

In the Beginning ...

... THERE WAS NOTHING.

EXCEPT GOD.

Day 1

*GOD'S SPIRIT MOVED THROUGH
THE VOID. THEN GOD SPOKE:*

**LET THERE
BE LIGHT!**



Day 2

THEN GOD SEPARATED THE WATERS OF THE NOTHINGNESS INTO THE MOISTURE AND CLOUDS OF THE SKY ABOVE, AND THE DROPS AND WAVES OF THE OCEAN BELOW. GOD NAMED THE SKY "HEAVENS."

Day 3

GOD NAMED THE LOWER WATERS THE "SEA." HE GATHERED TOGETHER THE WATERS OF THE SEA, EXPOSING DRY GROUND. HE NAMED THE DRY LAND "EARTH." ON THIS LAND, HE MADE GRASS AND FLOWERS AND TREES. HE MADE THEM WITH SEEDS SO THEY COULD GROW MORE GRASS AND FLOWERS AND TREES. THE FRUITFUL EARTH WAS A PLACE OF BEAUTY.

AND GOD KNEW THAT IT WAS GOOD.

Day 4

THEN GOD FASHIONED THE SUN,
THE MOON, AND THE STARS TO
LIGHT THE EARTH. AND HE SET
THEM IN THE HEAVENS TO MARK
THE DAYS, SEASONS, AND YEARS.



