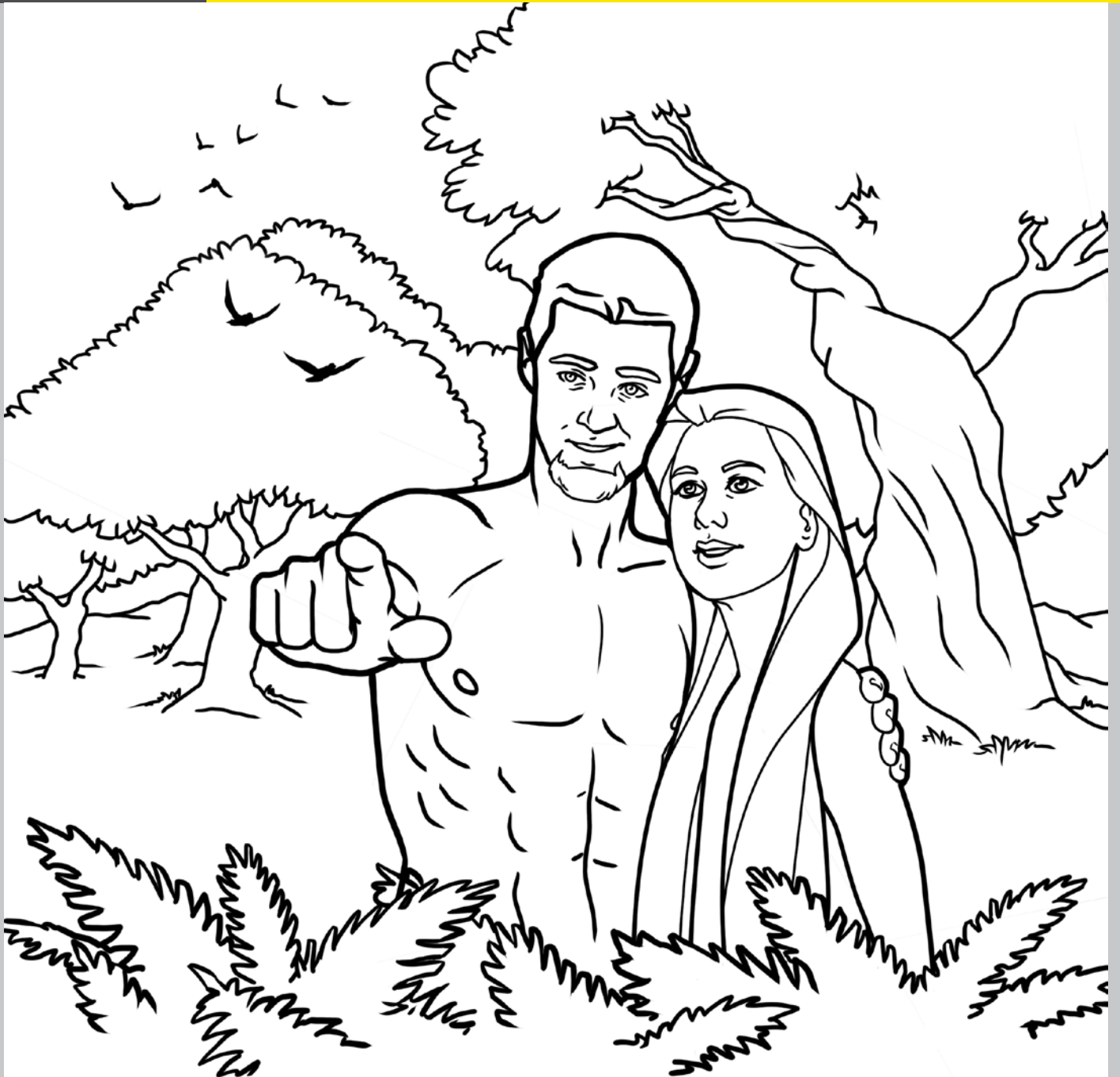




Imperial Academy Bible Lessons



Creation

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Close your eyes and imagine nothing but coldness. You cannot see the sun, the moon or the stars. There are no animals or people. There is no land. There is nothing but darkness.

