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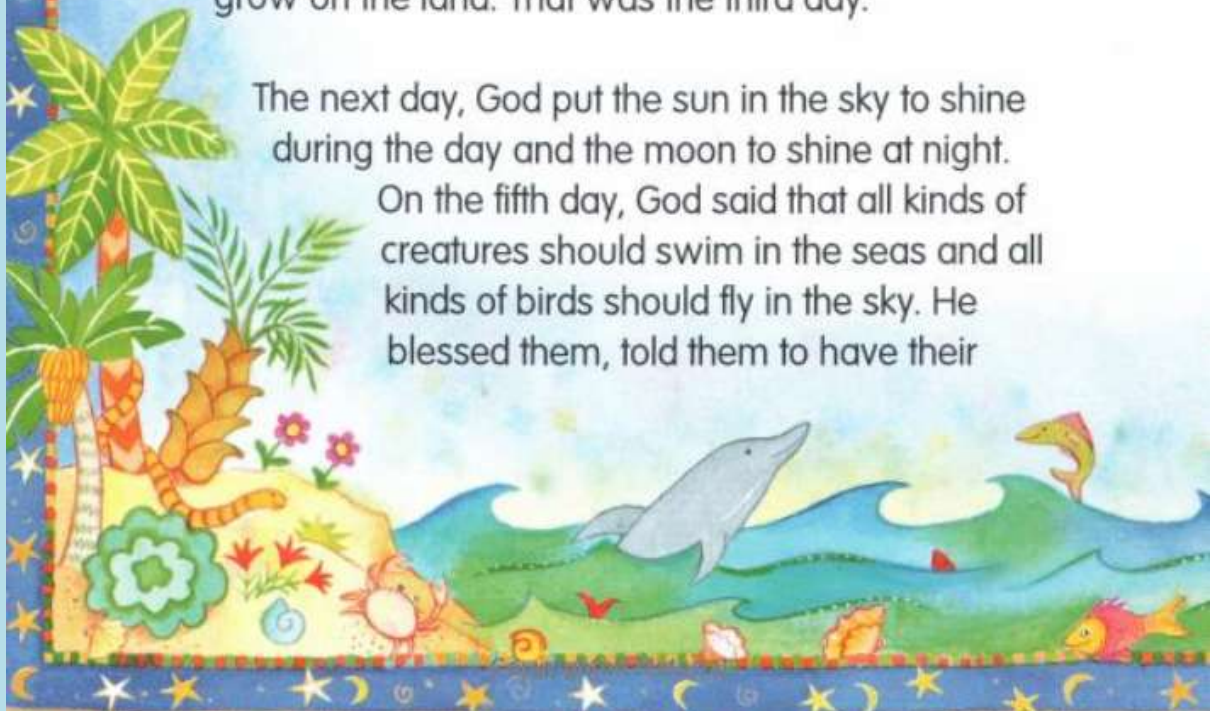
# How the World Began

