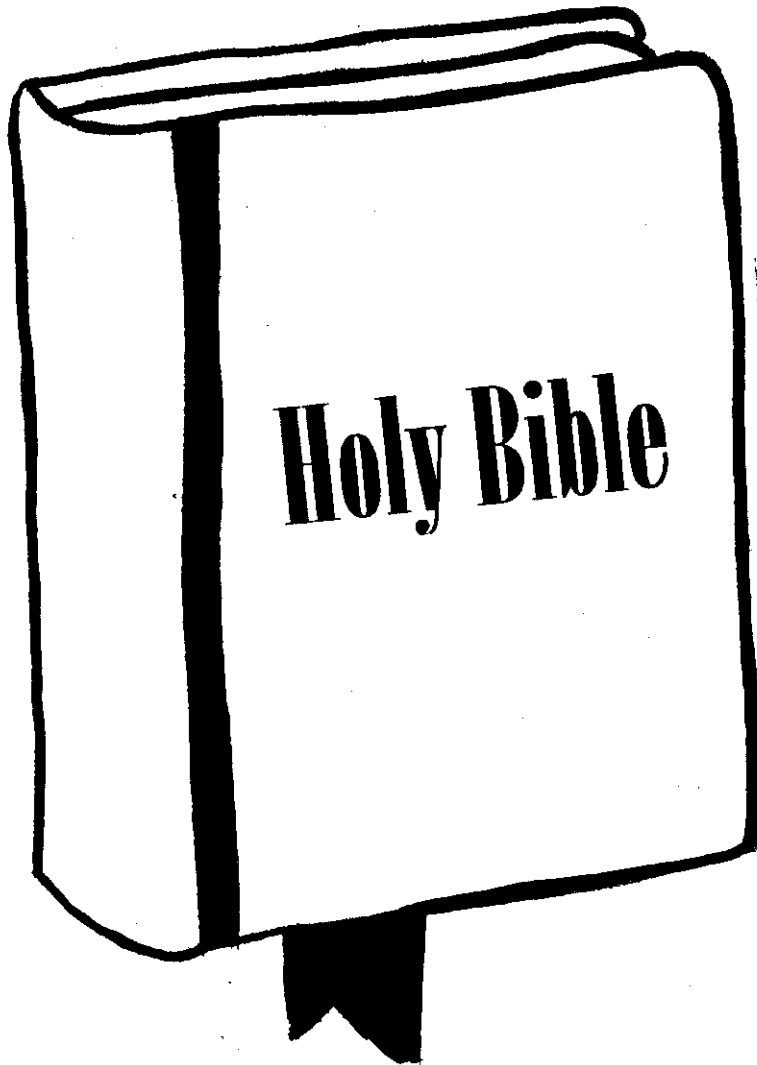
2. _____

3. _____

How did God write the Bible?

Do you know the answer? Yes ___ No ___

Answer: The Word of God teaches us that the Bible is given by inspiration from God (inspiration is God's thoughts and ideas). All other books contain the thoughts and ideas of people. God used men to write the Bible, but the words they wrote were not their own. God's Holy Spirit guided each man in all that was written in the Bible.



God's Word will last forever and it will never change.

Every word written in the Bible is true, and it will always be true.

Here are some facts to learn about the Bible

God spoke to 37 different men as they wrote
down the words God told them to write.

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1600 Years

It took these 37 men over 1,600 years to finish the entire Bible.

The Bible has 66 books

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The 66 books of the Bible have two main divisions.
Do you know what the two divisions are called?

Yes _____ or No _____

*Answer: The first 39 books of the Bible make up the Old Testament.
The next 27 books make up the New Testament. The word testament
means covenant or promise*

Old Testament

The Old Testament contains all of the books that were written before the Lord Jesus came to earth. The Old Testament is in the front part of your Bible. The Old Testament has 39 books. The first book in the Old Testament is Genesis.

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New Testament

The next 27 books make up the New Testament.

The first four books of the New Testament tell about what happen when Jesus, God's Son, came to earth. The rest of the books of the New Testament tell about the followers of Jesus and the things God showed them.

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Please open your Bible to the Table of Contents.

Can you find the Book of Genesis?

Genesis is the first book in the Old Testament.