This frozen, dark, dead world that you just imagined is what our planet was like 6,000 years ago!

Why was Planet Earth cold and dead? God did not create it this way. When He first created the Earth, it was a beautiful paradise, full of life and light! So how did it become cold, dark and dead?

THE ANGELS

Before God created Earth, He created many, many angels. These were wonderful spirit beings who served God. God put some of these angels on Earth to help make it more beautiful.

But something went wrong!

One of the greatest angels began to change his thinking: He began to think a lot about himself. He began to think he was so beautiful and smart that he could rule the universe better than God.

This angel's name was Lucifer. He rebelled against God and convinced many other angels to rebel too. These evil angels fought a *war* against God! But God defeated them and cast them back down to Earth.

By the time the war was over, Lucifer and the evil angels had ruined the beautiful planets, moons and stars God had created. Earth became dark, cold and dead.

God changed Lucifer's name to *Satan*, which means "enemy."

THE RE-CREATION

About 6,000 years ago, God *renewed* the Earth. God was getting it ready, not as a home for angels, but as a home for a *new* kind of being. This type of being would *look like God!* This type of being could be born into God's Family! This special creation is called a human being—and *you* are a human being!

God chose to renew the Earth and prepare it for human beings in seven days.

On the first day, God moved over the surface of the water and said, "Let

there be light.” Then light once again appeared on Earth. God divided the light from the darkness.

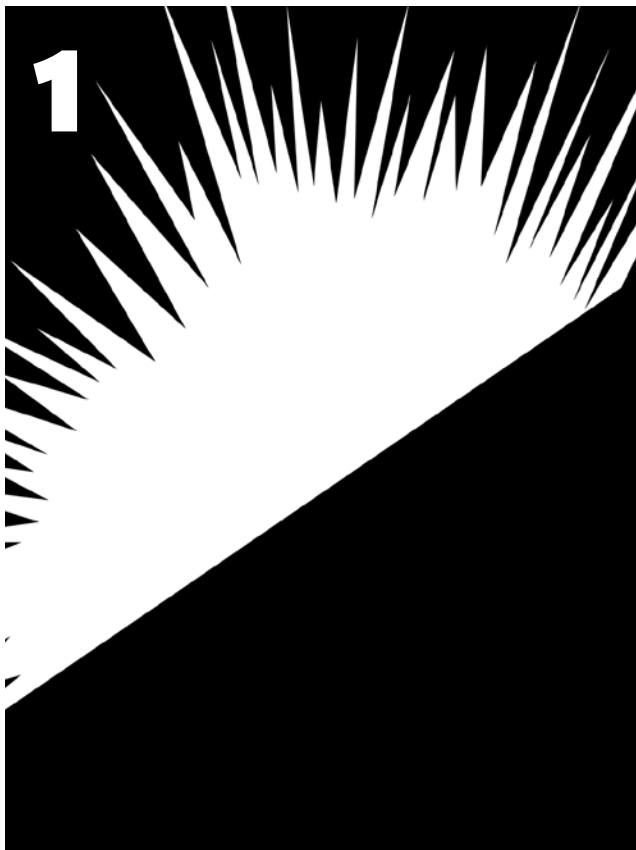
On the second day, God melted and purified the frozen and murky water. As the water warmed, steam and vapor rose into the sky, turning into great billowing clouds. God filled the sky with fresh air.

On the third day, God raised vast pieces of land up from beneath the water. These became islands and continents. The water flowed down off the land and formed seas and oceans. God then created plants and trees on the land. He also made plants inside the lakes, seas and oceans.

On the fourth day, God created a way for human beings to keep track of time. He caused the spinning and movement of the Earth to measure the length of a day and a year. He caused the movement of the moon to show what a month is. And He caused the movement of the sun and moon relative to the stars to teach us more about how time is measured.

On the fifth day, God made all the birds: eagles, ostriches, kiwis and many others. God also made the creatures that swim in water: dolphins, puffer fish, whales and many others.