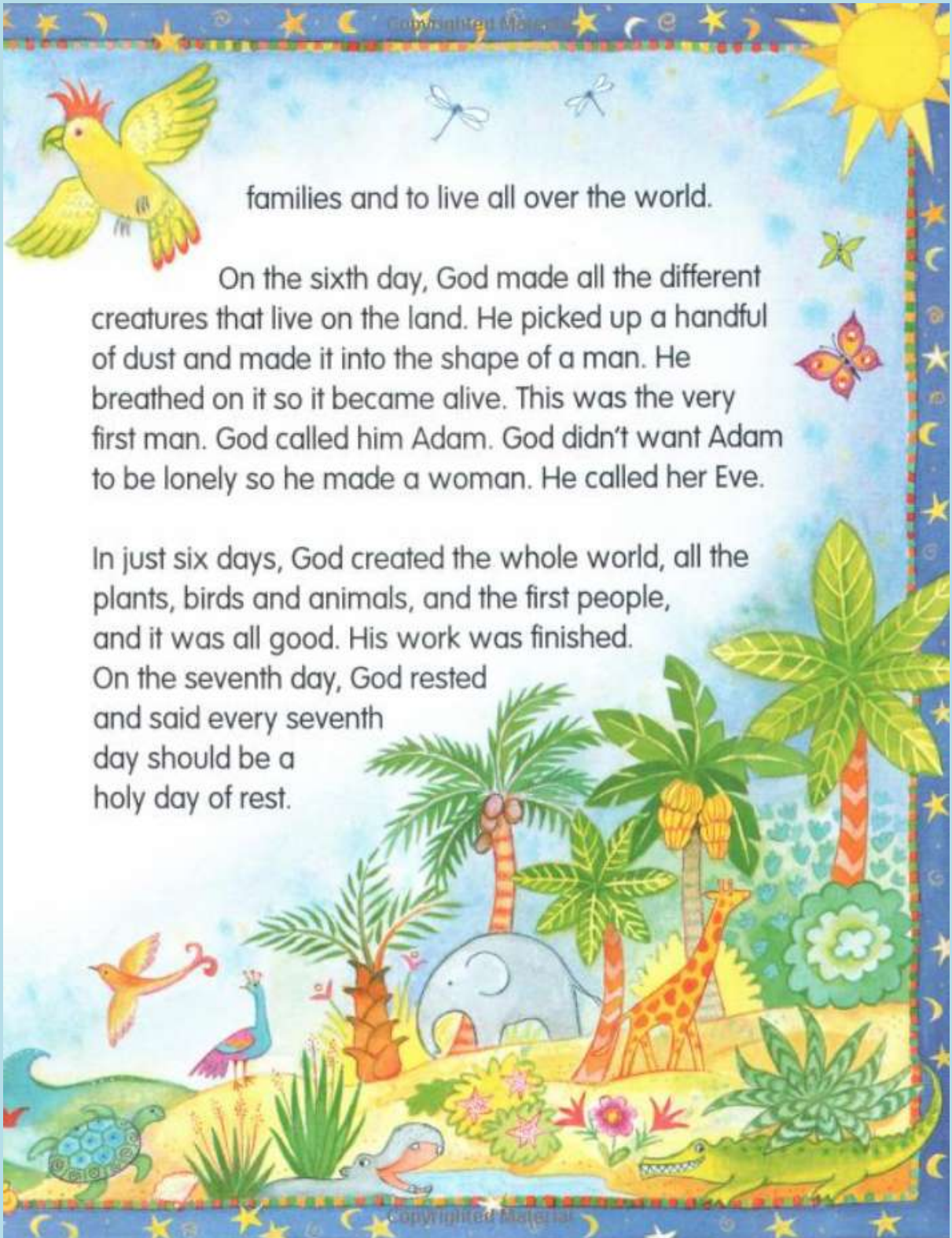
Long, long ago,  
there was no world, no sky, no sun or stars, not  
even any day or night. There was only swirling water in  
a huge dark empty space. Then God made light and this  
was the very first day.

On the second day, God made the sky. Under the sky  
was nothing but water. God collected the water  
together to make the seas. Between the seas was dry  
land. God then ordered all kinds of plants and trees to  
grow on the land. That was the third day.

The next day, God put the sun in the sky to shine  
during the day and the moon to shine at night.

On the fifth day, God said that all kinds of  
creatures should swim in the seas and all  
kinds of birds should fly in the sky. He  
blessed them, told them to have their





families and to live all over the world.

On the sixth day, God made all the different creatures that live on the land. He picked up a handful of dust and made it into the shape of a man. He breathed on it so it became alive. This was the very first man. God called him Adam. God didn't want Adam to be lonely so he made a woman. He called her Eve.

In just six days, God created the whole world, all the plants, birds and animals, and the first people, and it was all good. His work was finished. On the seventh day, God rested and said every seventh day should be a holy day of rest.



# Adam and Eve

Adam and Eve lived in a beautiful garden God made specially for them. It was full of flowers and fruit trees. God told Adam he could eat the fruit from any of the trees, except the ones that grew on the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. If he ate that, he would die.

