



# THE CREATION STORY:

A Kid's Bible Study in Genesis

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# INTRODUCTION TO GENESIS:

Genesis is the first book of the Bible; it focuses on how God created the world, how people came into being, and how sin affected the entire world. While the Book of Genesis records beautiful things, it also records many sad things. However, it is important to learn both the good and the bad in order to understand the world today. Through this Bible study, kids will learn a little about Genesis and the creation story.

With each prompt, take time to think over what you learned and apply its teachings to your life. As a parent, taking things slow with your children and allowing them ample time to soak in everything they are learning is important. If a few of the prompts have to be broken up over the course of several days, know that this is completely okay. Genesis is a large Book of the Bible, which means it contains much more information than what could be included in a single Bible study.

# THE CREATION STORY:

## DAY 1:

GOD CREATED LIGHT, THE UNIVERSE, AND THE EARTH (GENESIS 1:1-5)

## DAY 2:

GOD CREATED THE SKY AND THE ATMOSPHERE (GENESIS 1:6-8)

## DAY 3:

GOD CREATED THE DRY LAND, THE SEA, FRUIT-BEARING TREES, VEGETATION, AND PLANT LIFE (GENESIS 1:9-13)

## DAY 4:

GOD CREATED THE STARS, THE MOON, THE PLANETS, AND EVERYTHING IN OUTER SPACE (GENESIS 1:14-19)

# DAY 5:

GOD CREATED ALL BIRDS AND CREATURES THAT SWIM IN THE WATER (GENESIS 1:20-23)

# DAY 6:

GOD CREATED LAND ANIMALS AND MANKIND (GENESIS 1:24-28)

# DAY 7:

GOD RESTED FROM HIS WORK (GENESIS 2:1-3)

God declares everything to be "very good" after He created it (Genesis 1:31). The light, the earth, the solar system, the plants, all the animals, and humankind were all declared good in God's sight. Once He was finished with His creation, He rested. It is important to note that God did not rest because He was tired. When the Bible tells us He rested, it actually means He was admiring the work of His hands and was proud of what He had accomplished.

# CHALLENGE QUESTIONS:

- Which day of creation is your favorite?
- Did you know the days of creation prior to today?  
How do you feel now knowing that God created all things?
- God declares us as "very good." How does this make you feel?

# DID GOD CREATE THE WORLD IN 6 LITERAL DAYS?

There is much debate on whether or not God created the world in six literal days. The days described in Genesis are literal, 24-hour days and do not represent an infinite amount of time. From what the Bible tells us, each day of creation was a literal 24-hour period—not thousand or millions of years long. The Hebrew word for day is *yom* and there are many different meanings, including a 24-hour day as in Genesis 7:11 or an unknown amount of time as in Genesis 2:4. This is why there is much debate on how long each day was.

We can tell the meaning for *yom* in the creation account of Genesis 1:5–2:2 by understanding the context. When one understands the context, one can see the truth that the usage of the Hebrew word *yom* in Genesis 1:5–2:2 is showing that each day is a full 24-hour day between evening and the morning. This reasoning is consistent throughout the Old Testament because whenever the Bible uses the singular use of day, *yom*, it is referring to a literal 24-hour day, not an extensive amount of years or generations.



Furthermore, the Hebrew word *yom* always refers to a literal 24-hour day when a number is placed before it. It also refers to a literal 24-hour day when it appears with the word "morning" or "evening" and a number is added, such as "And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day" (Genesis 1:23). Therefore, when we look at things from this perspective and interpretation, we can see that God created everything in six literal days and **admired** His work on the seventh day.



# CHALLENGE QUESTIONS:

- Do you believe God created the world in 6 days? Why or why not?
- Isn't it amazing that God created everything in 24-hour days? How does this change your respect and admiration for God?