On the sixth day, God created land animals: dogs, leopards, elephants

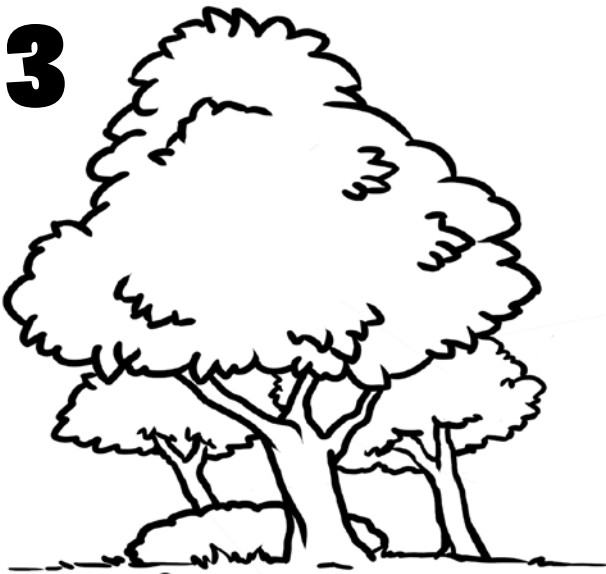


On the first day, God separated light from darkness.



On the second day, God separated the waters and cleansed the air.

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On the third day, God made the dry land and the plants.

and many others. God also made creeping animals, including tiny insects.

And now God was ready for His most important creation! He took some dirt and molded it into a male human being. God called this man *Adam*. He breathed into his nostrils, and Adam became a living person!

Adam was very different from all the other creatures God had made. He looked like God! He could also talk with God. God gave Adam work to do: naming the animals. As he named them, Adam noticed that the male animals had female animals to go with them. But there was no female human being—yet!

God put Adam into a deep sleep. From one of Adam's ribs, God created a woman! When Adam woke up, God presented him with his own wife. Adam named her Eve, which means "mother of all."

On the seventh day, God rested. By resting, He created something else that was new: the Sabbath. The Sabbath is a period of time that God has made holy so that human beings can rest, remember God's creation, worship Him, and learn His law and how to be born into His Family.

THE GARDEN OF EDEN

On the first Sabbath, God started teaching Adam and Eve about His plan for them. After the Sabbath, Adam and Eve worked hard taking care of their home, the Garden of Eden. God continued to teach them about His way of life. They were very happy during this time.

God planted two special trees in the Garden of Eden: the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The tree of life represented God's way of give. God told Adam and Eve that they could live forever in happiness if they ate the fruit from this tree. The tree of the knowledge of good and evil represented Satan's way of get, or selfishness. God warned Adam and Eve that they would die if they ate from this tree.

God had renewed the Earth for Adam and Eve, but Satan and his

evil angels were still on Earth too. They wanted to turn Adam and Eve against God. After God taught Adam and Eve about His way of life, He let Satan test them.

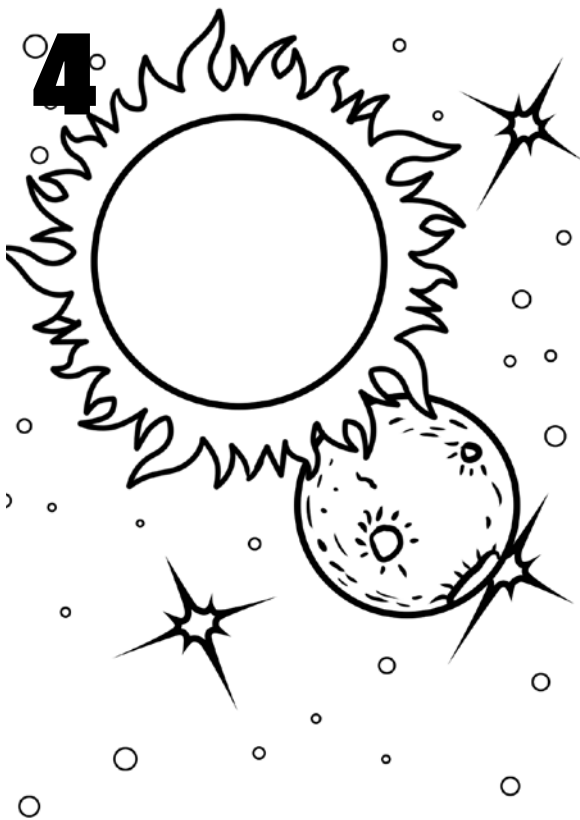
One day, Eve was walking in the garden and saw a snake. Snakes did not bite, so she wasn't afraid. But this snake spoke to her! Eve probably didn't know it, but *Satan* was speaking to her through the snake. Eve should have walked away—especially when she heard this creature speak against God. But she did not.

