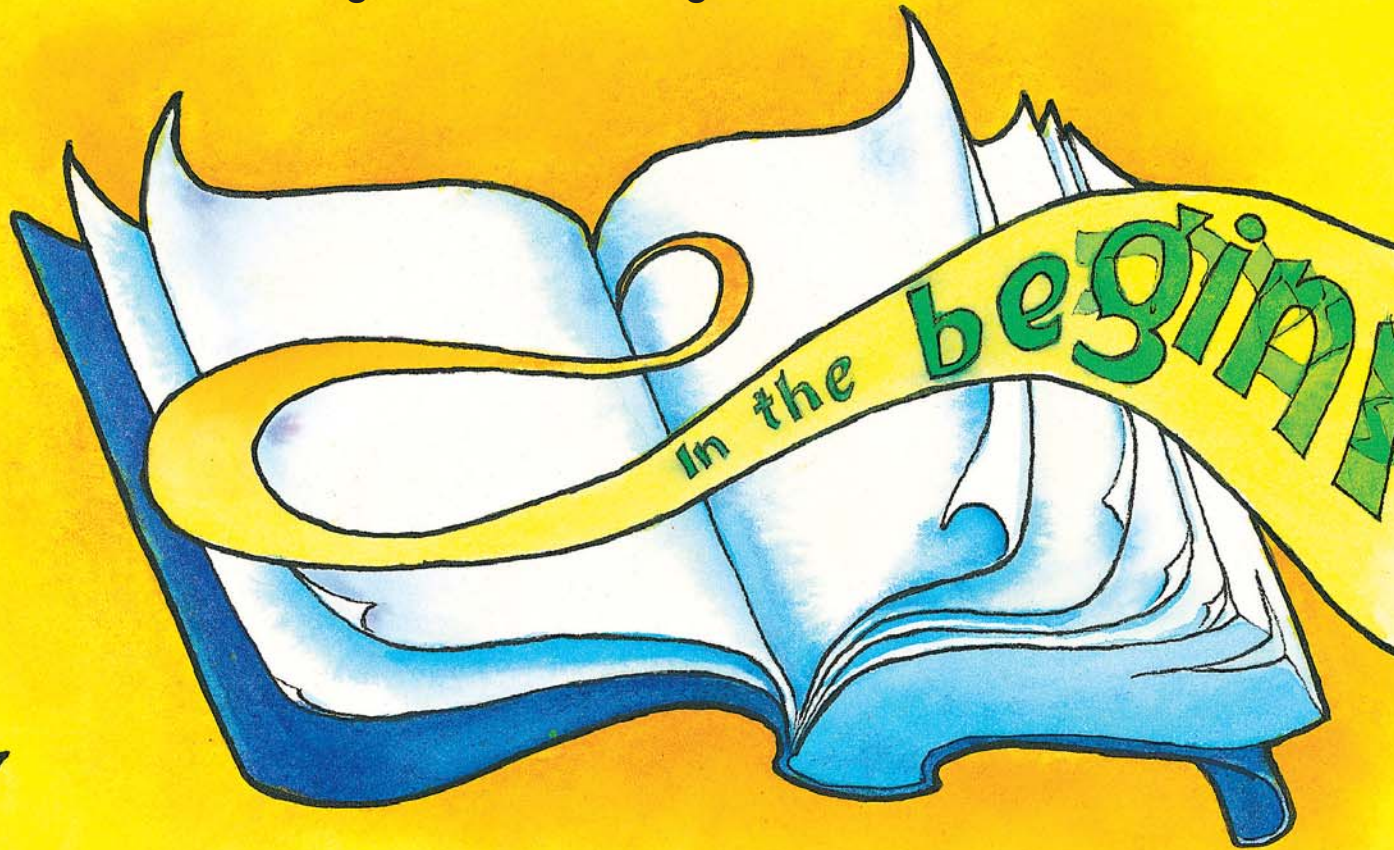




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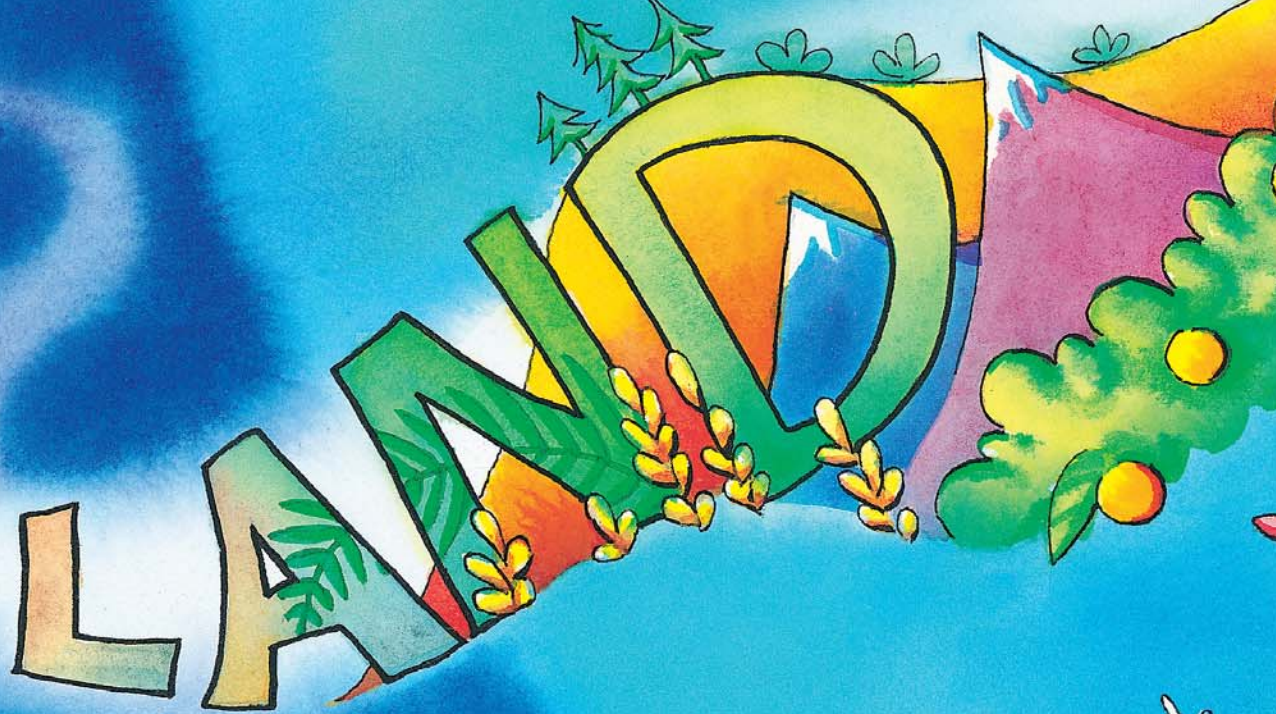
The Bible is God's story,
and it begins with these big words:





In the beginning, GOD

“In the beginning,
God created the heavens and the earth.”