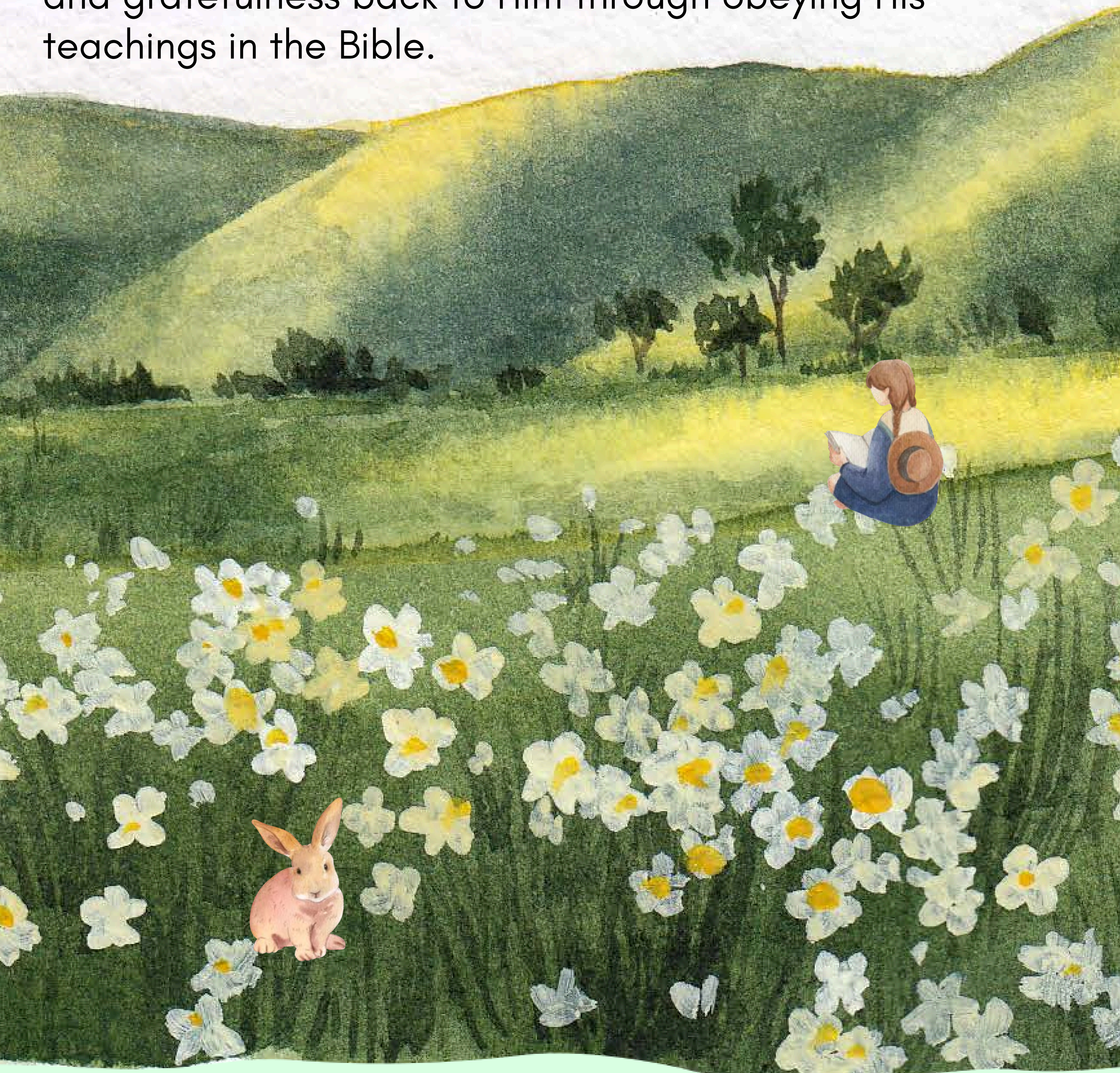


# Are Humans Unique Among God's Creation?

The creation story is clear that humans are unique among God's creation. We are told this by God Himself, "Then God said, 'Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.' So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them" (Genesis 1:26-27).

