

Kids' Chronicle

Adam and Eve disobey God

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God took an amount of soil from the ground of the new earth he had created and molded it into the shape of a man. He breathed on the figure and the man came alive. God wanted a suitable place for the man to live, so he created a garden. He planted lush foliage, fragrant flowers, and trees with delicious, colorful fruit. In the center of the garden was the most important plant of all, a tree whose fruit yielded the knowledge of good and evil.

"Everything in this garden is yours," God told the man. "I ask only that you do not eat of the tree of knowledge. If you do, you will die."

God was pleased with everything he had made, but he did not want the man to be alone. With the soil of the ground he made animals and birds. Then he brought them to the man to receive names. But the man was still alone. So God put the man to sleep, removed one of his ribs, and changed the rib into a new being called a woman.

When the man saw the woman and found out how she had come to be, he said, "O, God, you made her out of my own flesh and blood. I will love her as if she were a part of me."

One of the creatures God had made was the snake. The snake was very crafty and devious. When the woman was alone, the snake said to her, "Is it true God will let you eat the fruit of the tree of knowl-



Illustration by Amy Sundstrom

edge?"

The woman answered, "Yes. If we eat that fruit, we will die."

"You won't die if you eat it. God just doesn't want you to have that knowledge, because then you will be like him."

"It is such a beautiful tree," the woman said. She reached out and took a bite of the ripe fruit of the tree. It was so deli-

cious, she gave a piece to the man. He ate it, too. As soon as they had eaten the fruit, they both received knowledge. They saw they did not have any clothes and were embarrassed. They immediately made garments out of fig leaves.

Later that day, when God was walking through the garden, the man and the woman hid from him. He called out to them. The man finally answered back.

"Why did you hide?" God asked.

"I did not have any clothes," the man said. "I was ashamed."

"How did you know that?" God asked. "Did you eat of the tree I told you not to eat from?"

"The woman gave me the fruit and I ate it."

Then God said to the woman, "Why did you eat the fruit and give it to the man?"

"The snake fooled me and I ate it," the woman answered.

God was angry at what the man and woman had done. He put them out of the garden and told them they would now have to work hard to provide for their own needs. Then he put guards in front of the tree, so that no one would ever eat

from it again.

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Q&A

1. What was the man made of?
2. What was the man's punishment for eating the fruit?

Bible Trivia

"Genesis" means origin. What does "Exodus" mean?

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Puzzle

Using the letters from the words in the following sentence, how many names of books in the Bible can you find? Letters may be used only as often as they appear in the sentence.

Answers can be found on Page 5.

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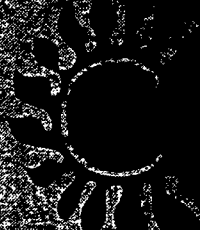
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Bible Answer

Genesis means origin. What does "Exodus" mean?

Exodus means "to go out" or "departure." It refers to the Israelites' journey out of Egypt.

Noah built an ark because God told him to, and because God told him to, he ignored the criticism of his neighbors and saved his family and animals from the flood.

Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed because of their wickedness.


Jacob and his sons were the founders of the twelve tribes of Israel. Joseph became a ruler in Egypt because of his wisdom.

Adam and Eve were made of clay and sinned by eating the fruit of the tree of knowledge.

Bartholomew was one of the twelve apostles.

Matthew was one of the twelve apostles.

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