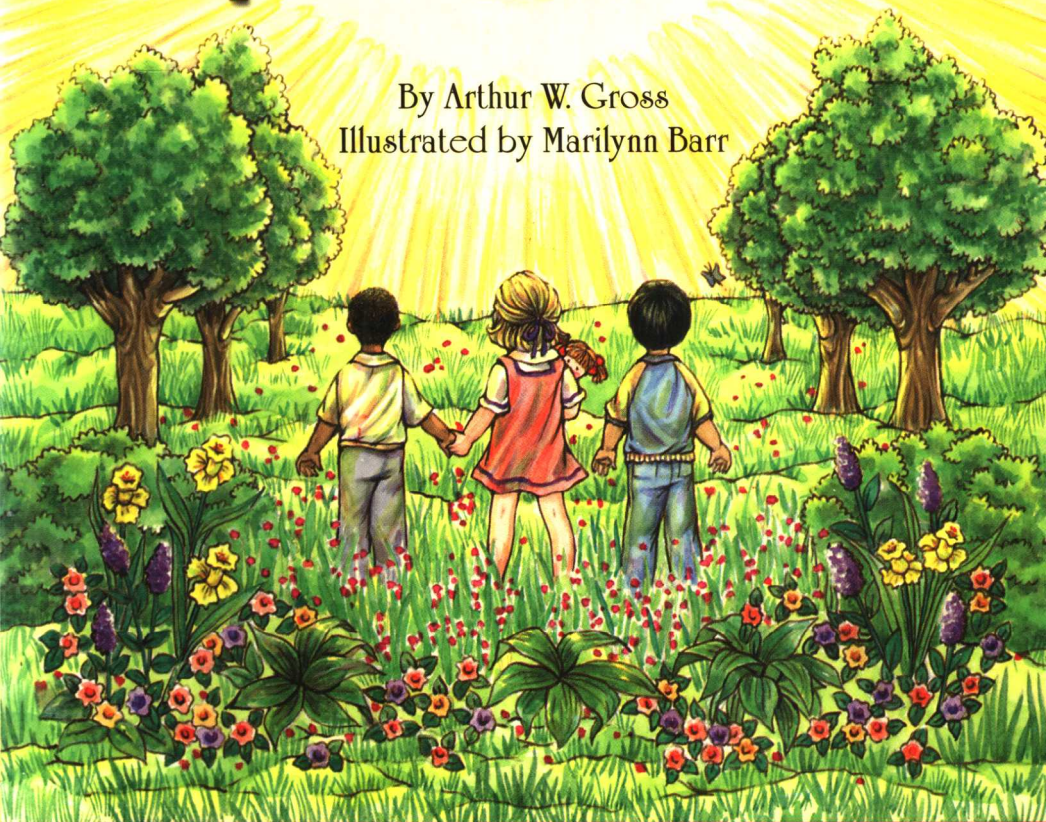


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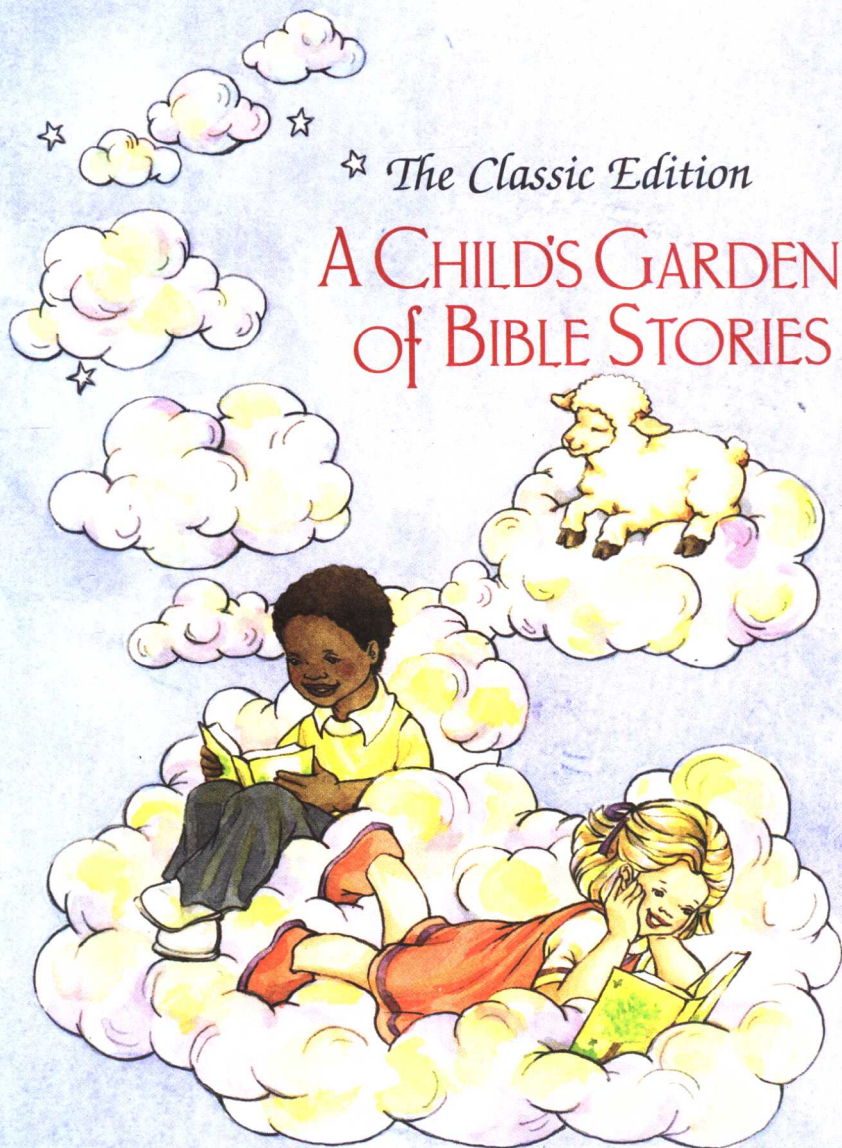
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Foreword



It is important for children to know Bible stories as early as possible. The stories in this book have been adapted so children will be able to read them with fluency and enjoyment. Vocabulary and sentence lengths have been taken into account and are on the level of the young reader.

Parents and teachers of children not yet able to read will find *A Child's Garden of Bible Stories* a valuable aid. The Bible stories may be read as is or used as a basis for storytelling. Biblical accuracy has been maintained in the adaptation.

The 60 stories (28 Old Testament and 32 New Testament) provide a progressive, unified account of man in his relationship to God—man in the state of innocence, man in the state of sin, and man reclaimed through faith in the atoning sacrifice of Jesus, the Son of God.

May this book delight the hearts of many young children and awaken in them a lifelong interest in the timeless truths of the Bible.