LAND

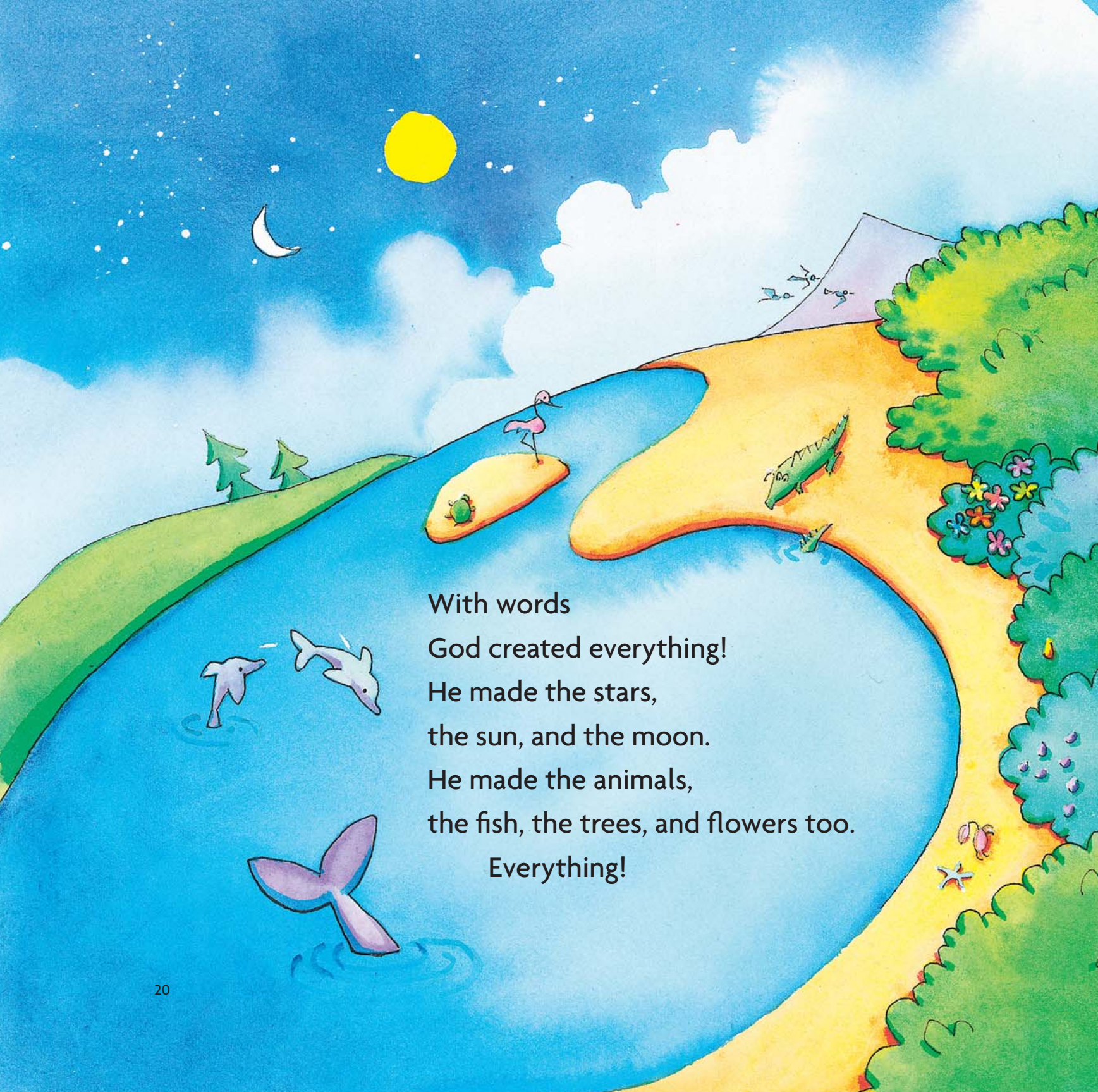
The word 'LAND' is rendered in large, colorful, stylized letters. The 'L' is yellow and green. The 'A' is green with a leaf. The 'N' is green with a leaf. The 'D' is yellow and green with a mountain peak. The letters are decorated with various nature elements like trees, flowers, and a butterfly.



CREA

The word 'CREA' is rendered in large, colorful, stylized letters. The 'C' is blue with a starfish. The 'R' is purple with a fish. The 'E' is purple with a fish. The 'A' is purple with an octopus. The letters are decorated with various sea life elements like a starfish, a fish, and an octopus.

Do you know how God created everything?



With words
God created everything!
He made the stars,
the sun, and the moon.
He made the animals,
the fish, the trees, and flowers too.
Everything!

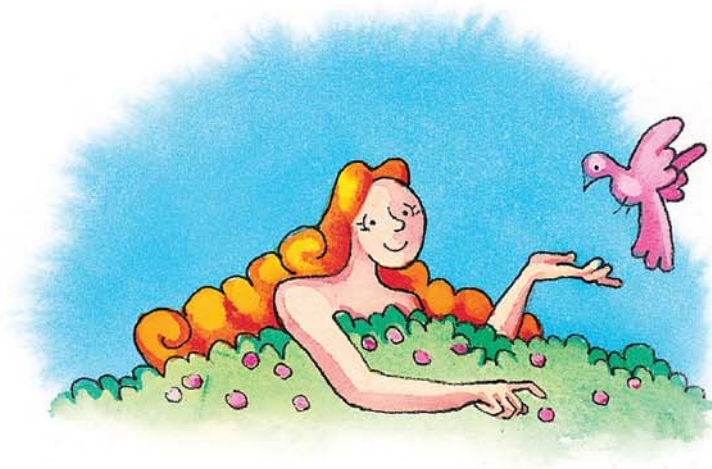


With words God even created . . .

People!