There are some big numbers and small numbers on each page. Every book of the Bible is divided into chapters and verses. Every chapter and verse has a number in front of it. The big numbers are called chapter numbers. The smaller numbers are called verse numbers. You can find any verse in the Bible if you know the name of the book, the chapter number, and the verse number. The exact place in the Bible where a verse is found is called the address or reference. Here is how to write the address for Genesis chapter one, verse one: Genesis 1:1.

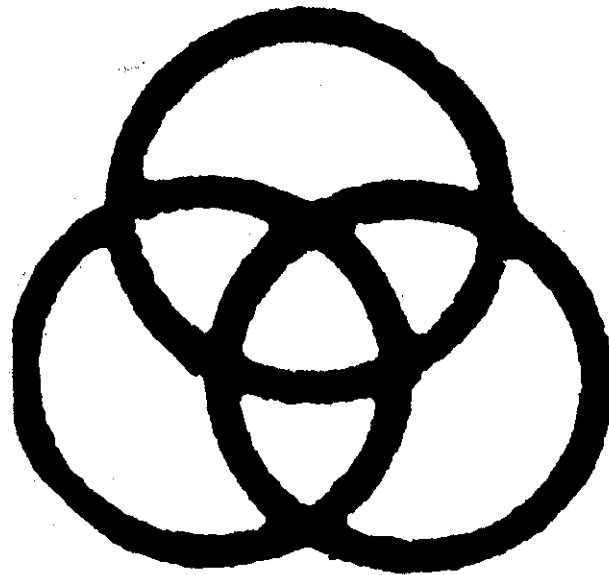
Turn to Genesis 1:1 in your Bible .

The One True God

The first chapter in Genesis (Genesis 1) reveals that God is one God who makes Himself known to us as the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

No one knows what God looks like.

This symbol of three circles may help you remember that God is a three-in-one God.



Look at each circle in this symbol. You will notice that the circle has no beginning or ending.

God is *Eternal*.

Eternal means God has no beginning and he will have no ending.

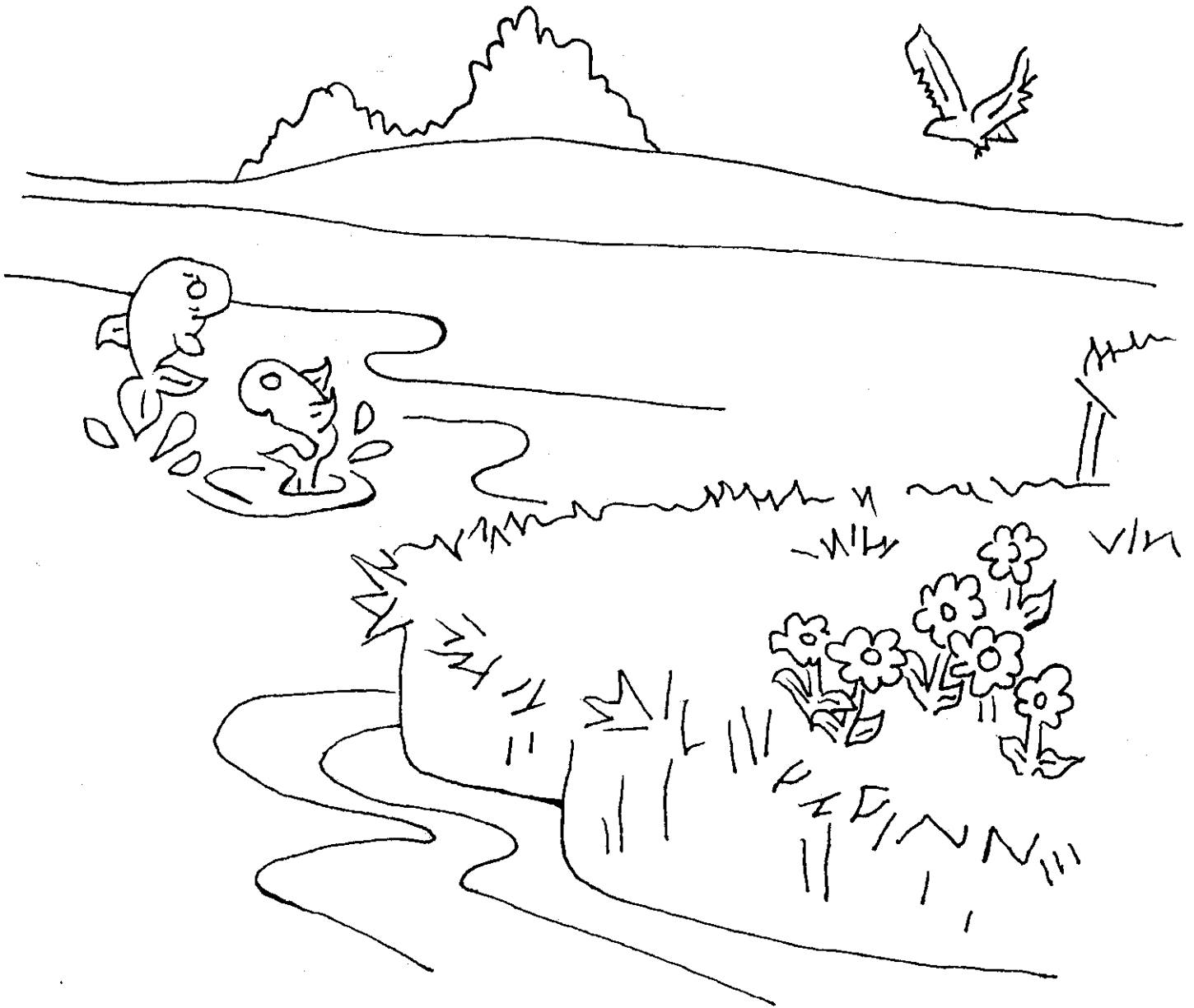
Genesis 1:1 says, "In the Beginning God created the heaven and the earth.
(Created means to make something out of nothing)"