The snake told Eve that God was lying. It said that if she ate from the tree of the knowledge of good

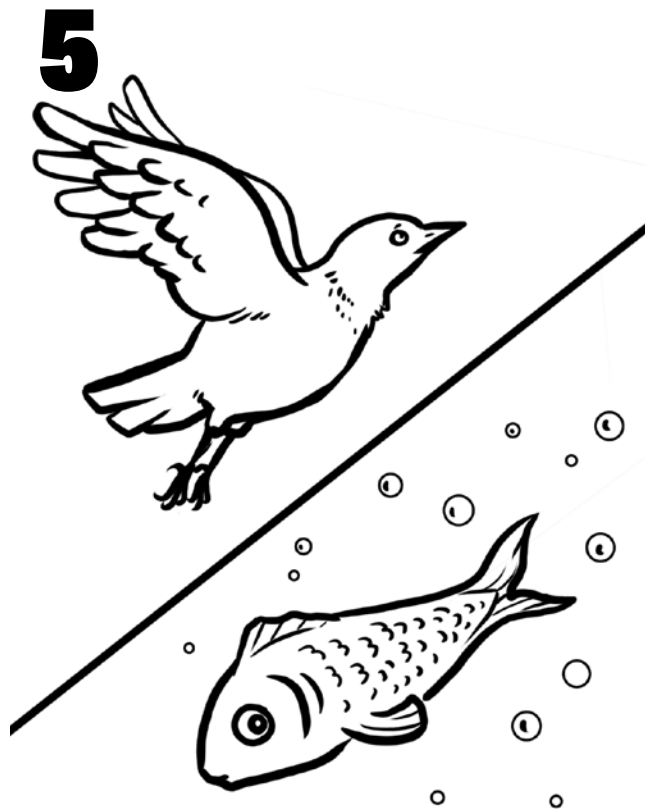
and evil, she would *not* die like God said she would. Instead, she could decide what was good and evil for herself.

Eve was deceived and believed what Satan said through the snake. She disobeyed God and ate a piece of fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Then she took some fruit and gave it to Adam. Adam knew the snake was lying, but he didn't want to tell Eve that she had done something wrong, so he followed her and ate the fruit too.

Suddenly, Adam and Eve became ashamed of the fact that they were naked, so they hid themselves.



On the fourth day, God caused the sun, moon and stars to mark time.

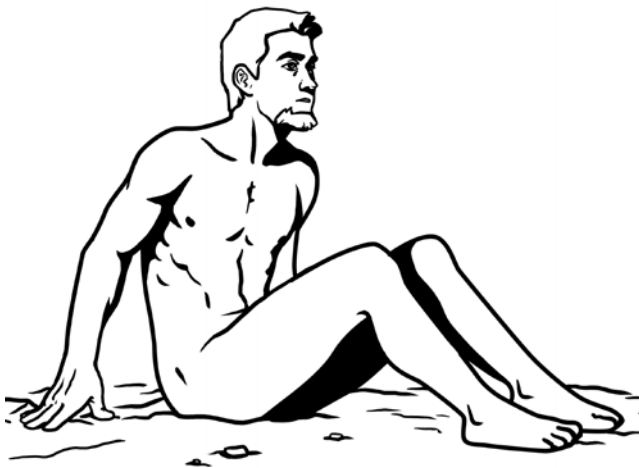


On the fifth day, God made birds and fish.

But God knew where they were. He asked them if they had eaten from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Adam said yes—and that it was Eve’s fault. Eve said it was the serpent’s fault. Instead of saying they were sorry and trying to change, they blamed someone else. They were already falling into a bad attitude.

God was sad about what Adam and Eve did, but He let them make their own choice. God also lets *you* make your own choices. Like Adam and Eve, you can choose to live God’s way of obedience and giving, or you can choose to live Satan’s way of disobedience and selfishness.