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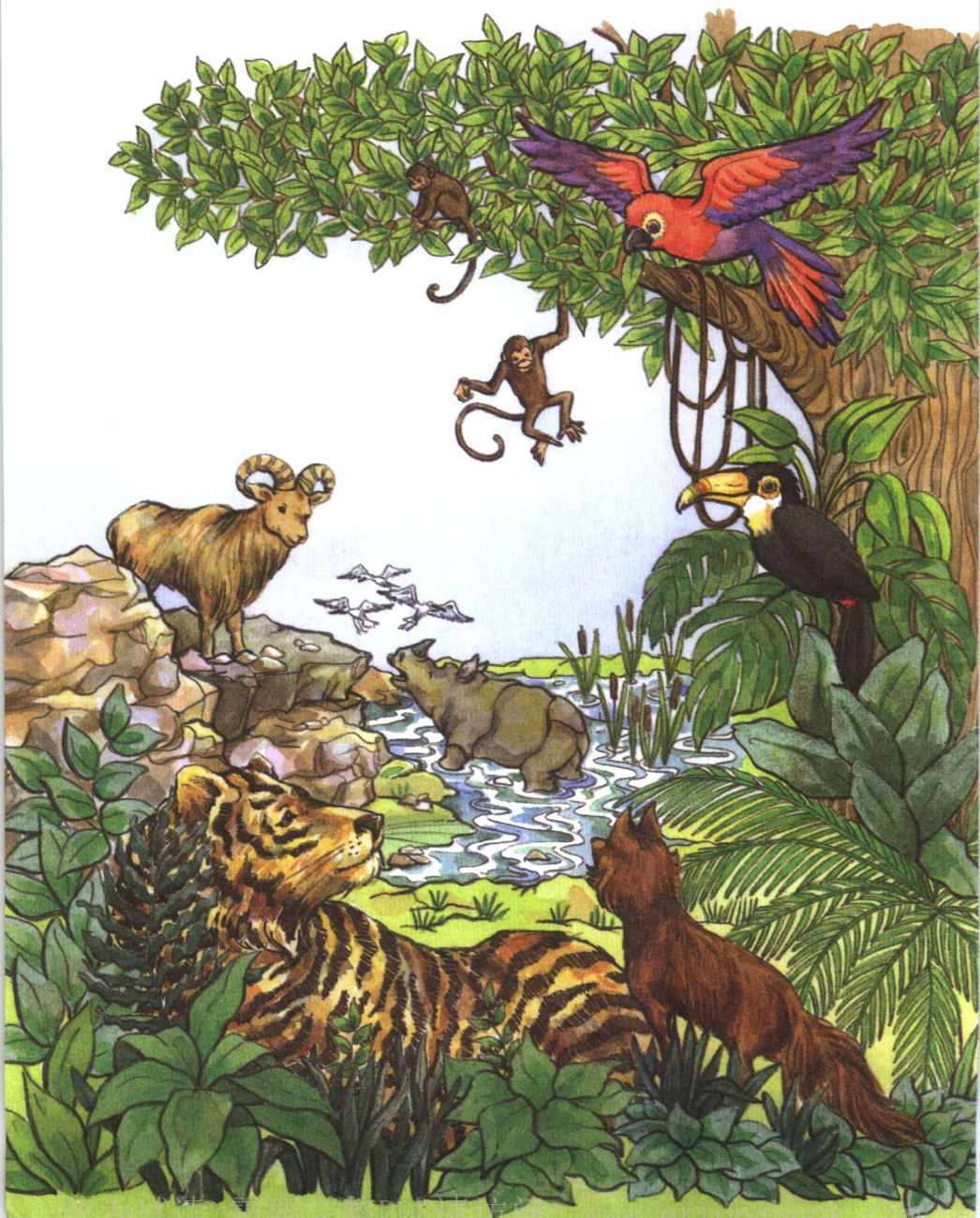
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THE OLD TESTAMENT







God Makes the World

Long, long ago there was no world. There were no birds and bees, no fields and flowers, no lakes and rivers, no sun, no moon, and no stars. There were no people either. There was nothing at all. Only God was there.

Then God made the world. He made the heavens and the earth. He made all there is out of nothing. God made the world in six days. He made a part of it each day.

Whenever God made something, He just said, "Let it be made," and it was made.

At first it was dark all around. So God said, "Let there be light." As soon as God said this, there was light. It was as bright as day.