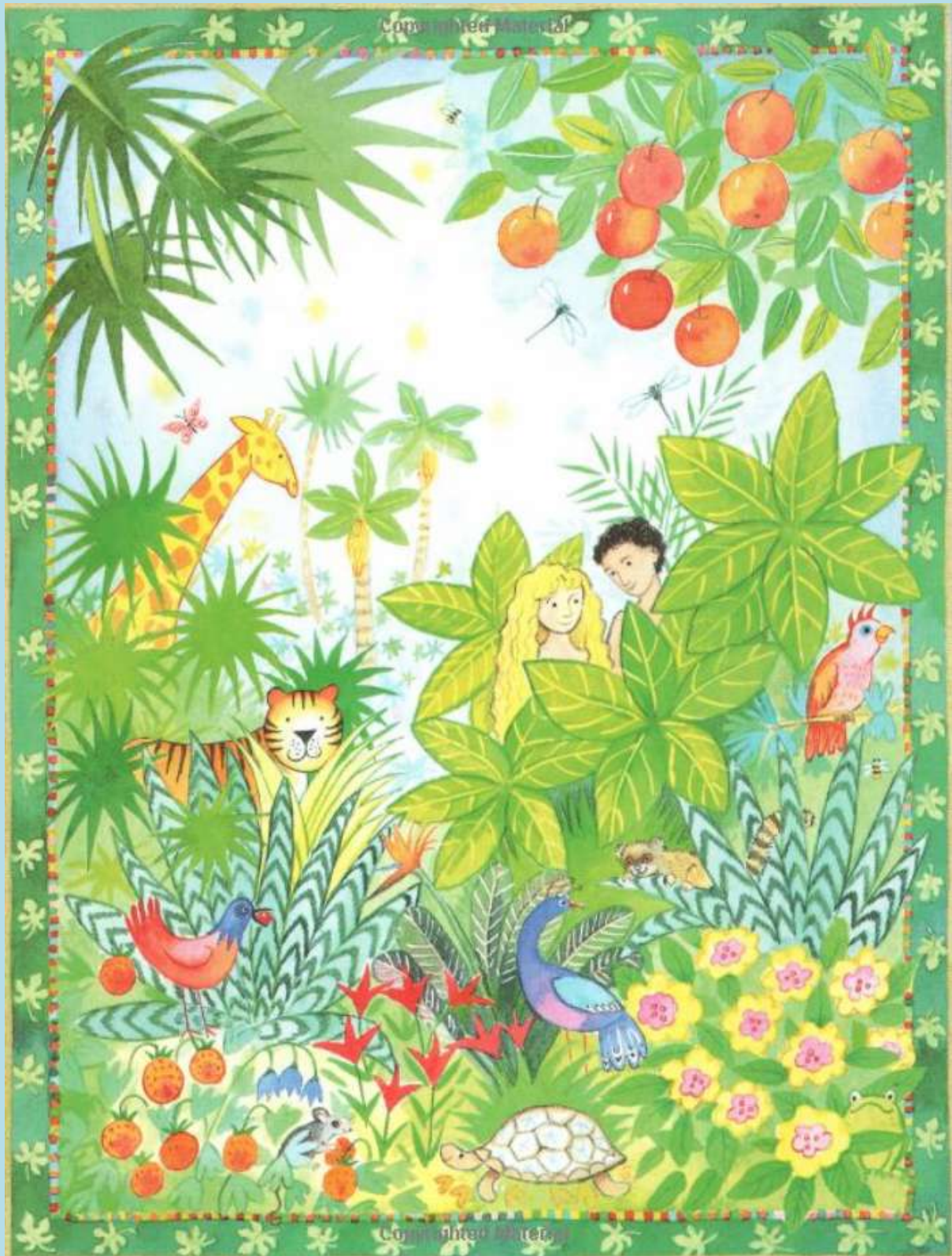
Adam and Eve were very happy in the garden. There were sparkling rivers and every kind of animal and bird. Adam and Eve made friends with them all. Sometimes, God walked in the garden with Adam and Eve on warm summer evenings and talked to them.