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On the sixth day, God made land animals and man.

Because Adam and Eve chose to disobey God, He sent them out of the Garden of Eden. He stationed a righteous angel with a flaming sword at the entrance to the garden to keep them from getting back in and eating fruit from the tree of life. If they had done that, they would not only be living Satan’s way of selfishness and misery, they would live that way *forever*.

When God sent Adam and Eve away, He gave them hope. He told them a Savior would come someday. This Savior would have to die for their sins. Without this sacrifice, they could never repent, never eat from the tree of life and never have eternal life. To remind them of how much they needed this Savior and how much they needed to repent, God told Adam and Eve to kill a lamb and burn it on an altar at certain times of the year.

CAIN AND ABEL

Soon, Adam and Eve had two sons. They named the firstborn Cain and the other Abel. Eve probably thought her firstborn son would be the Savior that God said would come. Adam and Eve likely spoiled Cain, and he grew up to be a prideful, selfish man.

Abel also chose to live Satan’s way of selfishness when he was young. But when he grew older, Abel tried to change and to do what God said, unlike Cain. That is why the Bible calls him “righteous Abel.”

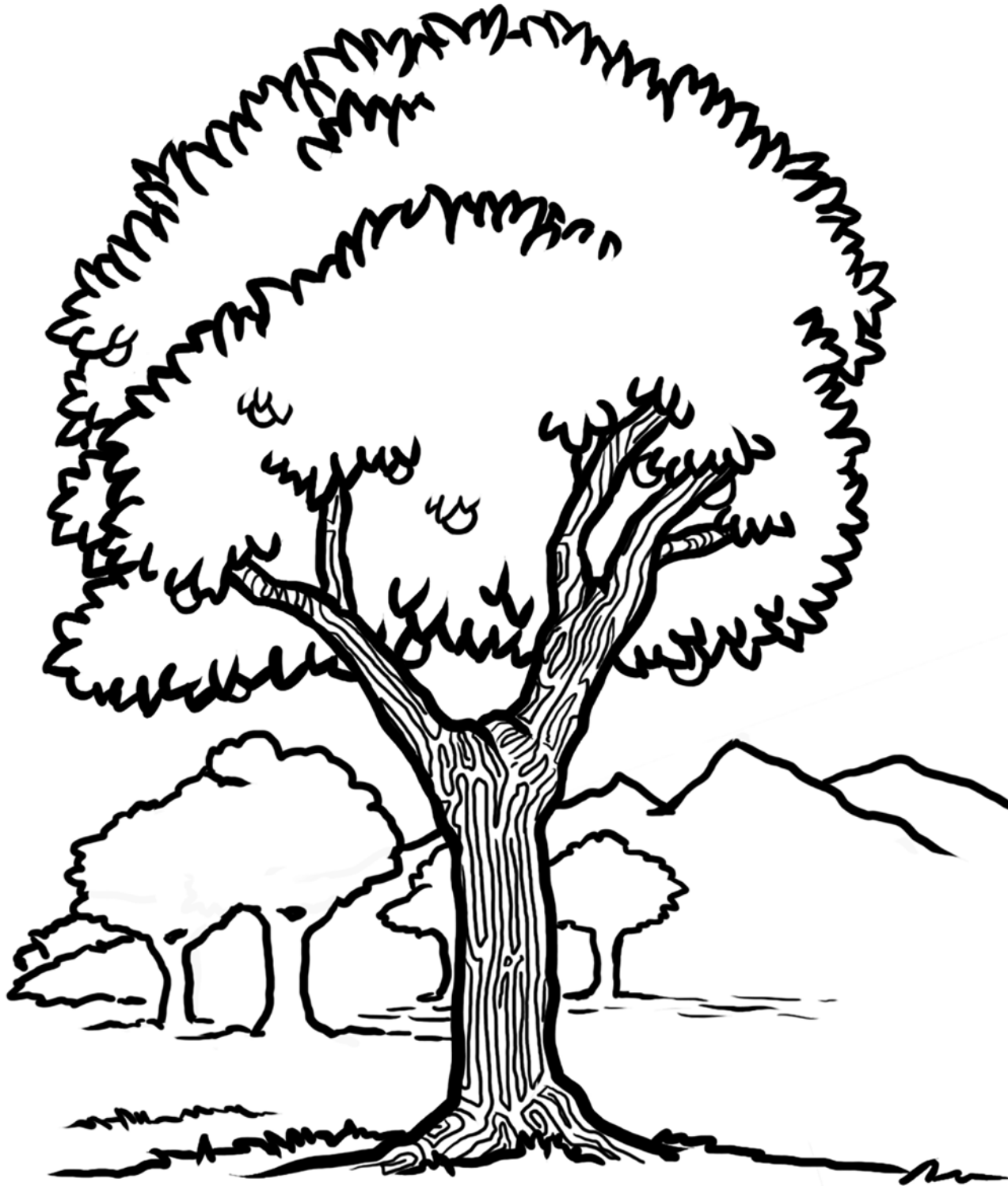


God formed Adam from the dust of the ground.

Cain grew up to be a farmer who grew fruits and vegetables. Abel became a herder of sheep. When the time came to offer a sacrifice, Abel brought his best lamb to give to

God. But Cain was selfish. He did not want to give up his best lamb, so he brought some vegetables instead.

God was upset by Cain's sacrifice because he was not giving his best.