The next day God spoke again and made the blue sky high above us, just as we see it now.

After this God told the water to gather in certain places. In this way, He made the rivers, the lakes, and the oceans. In between was the dry land.

But nothing grew on the land. There were no trees, bushes, or flowers anywhere. So God spoke and made the plants. Green grass covered the fields. Pretty flowers of many colors grew out of the ground. There were also bushes and trees of every kind. Many of the bushes had berries, and many of the trees had fruit. God gave the plants seeds so more could always grow.

God made still more. He spoke again, and at once the sky was filled with lights. He made the sun and the moon, and all the stars that twinkle at night.

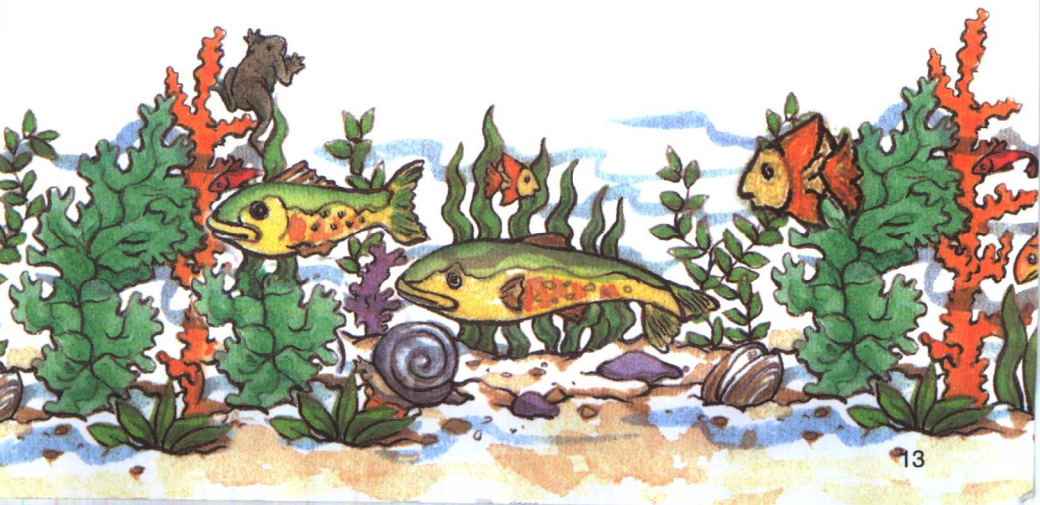
The earth was beautiful now, but God made it even