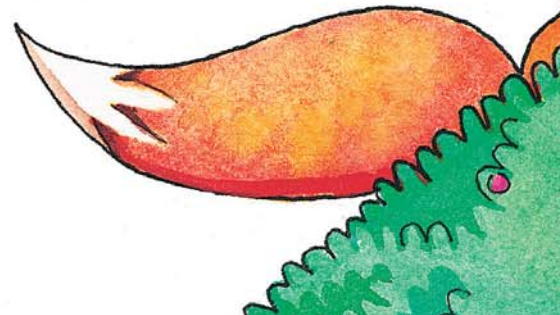






Can you see Adam and Eve?

God put his people in the Garden of Eden.
They were made in the image of God.
They were to be the rulers of God's place.



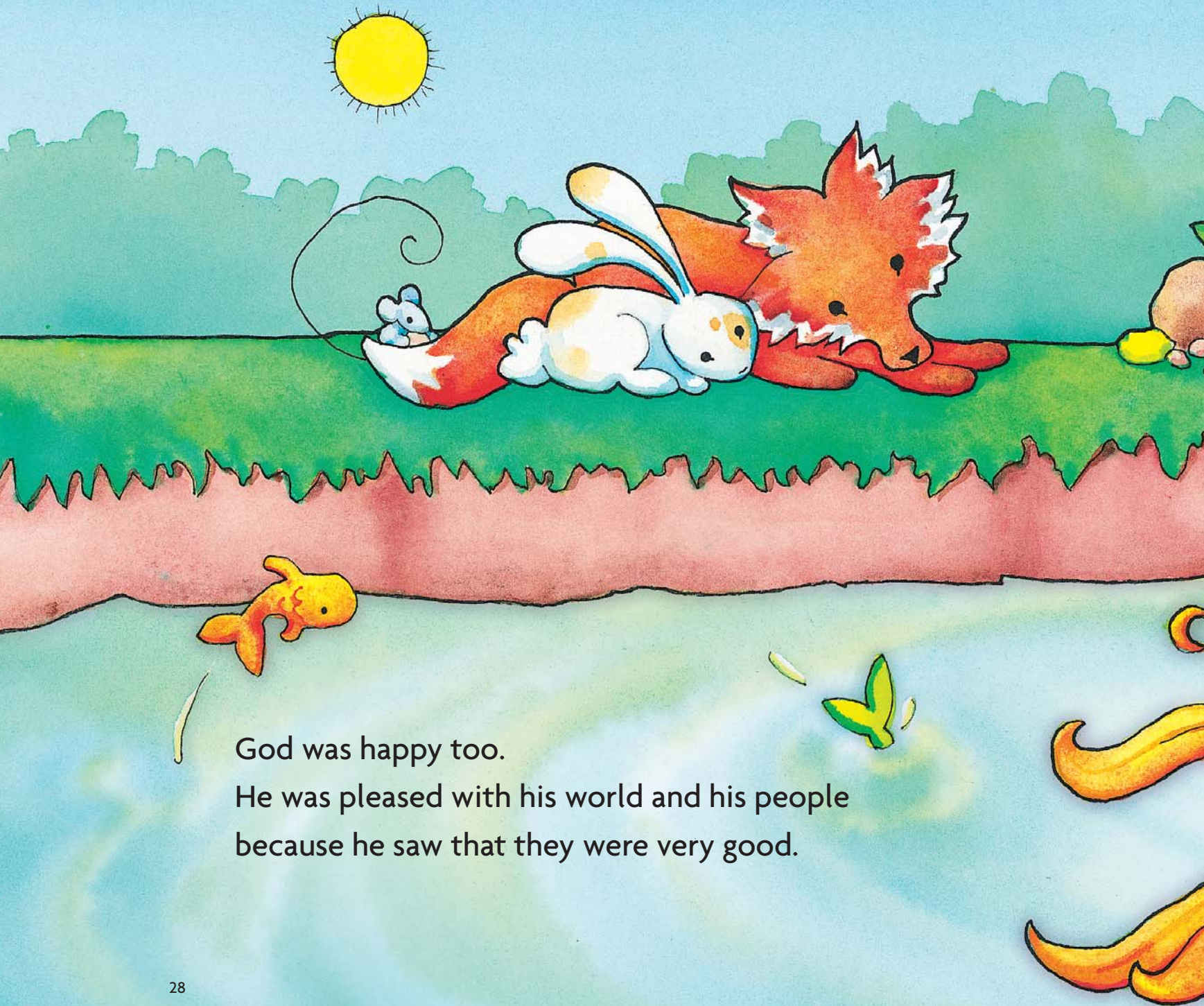




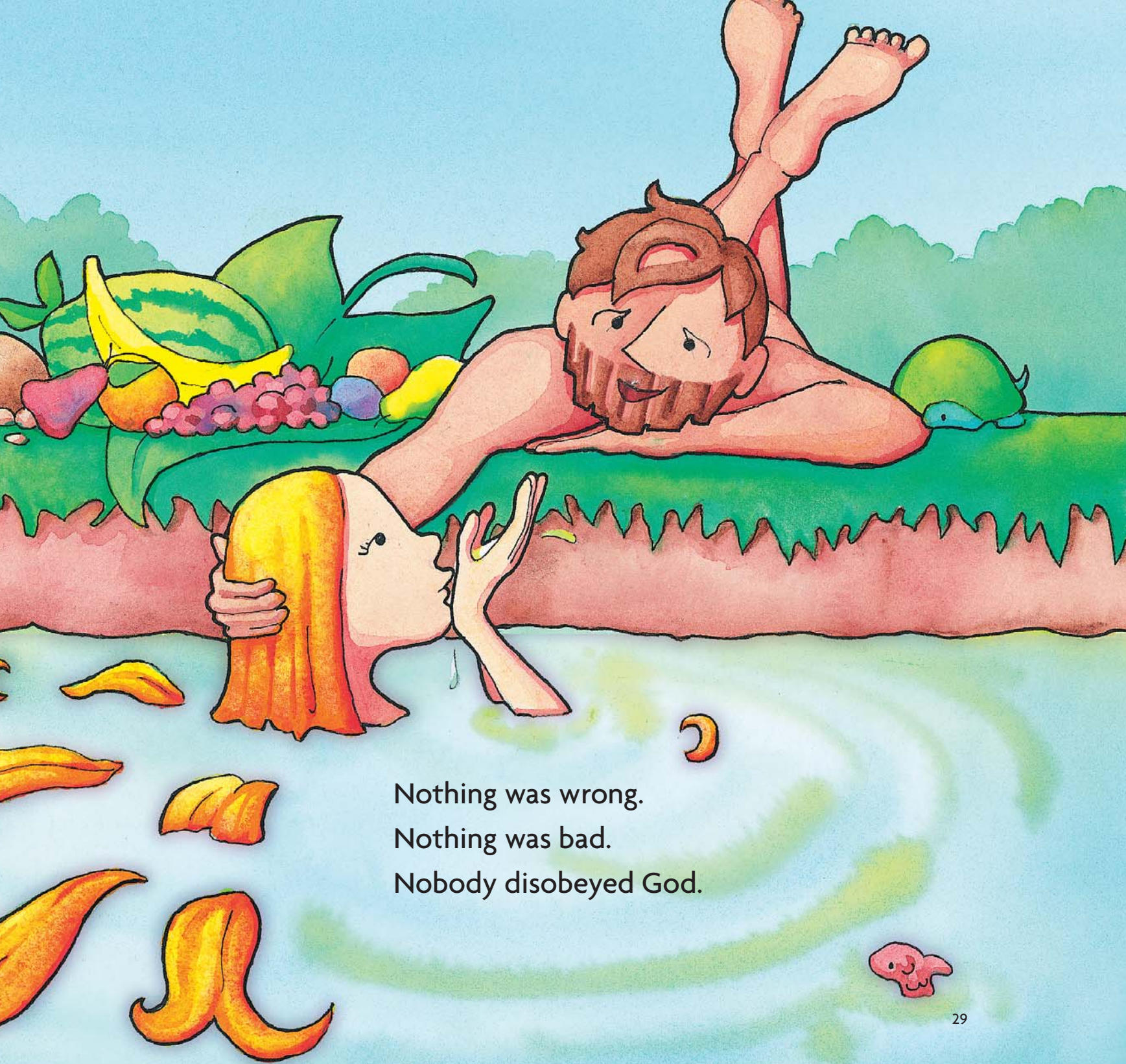
Adam and Eve were very special to God.
Did you know that you are also very special to God?
You are special because you are made in his image too!



Being created in the image of God must have made Adam and Eve very, very happy.



God was happy too.
He was pleased with his world and his people
because he saw that they were very good.



Nothing was wrong.
Nothing was bad.
Nobody disobeyed God.