It is special to point out here that this is one of the first glimpses we have at the Trinity. God said, "Let us make mankind in our image." When God says, "Let us," He is speaking in a plural sense. Therefore, we can ascertain that God was speaking to all members of the Trinity. By us being made in the image of God, we are created in the image of the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. This is a beautiful truth to reflect on and to hold close to our hearts.

Being made in God's image means that we can reason, think, create, extend love, express emotions, and follow Him in obedience. We are unique among the rest of creation because we have been created in the image of God. This is not something to rush over as it shows us God loves us and sets us apart from the rest of His creation. As the prized part of His creation, we need to extend love and gratefulness back to Him through obeying His teachings in the Bible.

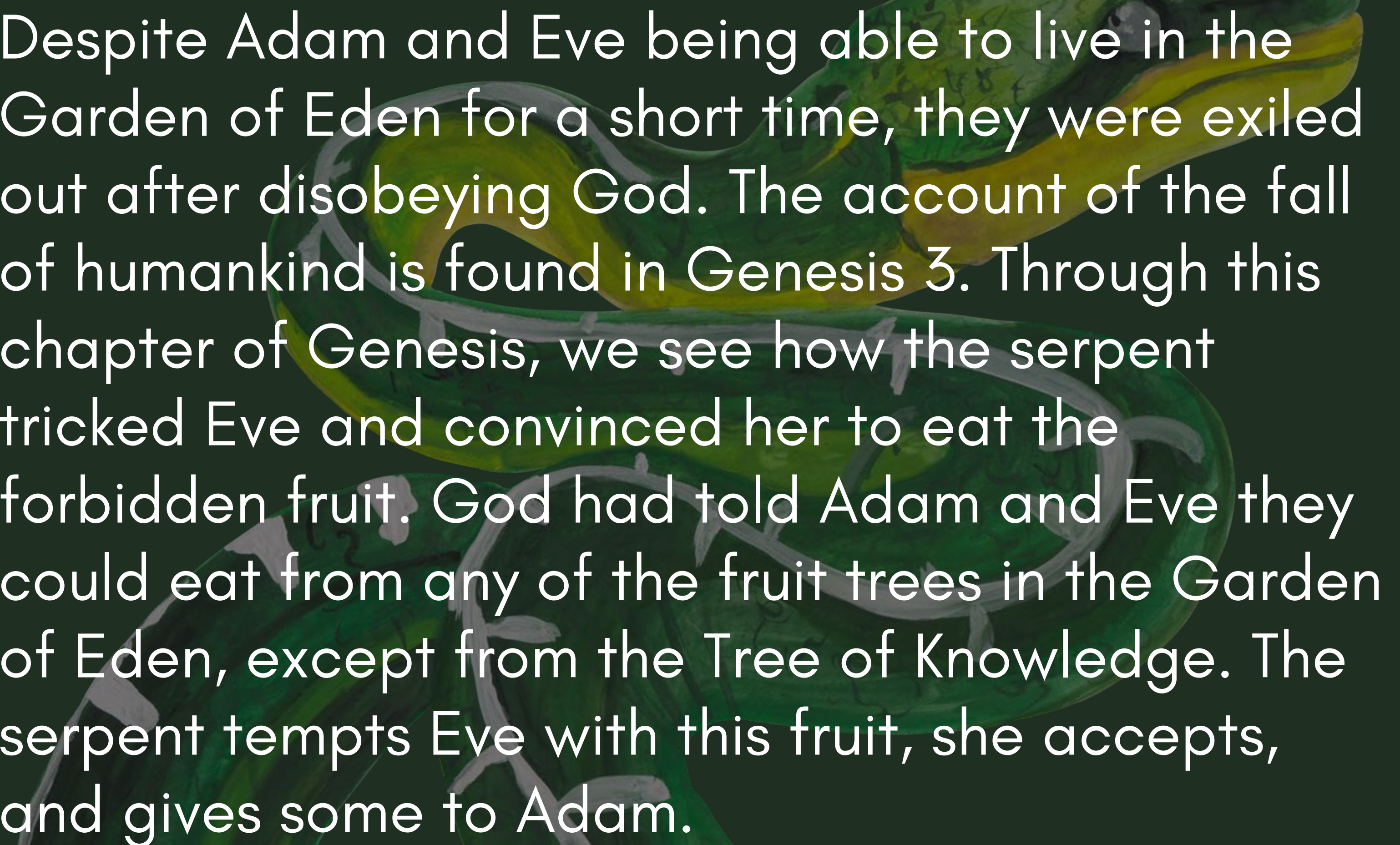




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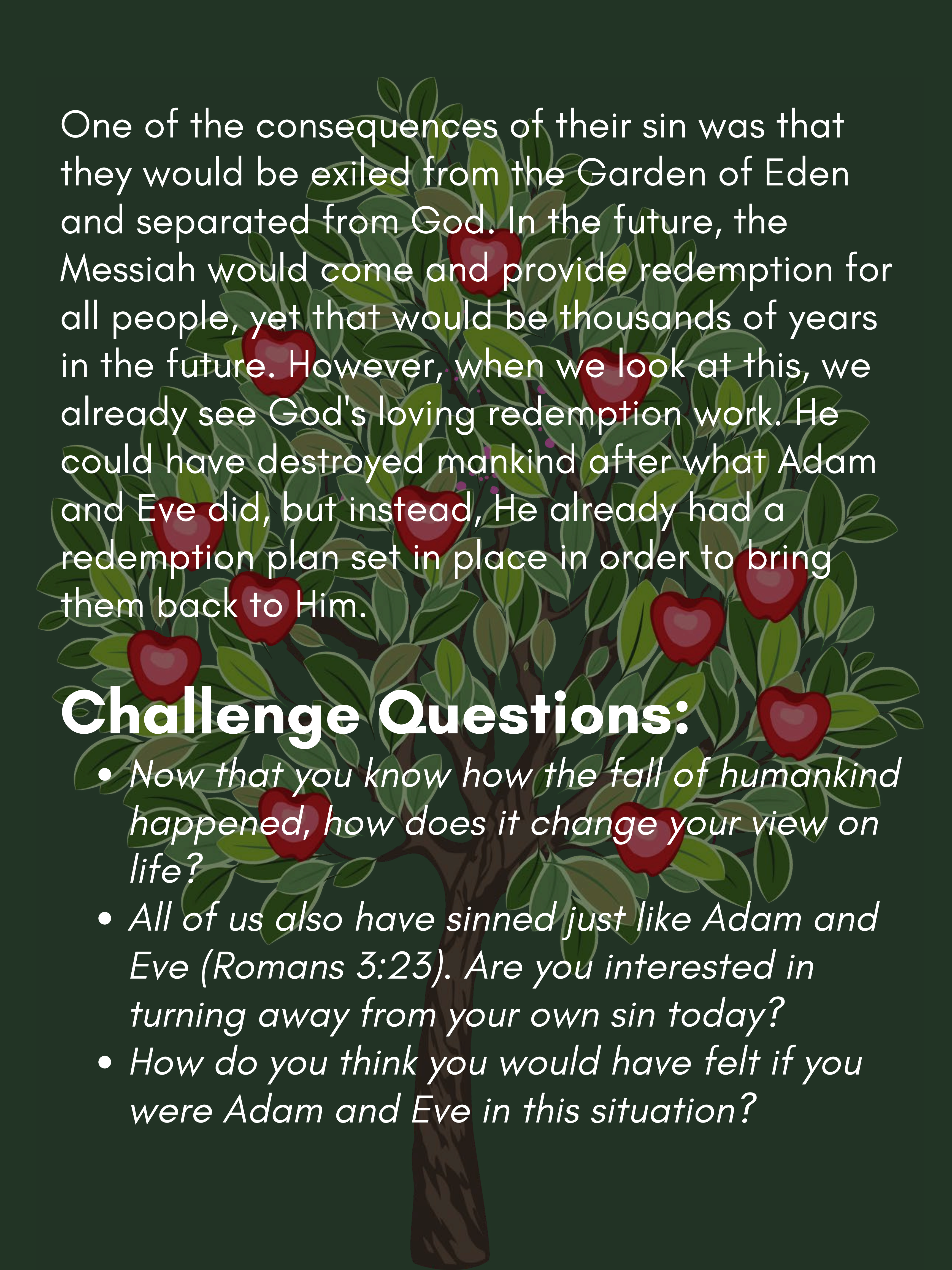
- How do you feel after knowing God created you in His image?
- Being made in God's image comes with many blessings. Which blessing are you holding onto today?
- The Trinity is hinted at in Genesis 1:26-27. Have you ever noticed this before? Does this bring a new light to this passage for you?