better. God spoke once more and made fish to swim in the waters and birds to sing in the trees. Then, on the sixth day, He spoke again. Bees flew from flower to flower. Cats and dogs played in the fields. Horses and cows walked about looking for food.

Last of all, God made the first people. God made the first man out of the dust of the earth. Then He breathed into his nose. God called the man Adam. Then God made the first woman to be a partner for the first man. The first woman was named Eve.

On the seventh day God rested. He looked at all He had made, and it was very good.





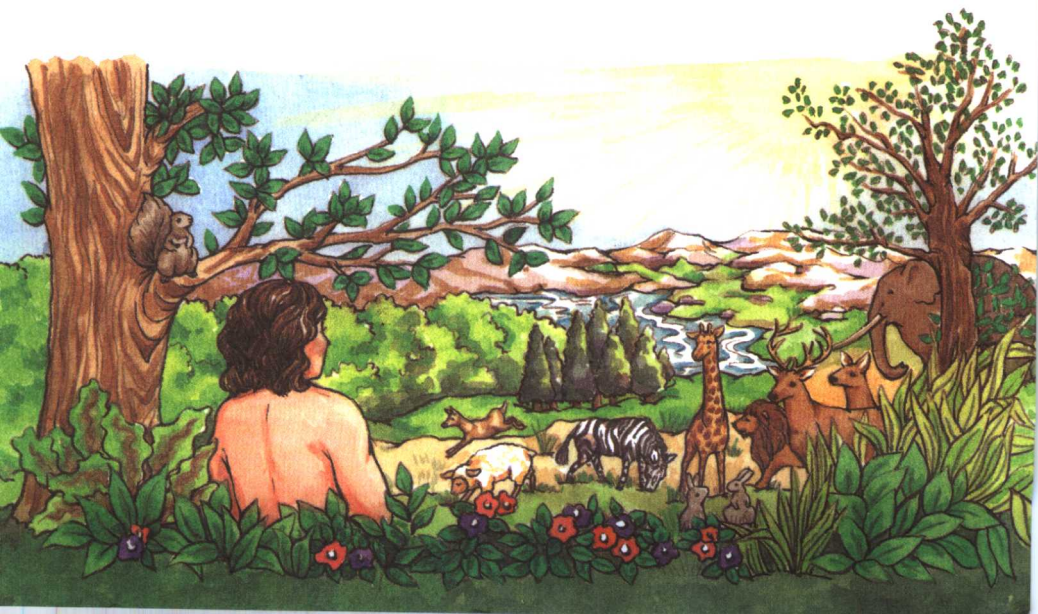
The First Home

The first people to live on earth were Adam and Eve. God wanted them to have a good home, so He planted a beautiful garden in a place called Eden.

Trees of every kind grew in this garden. Some were pretty to see, and others were good for food. Animals played on the hills. Flowers peeped out of the ground. Rivers ran through the fields.

God told Adam and Eve to take care of the garden. He said, "Be fruitful and fill the earth."

God loved Adam and Eve. He had made these first people in His very own image. They were holy. God visited them in the garden, and they were glad. He was their true Friend.





The First Sin

There were many fruit trees in the Garden of Eden. One of them grew in the middle of the garden. God spoke to Adam and Eve about this tree. He said, "You may eat the fruit of any tree in the garden, except for the tree in the middle of the garden. If you eat the fruit of this tree, you will die."

One day Adam and Eve were in the garden. The devil made himself into a snake and came to Adam and Eve in the garden.

"Did God tell you not to eat of the tree in the middle of the garden?" the devil asked Eve.

"Yes," she said. "We may eat of any tree, except for the one in the middle of the garden. If we eat of that tree, we shall die."