God is *Powerful*.

God had the power to create the world.

In fact, God made everything in the universe.
He made the clouds and sky and stars and all the heavens.



God made flowers and trees and oceans and mountains.
He made the birds that fly, the fish that swim and all the animals.

God made you too!

Because God made you,



*He
loves you
very much.*

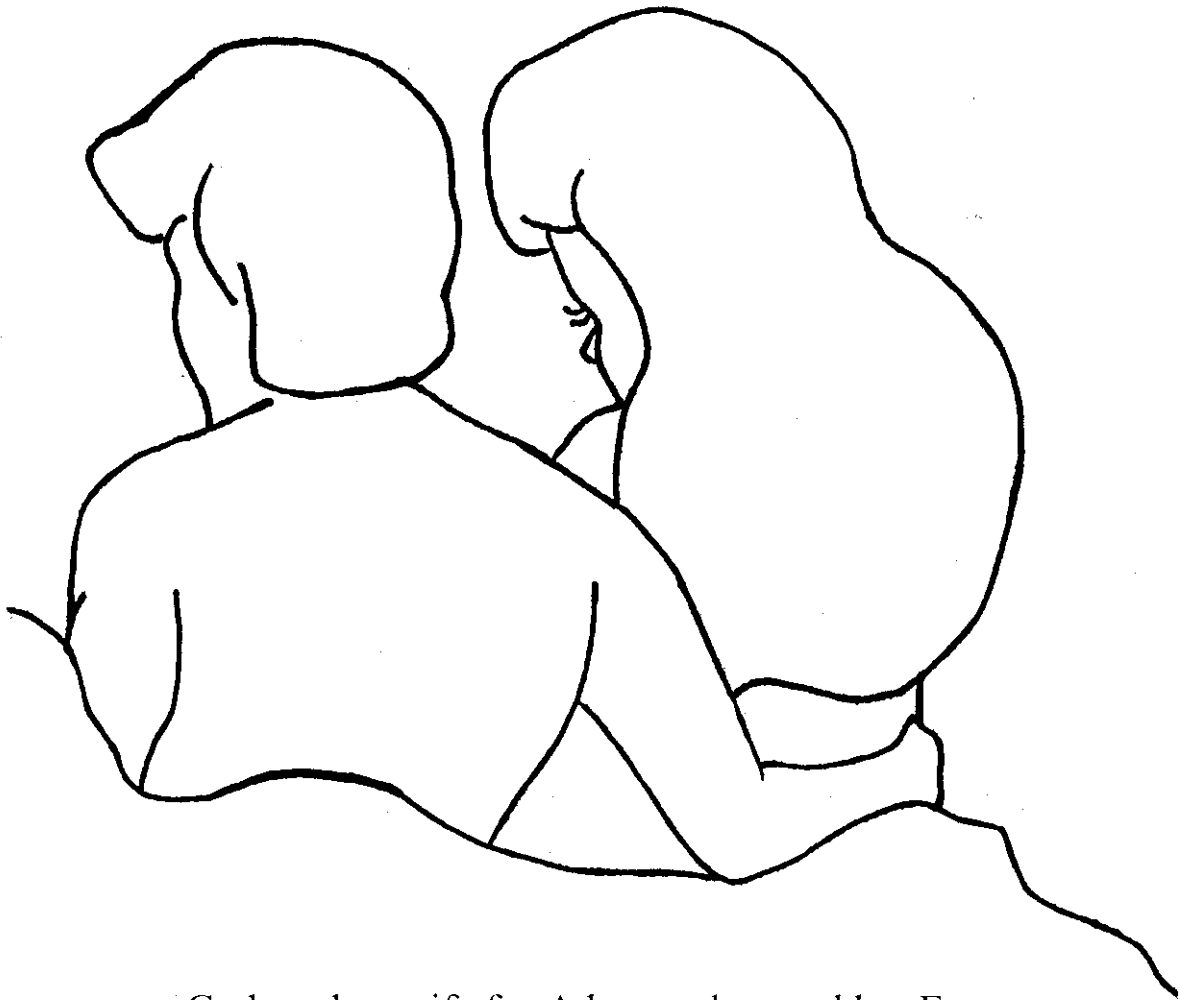
John 3:16 says, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. " This verse teaches that God loves every person in the world. That includes you!