# How Did the Fall of Humankind Happen?

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Despite Adam and Eve being able to live in the Garden of Eden for a short time, they were exiled out after disobeying God. The account of the fall of humankind is found in Genesis 3. Through this chapter of Genesis, we see how the serpent tricked Eve and convinced her to eat the forbidden fruit. God had told Adam and Eve they could eat from any of the fruit trees in the Garden of Eden, except from the Tree of Knowledge. The serpent tempts Eve with this fruit, she accepts, and gives some to Adam.

Immediately they are aware of their nakedness and shame. They desperately seek out to hide themselves, yet God asks them why they are hiding. In response, they tell Him it is because they are naked. God is already aware of their disobedience and sin, yet He makes clothing for them, which is the first animal sacrifice for their sins. However, He also pronounces curses on Eve, Adam, and the serpent.

A stylized illustration of a tree with a brown trunk and branches, covered in vibrant green leaves and several bright red apples. The background is a solid dark green color. The text is overlaid on the upper portion of the tree.

One of the consequences of their sin was that they would be exiled from the Garden of Eden and separated from God. In the future, the Messiah would come and provide redemption for all people, yet that would be thousands of years in the future. However, when we look at this, we already see God's loving redemption work. He could have destroyed mankind after what Adam and Eve did, but instead, He already had a redemption plan set in place in order to bring them back to Him.

## **Challenge Questions:**

- *Now that you know how the fall of humankind happened, how does it change your view on life?*
- *All of us also have sinned just like Adam and Eve (Romans 3:23). Are you interested in turning away from your own sin today?*
- *How do you think you would have felt if you were Adam and Eve in this situation?*

# What Happened After the Fall?

After the fall, we see the rest of the events of Genesis. There are many terrible people, yet there are also many great followers of the Lord. Through the Book of Genesis, we are introduced to Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Rebekah, Jacob, Leah, Rachel, Joseph, and Noah to name a few. We also start seeing mankind drifting further from God, to which He sends a worldwide flood. This flood is experienced by Noah and his family (Genesis 6:9-9:17).

The only people to survive the flood are Noah, his wife, his three sons, and their wives. Through Noah's sons, the world is repopulated. From them, we have all the present ethnicities of the world. After the flood, many animals also became extinct because they could not survive the roaring waters. The classifications of animals still alive today come from these original animals who were on the Ark.



The Ark was very large and could contain all of these species of animals. Many people argue this point, but it should be noted that the animals on the Ark would have been baby animals. This is how they would have been able to fit all of the animals on the Ark. The animals also would have gone through a semi-hibernation during the days of the worldwide flood.