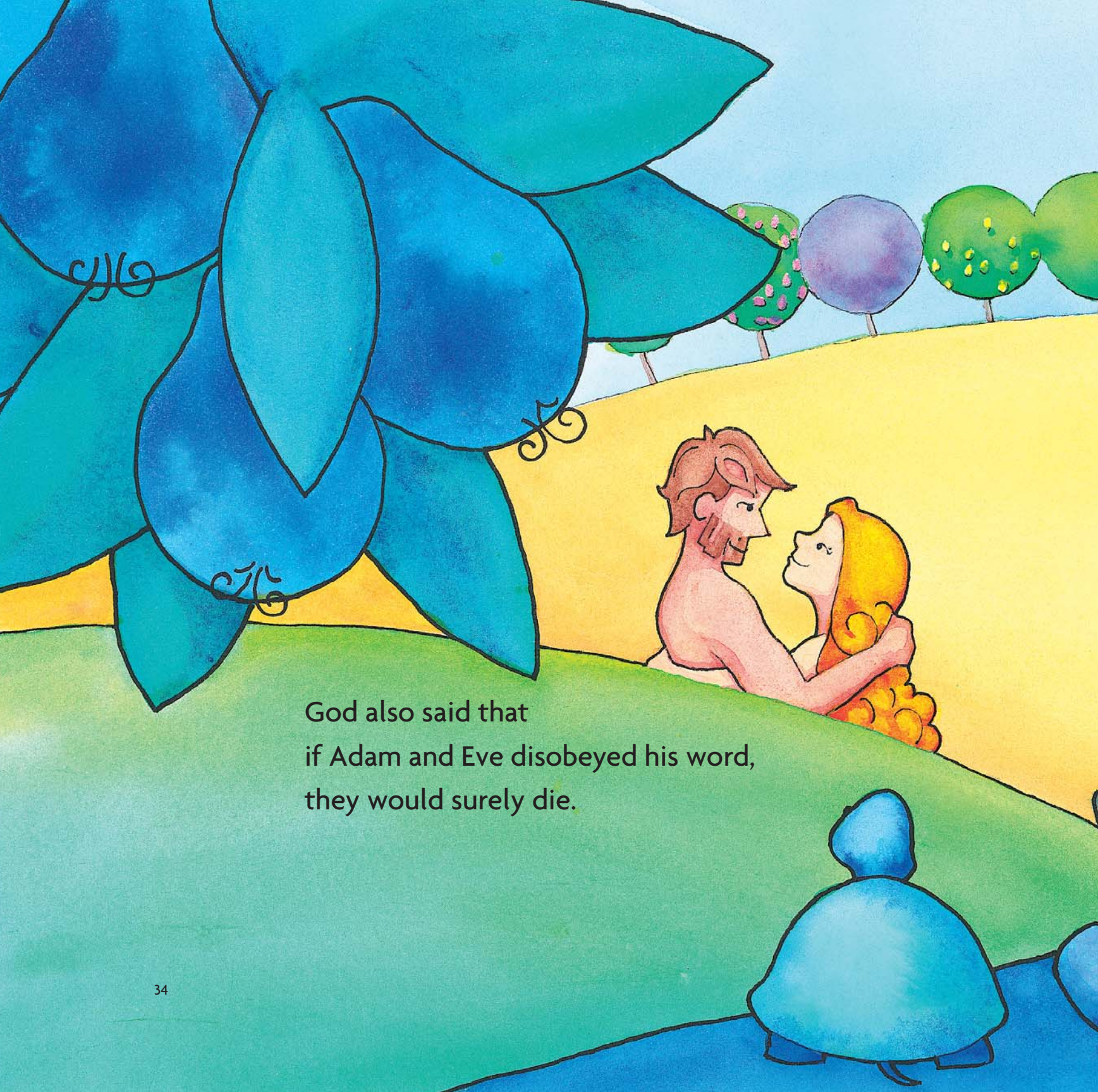


In the very good beginning,
everything and
everyone
knew how good God was.



God gave Adam and Eve good words to obey.
He told them not to eat from a special tree.
You see, God was teaching Adam and Eve
that he was their king,
that people were to obey God's word.





God also said that
if Adam and Eve disobeyed his word,
they would surely die.

So God's people, Adam and Eve,
lived in God's place, the Garden of Eden.
And they ruled God's world
by obeying his good word.

Do you know
what happened
next?