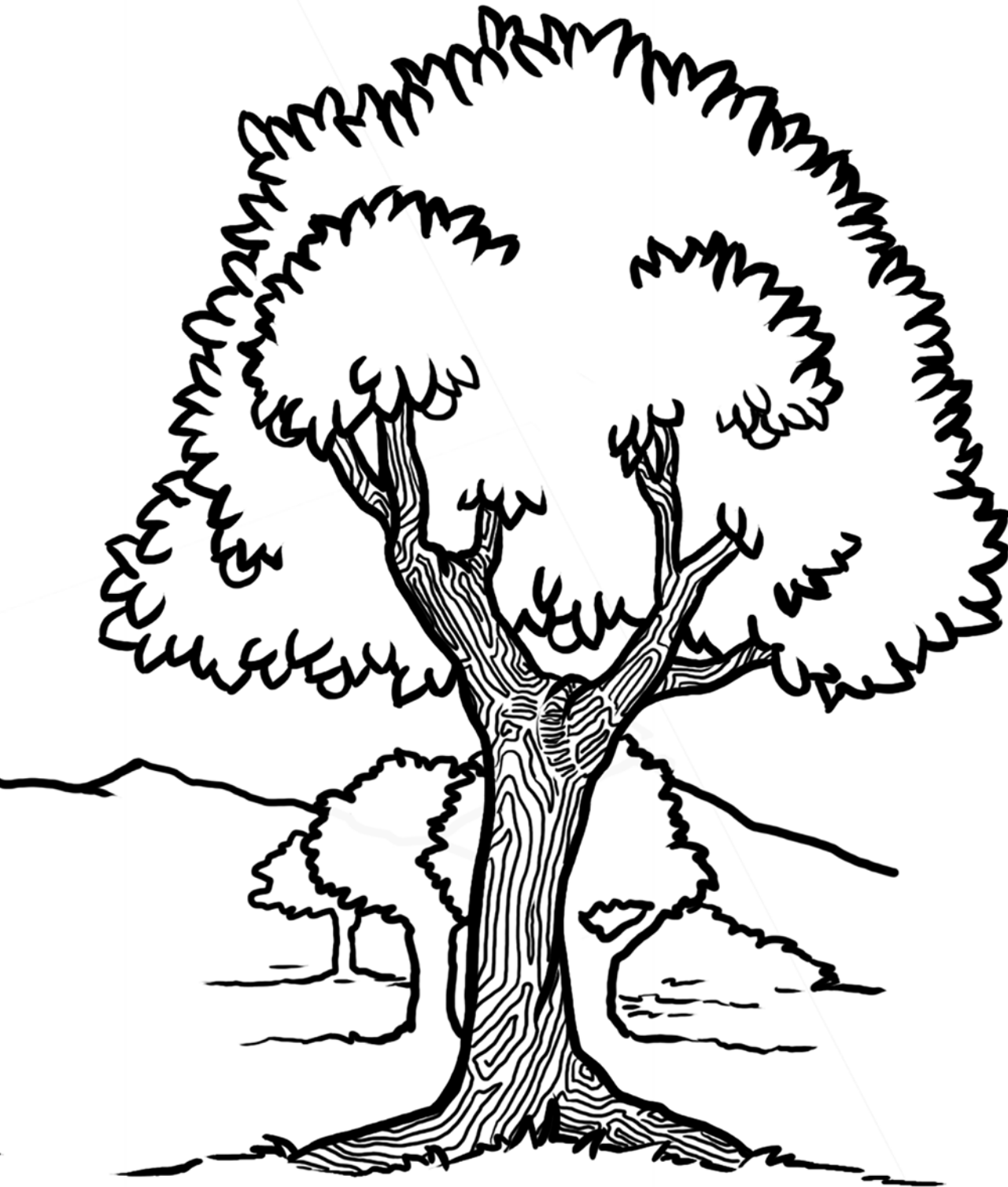


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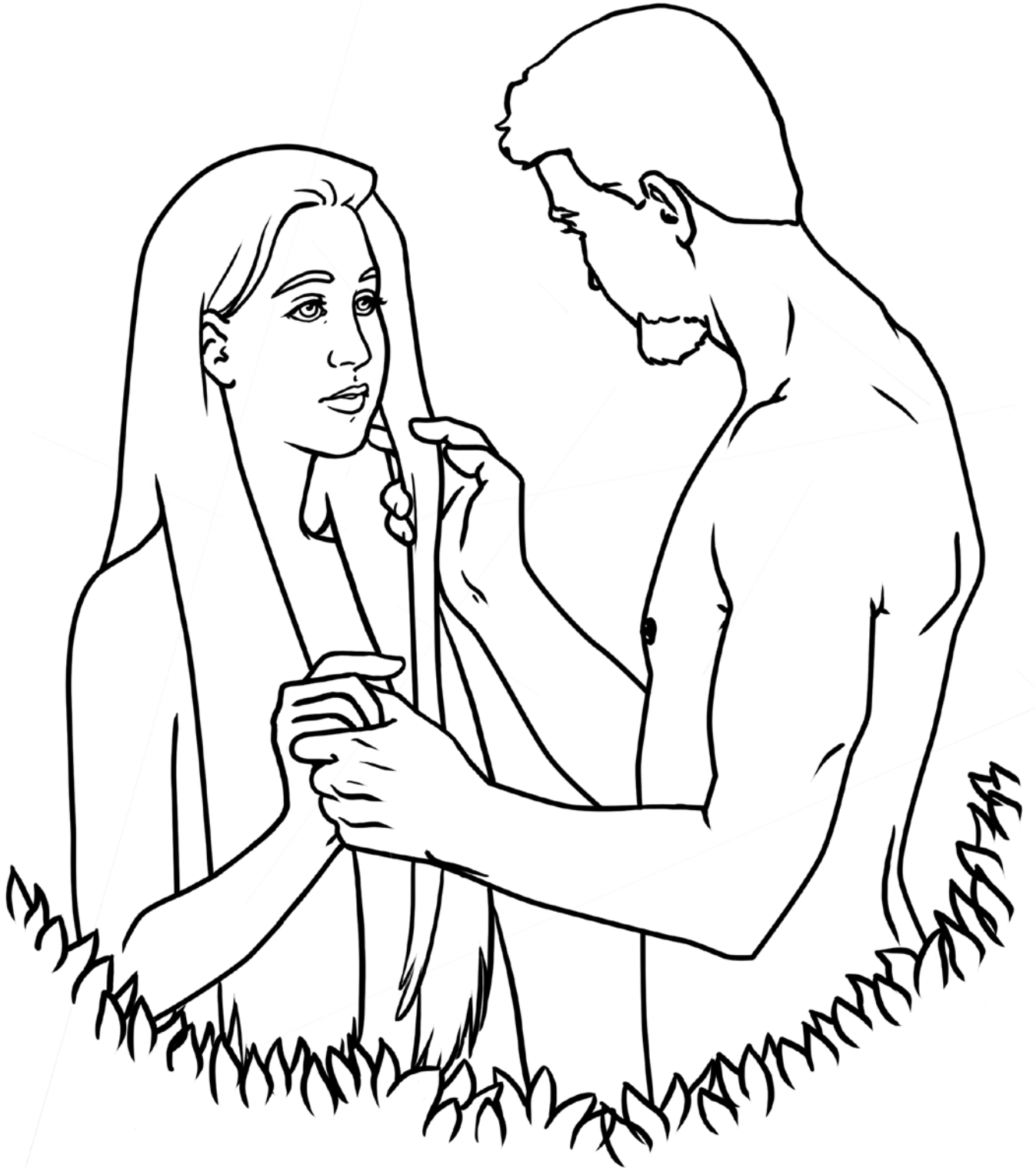
Cain was angry with God for rejecting his sacrifice. He became jealous of Abel. God told Cain that if he did his best in the future, He would accept his sacrifice. But still Cain