## Challenge Questions:

- *Are you familiar with the rest of Genesis? If not, do you think you would like to go through the rest of Genesis with your parents?*
- *What do you think about the worldwide flood? Do you think it would have scared you if you were Noah?*
- *All animals were placed on the Ark to continue their lineage for future generations. Which animal is your favorite?*

# Will Our Broken Relationship with God Be Repaired?



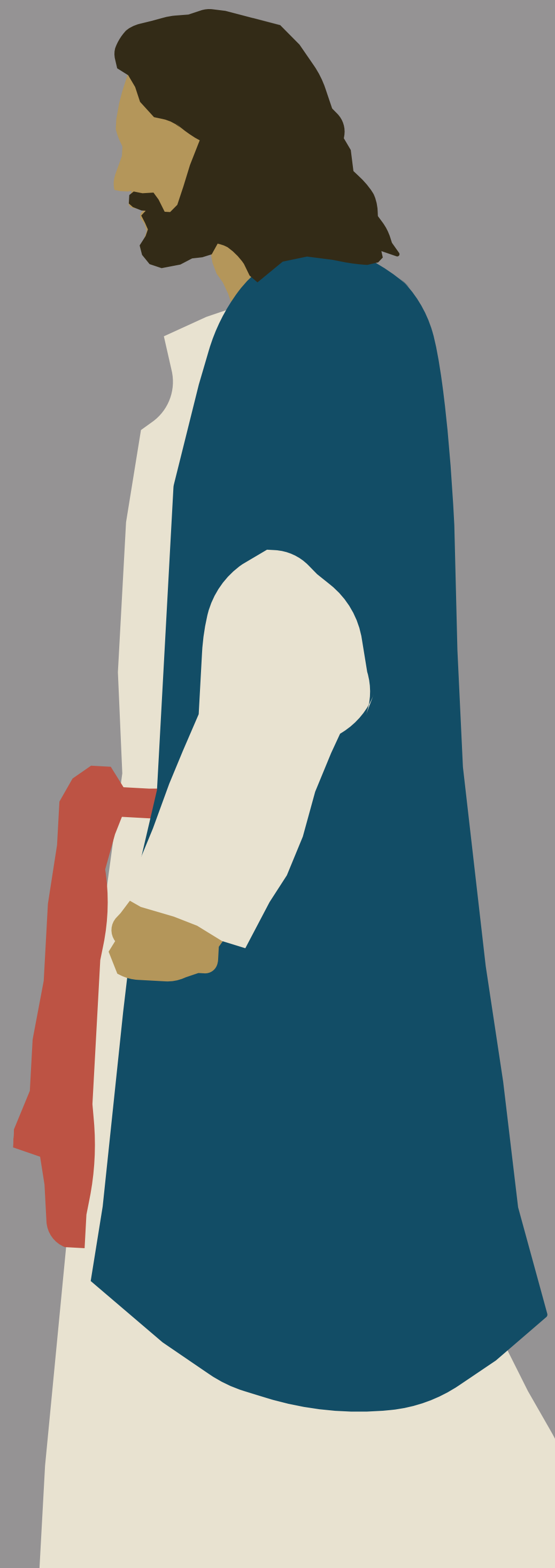
While it is true that our relationship with God has been broken, we can repair it through placing faith in Jesus Christ. Jesus is God's Son who left Heaven in order to die for the bad things we have done. If we believe He died for our sins, was buried, and rose again, then we are given forgiveness of sins, salvation, and eternal life. Salvation is based on faith in Christ alone—not on works (Ephesians 2:8–9).

If you have not placed faith in Jesus today, know that you can. If you need a little more time, know that this is okay too. Keep talking with your parents about it and ask them any questions you have. Jesus loves you and He will be your best friend if you allow Him to be. If you choose to place faith in Jesus, know that He will always be with you and He will always protect you. Just as your parents follow Jesus, you can follow Him too when you are ready.



# Challenge Questions:

- Have you placed faith in Jesus yet? If not, is this something you want to do?
- If you have already placed faith, how can you start growing in your relationship with Him today?
- How can mom and dad help you in your knowledge of the Bible?



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