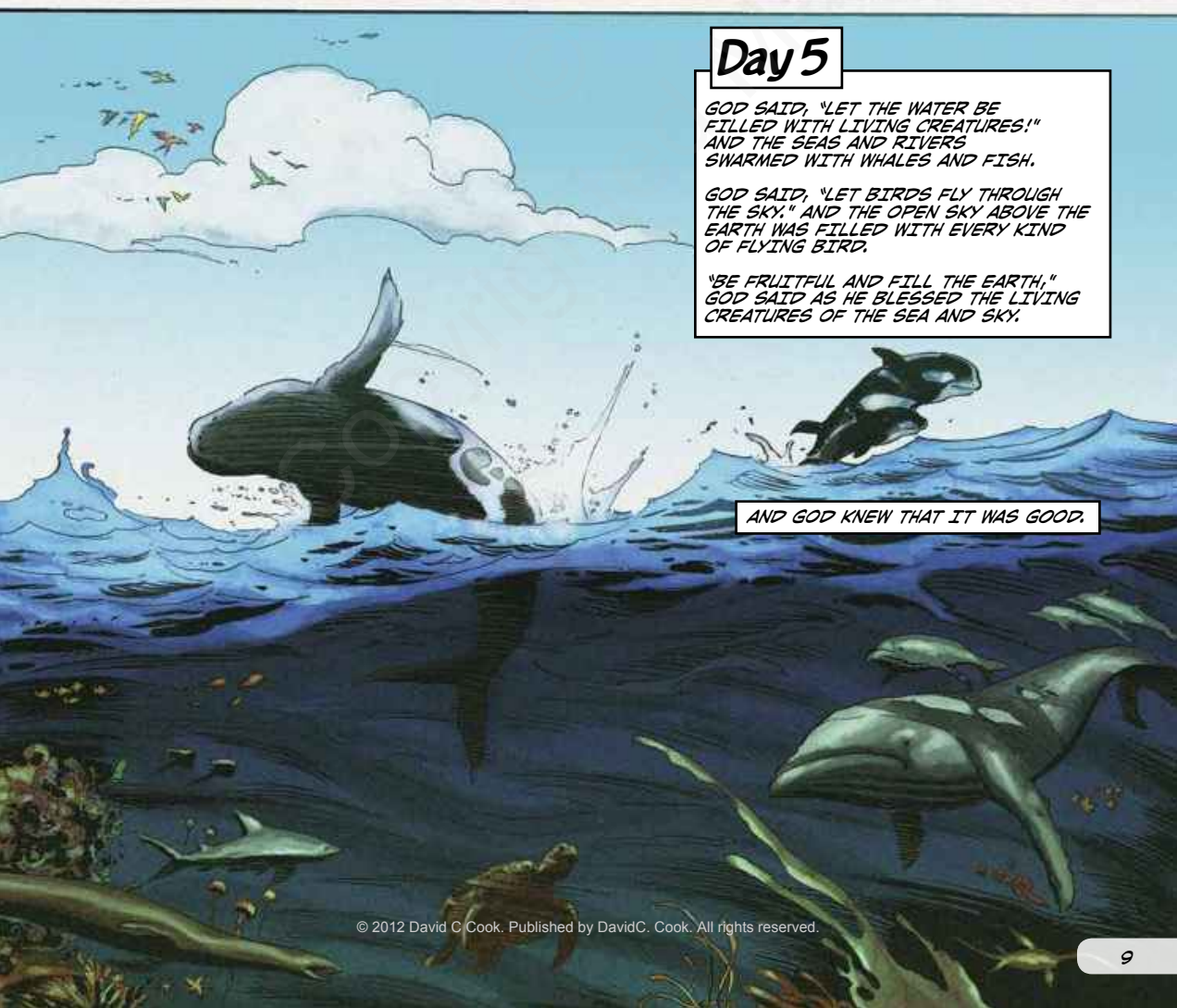
Day 5

GOD SAID, "LET THE WATER BE
FILLED WITH LIVING CREATURES!"
AND THE SEAS AND RIVERS
SWARMED WITH WHALES AND FISH.

GOD SAID, "LET BIRDS FLY THROUGH
THE SKY," AND THE OPEN SKY ABOVE THE
EARTH WAS FILLED WITH EVERY KIND
OF FLYING BIRD.

"BE FRUITFUL AND FILL THE EARTH,"
GOD SAID AS HE BLESSED THE LIVING
CREATURES OF THE SEA AND SKY.

AND GOD KNEW THAT IT WAS GOOD.



Day 6

THEN GOD SAID, "LET THE EARTH BRING FORTH LIVING CREATURES." AND GOD MADE ALL KINDS OF ANIMALS: WILD ONES, TAME ONES—EVEN THOSE THAT CRAWL ON THE GROUND.

