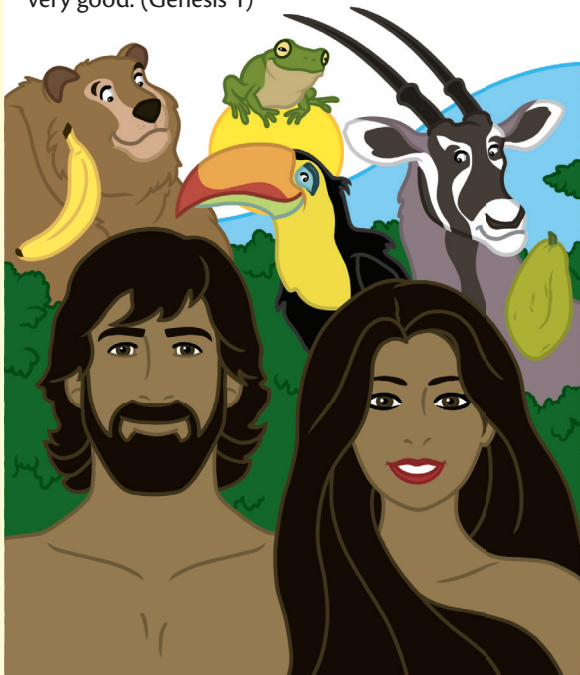


GOOD NEWS!

From the Bible, we know that in the beginning, God created a beautiful world in six days. He filled it with good things—all kinds of fruits and vegetables to eat, animals to play with, and places to explore. He made the first two people, Adam and Eve. When He was finished, He said it was all very good. (Genesis 1)



2.



he Creator God of the Bible planted a garden for Adam and Eve to live in. He lovingly told Adam he could eat any fruit from any tree in that garden, except for the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. God said that if he ate the fruit from that tree, the punishment for disobeying His command would be death. (Genesis 2)



3.

Sadly, Adam chose to eat the fruit from that tree. God punished Adam and Eve just as He said He would (Genesis 3:17–24). From that time death has been part of the world. All of Adam and Eve’s descendants (all people everywhere) have disobeyed God’s commands. This is called sin. God says, “Do not lie” (Exodus 20:16). Have you ever told a lie? God says, “Obey your parents” (Ephesians 6:1). Have you ever disobeyed your parents? We have all sinned (Romans 3:23). And God must punish sin. The punishment for sin is death (Romans 6:23) and being separated from God forever in a terrible place called Hell.



4.

None of us can pay for our disobedience to be safe from God's judgment. We need someone to be punished in our place so that we can live forever with God in heaven. The good news is that God promised Adam and Eve that He would one day send someone to be punished for our sin (Genesis 3:15). Four thousand years after Adam sinned, God kept His promise because of His great love for the world. We know from the Bible that He sent His only Son—Jesus Christ—to this earth to save us from our sins.



5.

Two-thousand years ago, Jesus was born, grew up always obeying God, yet was put to death without doing anything wrong. The best news is that Jesus came back to life after three days! Today, He is still alive and in heaven with God! We are never able to do enough good works to pay for our sin on our own. Jesus was the One God punished for our sin.



6.

God has said that after you die, you can live forever with Him in heaven if you “confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead” (Romans 10:9–10). You can receive the gift of eternal life by trusting in Jesus to forgive you of your sins. Jesus died and rose from the dead to pay for your sins, and only in Jesus can you live to please God. You can know for certain that you will go to be with Him in heaven when you die! What good, good news!



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