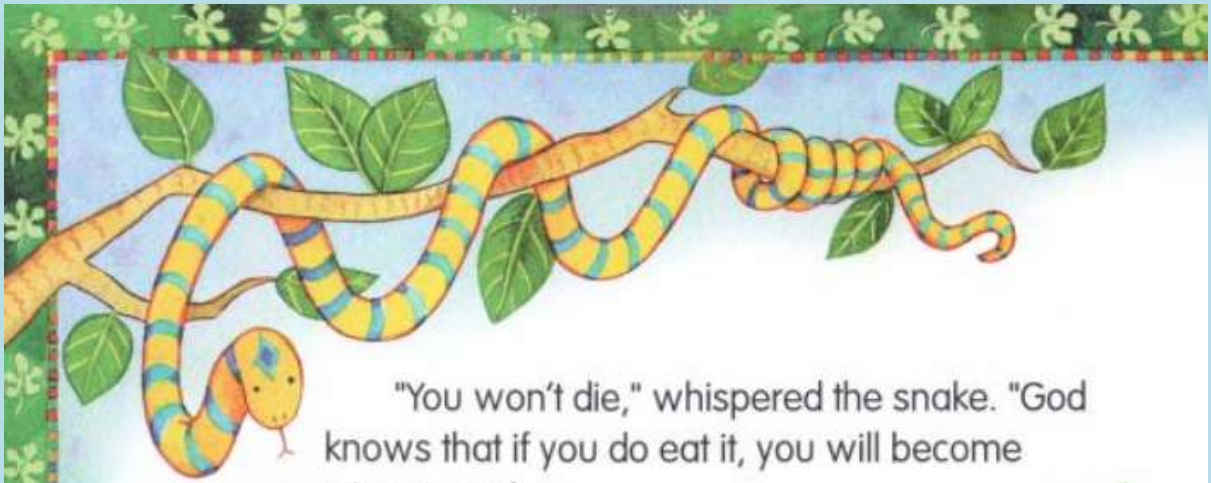


A snake lived in the Garden. One sleepy afternoon, it slithered up to Eve and whispered in her ear. "Did God say you could eat the fruit of all the trees?" it asked.

"Yes," replied Eve, "except the fruit on the Tree of Knowledge in the middle of the Garden. If we touch or eat those, we shall die."

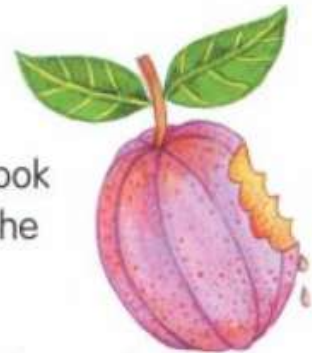






"You won't die," whispered the snake. "God knows that if you do eat it, you will become as wise as gods."

Eve walked slowly to the special tree. The fruit looked delicious. She picked one and took a big bite out of it. When Adam came up, she gave him the rest of the fruit to eat.



Then Adam and Eve looked at each other and saw for the first time that they had no clothes on. They felt very shy. They rushed away and sewed leaves together to make clothes before they could look at each other again.



That evening, God walked in the Garden. "Adam," He called, "where are you?"

"I'm here. I'm hiding from you because I know now that I was naked," said Adam.



"How do you know? Have you eaten the fruit I told you not to touch?" asked God.

"Eve gave it to me," said Adam.

"Why did you disobey me?" God asked Eve.

"The snake told me to," said Eve.

"Because you have disobeyed me, you must leave my Garden," said God. "You will have to work hard to grow food. The ground will be rough and stony and full of thorns and thistles. And when you grow old, you will die."

God watched Adam and Eve go out of the Garden. They had to begin their new, hard life on Earth. They were very miserable.

God sent an angel with a flaming sword to guard the Garden of Eden so that no one could ever go into it again.