Please memorize the first part of John 3:16:

"For God so loved the world"

God Created Man

God made the first man. God named the first man Adam and placed him in a beautiful garden home. It was Adam's job to take care of the garden. God asked Adam to give all the animals that God created a name. God gave Adam a rule. God told Adam he could eat the fruit of every tree in the beautiful garden except the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

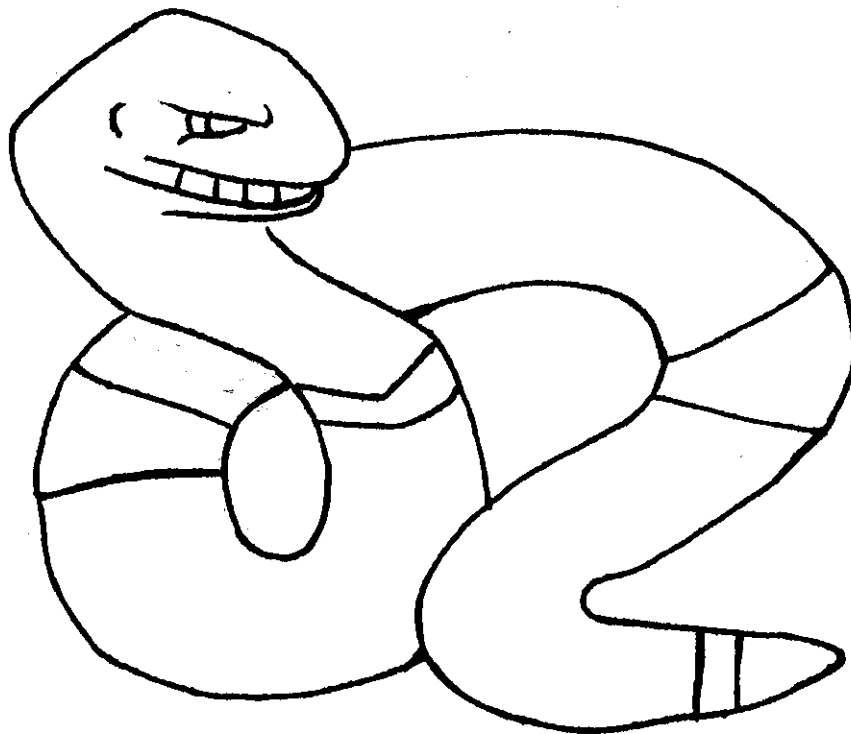


God made a wife for Adam and named her Eve.

Adam and Eve were very happy in the garden.

