

Adam and Eve (Genesis 1 - 3)

In the beginning, God made everything. God spoke and there was light. He made the sky. He separated the land and the sea and he put plants on the land. He arranged the world in the universe in a way that there is day and the night and there are different seasons. God made creatures to swim in the sea and birds to fly in the air and then he made animals to live on the land. Then God made people and the bible calls them Adam and Eve, which means 'Man' and 'Woman'. He made them 'in his image', that means they were like him and he gave them a special job to look after his creation and God gave them a beautiful garden to live in.

God gave them one rule which was good for them. He said:

"Adam, Eve, you can eat the fruit from any tree in the garden BUT not the fruit on the tree of good and evil. You must not eat that fruit. If you do you will die!"

Adam and Eve loved God and they loved each other and they loved the garden with all the animals and plants. Everything in the garden was good, just how God wanted it to be. They walked around the garden together enjoying everything that God had given them.

Then something bad happened. One day an evil snake tried to trick them. He slithered up to Eve and said, "Did God really say you could not eat from any tree in the garden?"

Eve knew what God had said, so she told the evil snake, "God said we could eat the fruit of any tree, but not the tree that is in the middle, if we do we will die."

Then the evil snake lied. He said, "You will not die! God just doesn't want you to be like him."

Eve listened to the evil snake and she looked at the fruit. It did look delicious and now she really wanted some. Maybe it wouldn't really matter. Maybe the snake was right and God was wrong. As she looked at the fruit her mouth began to water and she kept on looking at the fruit and she wanted it. She wanted to be wise like God.

Then she went to the tree and took a piece of fruit and ate it.

Adam went to Eve and she gave him some and he ate it as well.

As soon as they did that they both knew they had done something very wrong. They had disobeyed God. They really wanted to hide from God so they went and hid behind the trees in the garden.

God knew what they had done and he was very sad and angry.

God called to Adam and Eve and they came out from where they were hiding and told him what had happened – he already knew. Adam blamed Eve and Eve blamed the evil snake.

God told them that everything was different now and they could no longer live for ever in this beautiful garden or walk with him in the garden as friends do. God said they had to leave the garden and he also told them that making food grow in the earth would be really hard work and their friendship with each other would be more difficult.

So Adam and Eve left the garden and God placed an angel at the entrance to guard it. But God still cared about Adam and Eve and he made them clothes to wear and he watched over them.