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God's Covenant of Life

When God made Adam and Eve, he put them in a beautiful garden. God gave them everything he made to use and enjoy. But God held back only one thing.

God said to Adam, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die."

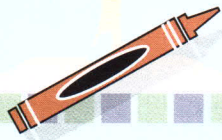
This was God's covenant with Adam. God made a promise that he would keep. God promised life if Adam obeyed God's command. Adam's part was to trust God and do what God said.

God loved Adam and Eve very much. He knew that they could not live without him. They depended on him for everything. God wanted Adam and Eve to trust him enough to obey his Word.

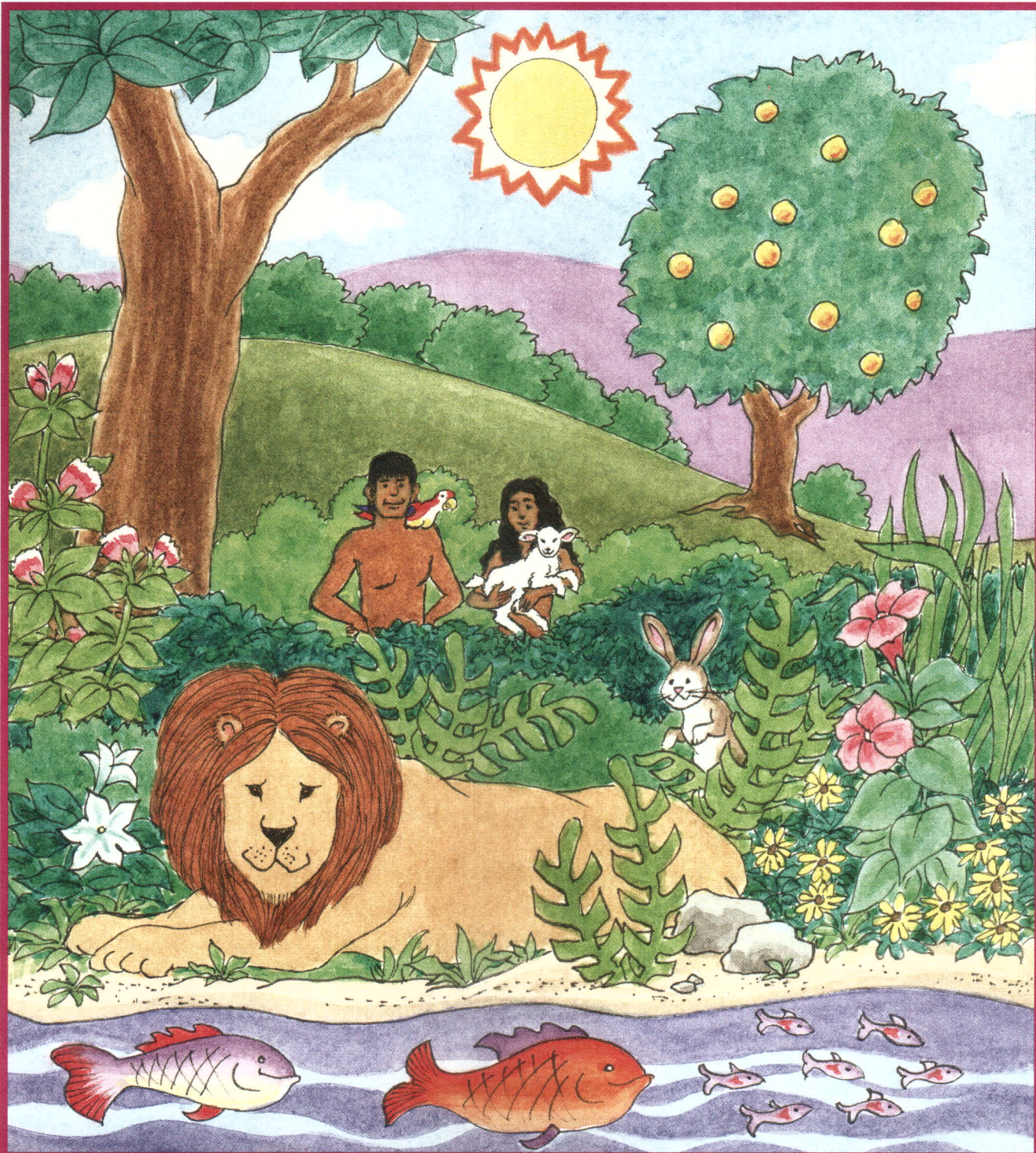
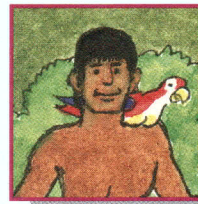
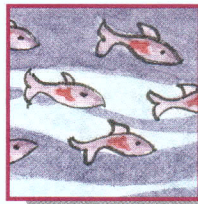
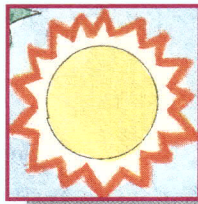
God made Adam holy and happy. God made Adam able to do what was right. But would Adam keep the covenant God made with him? Adam had to choose whether he would obey God or disobey God.

Bible story based on Genesis 2:8–17.

In the Garden



Find and circle the little pictures in the big picture.
What was the Garden of Eden like?



Choosing to Trust and Obey

We need God's power to trust and obey him. Talk about the pictures that show trust and obedience. Draw a picture of yourself giving glory to God by trusting and obeying him.



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This is a picture of me trusting and obeying God.



Dear Family,

This morning your child learned that God established a covenant relationship with Adam. God promised him life on the condition that he obey God's command. God told him not to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when he ate of it he would surely die. This tree provided the opportunity for Adam to choose whether or not he would trust God and obey him. Preschoolers learned that God's children are able to trust and obey only by the power of God in their lives. They need his saving grace through Jesus in order to make choices that glorify their loving heavenly Father. The children were encouraged to trust God and do what he commands.



Projects for you & your child this week . . .



- Borrow a library book about trees and use it to identify the trees in your neighborhood. Praise God for all the different trees he has made.
- Provide paper, pencils, an ink pad and some packaged wipes. Have each person press his or her thumb on the ink pad and then on the paper. Use the pencil to add arms, legs and a head with facial features and hair, write each family member's name under his or her thumbprint portrait. Talk about how each thumbprint is different from anyone else's in the whole world. Talk about how special God has made each person, starting with our first human parents, Adam and Eve.



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Worship together

As you read the Bible or a children's Bible storybook this week, look for examples of obedience or disobedience to God's commands. Help your child see that obedience is a matter of trusting God to give his children the power they need to do what he says.

Pray together, asking God to give your child a heart that is willing to trust and obey him.