allowed himself to hate and envy Abel. Eventually he murdered his own brother!

When God asked Cain where Abel was, Cain lied and told God he didn't



in the garden



Eve was created from Adam's rib.

know. But God knew the terrible thing Cain had done. He had allowed Abel to die to show Adam and Eve what naturally happens when families choose to live Satan's way of selfishness. God has a plan to bring Abel and everyone else that has ever died back to life after the true Savior, Jesus Christ, returns to Earth.

God punished Cain for his sin and protected Adam and Eve's other children from him. He sent Cain away. Cain never apologized for nor repented of what he had done. He married one of his sisters and took her with him into exile. The family they raised became very evil.

After Abel's murder, God gave Adam and Eve another son. Eve said, "God has granted me another child in place of Abel, who was killed by Cain." She named him Seth. Seth also tried to live God's way as he grew older.

Adam lived for 930 years and had many other children. By the time he died, the world was full of people. These children of Adam all made the same choice that Adam and Eve did when they stole fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. All their children did what they thought was best, not what God said was best. Because they did not listen to God, Adam and Eve's children became selfish, hateful, lying, stealing, murdering people.

God used Seth and some of his descendants to warn all of these

people that Satan's way only brings violence and misery. In the next lesson we will learn more about how God used one very famous descendant of Seth's to warn the world about what happens when people decide for themselves what is right and wrong!

BIBLE MEMORY Re-creation Week

On the first day, God separated light from darkness.

On the second day, God separated the clouds from the oceans and cleansed the air.

On the third day, God caused dry land to appear and created all the plants.

On the fourth day, God caused the sun, moon and stars to mark the passing of time.

On the fifth day, God made all the birds and sea creatures.

On the sixth day, God made all the land animals and mankind.

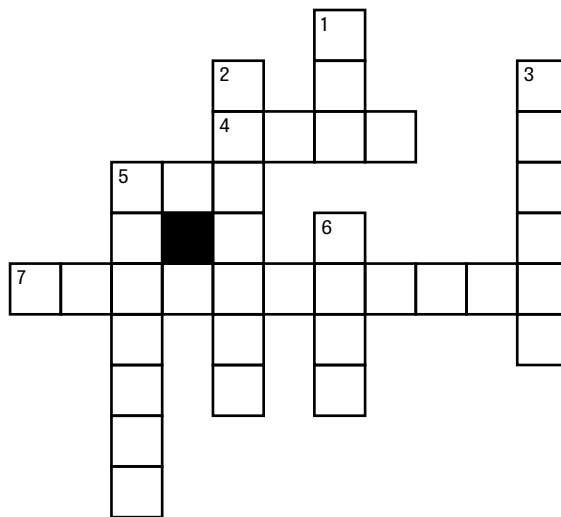
On the seventh day, God made the Sabbath by resting from His work.

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Creation Crossword



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1. _____ was deceived by the serpent.

2. On the seventh day God created the _____.

3. God gave Adam and Eve the chance to _____ the tree of life.

5. At re-creation, God _____ the face of the Earth.

6. All _____ on Earth was created by God.

ACROSS

4. Cain murdered his brother _____.

5. Eve was created out of Adam's _____.

7. _____ were created on the sixth day.