The Fall Of Mankind Into Sin

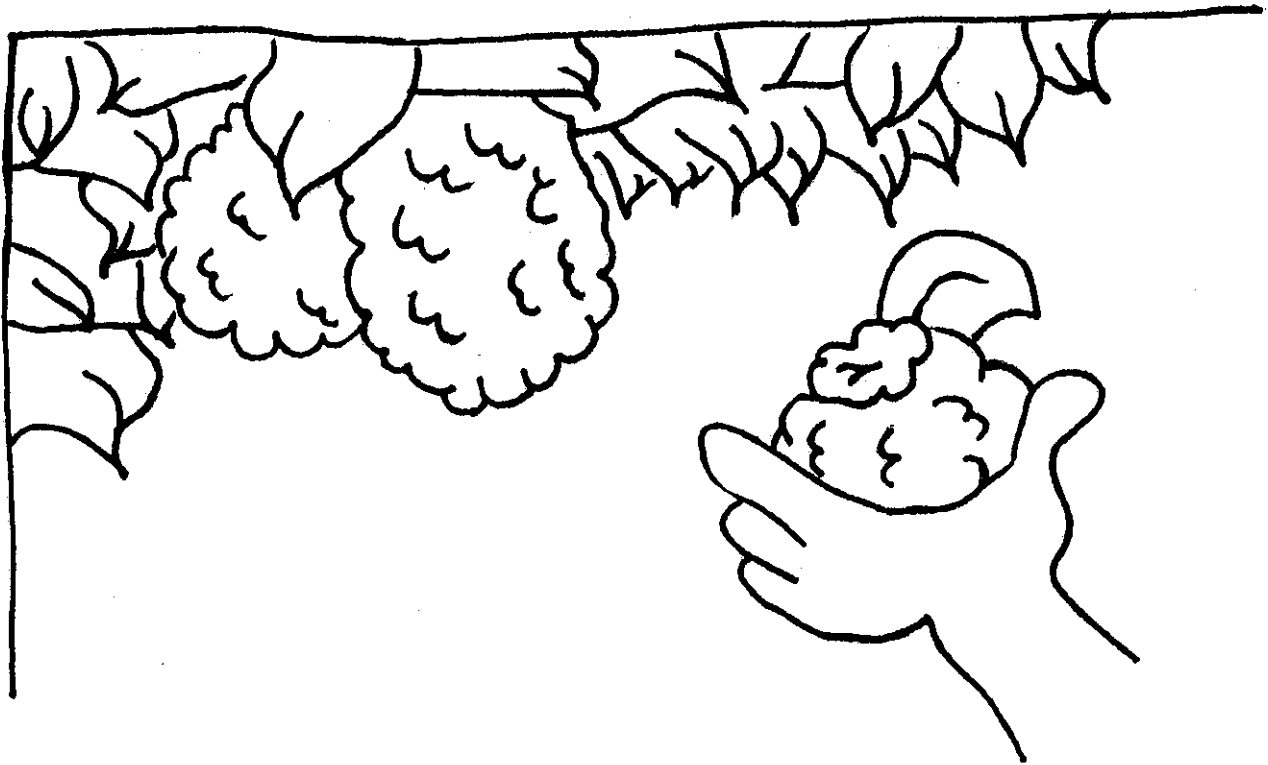
Adam and Eve knew if they would eat the fruit off the tree of knowledge of good and evil that they would surely die. As Eve was taking a walk alone in the garden, a serpent spoke to her.



The serpent questioned Eve. The serpent was really God's enemy, Satan.

Satan was planning to ruin God's beautiful creation.

Satan's plan was to have Adam and Eve obey him, instead of God. Eve told Satan they could eat of all the trees in the garden, except one. Satan tempted Eve, assuring her that she and Adam would not die if they ate the forbidden fruit. Satan lied to Eve. Then he told Eve that they would "be just like God, knowing good and evil."



Eve disobeyed God and ate the fruit.
She gave it to Adam, and he ate it too.

This is how sin entered the world.

Now, every person has a sinful nature, a nature that does not want to please God.

Do you understand what sin is? Yes ___ or No ___

Answer:

When you disobey your parent or your teacher that is sin. A sin is anything you think, say, or do that displeases God. Sin is the wrong things we do.



God's Word explains in Romans 5:12 (in the New Testament) that "...through one man [Adam] sin entered the world, and...death spread to all men."

When Adam and Eve sinned, God's perfect creation was ruined.

God came into the garden looking for Adam and Eve, but they hid.
Adam and Eve were afraid because they knew they had disobeyed God.
God questioned Adam and Eve about their sin.

They didn't admit their sin.
Adam blamed Eve, Eve blamed the serpent.
God had to punish their sin.
Adam and Eve were sent out of their garden home.



Before God sent Adam and Eve away, He made them a special promise.
God promised He would send Someone who would put away sin and
have victory over Satan.

God's promised One is the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