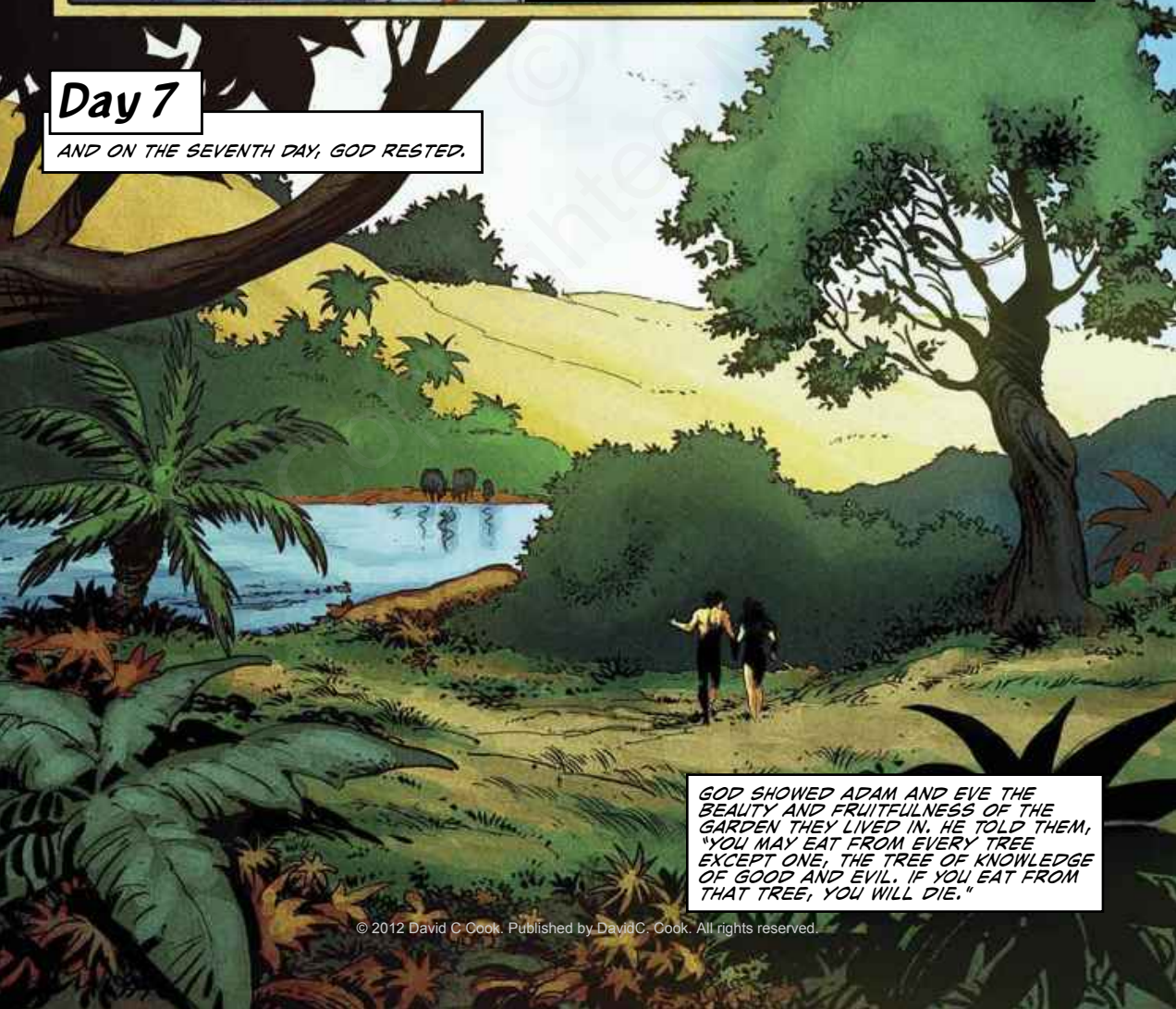
THEN GOD CREATED THE FIRST MAN, ADAM, AND THE FIRST WOMAN, EVE. THEY WERE THE GREATEST OF ALL GOD'S CREATIONS BECAUSE HE MADE THEM IN HIS OWN IMAGE, TO BE A REFLECTION OF WHAT HE IS LIKE. GOD MADE ADAM AND EVE WITH SOULS THAT WOULD LIVE FOREVER, AND HE PLANNED FOR PEOPLE TO RULE AND LIVE IN HARMONY WITH EVERY LIVING THING ON EARTH.



GOD LOOKED AT EVERYTHING THAT HE HAD MADE, AND HE KNEW IT WAS ALL VERY, VERY GOOD.

Day 7

AND ON THE SEVENTH DAY, GOD RESTED.



GOD SHOWED ADAM AND EVE THE BEAUTY AND FRUITFULNESS OF THE GARDEN THEY LIVED IN. HE TOLD THEM, "YOU MAY EAT FROM EVERY TREE EXCEPT ONE, THE TREE OF KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD AND EVIL. IF YOU EAT FROM THAT TREE, YOU WILL DIE."

IN THE BEGINNING ...



KEY VERSE

THEN GOD LOOKED OVER ALL HE HAD MADE, AND HE SAW THAT IT WAS VERY GOOD!

—Genesis 1:31 NLT

X-RAY VISION

You know what's crazy? Salmon swim up rivers and rapids to the exact same spot they were born. Birds fly thousands of miles each year to find the best weather, food, and nests—some butterflies do that too. The ocean is so big we still don't know everything that's in it. No two snowflakes are exactly alike. (Think about how many billions of snowflakes there must be in a single blizzard!) The sun is about 28 million degrees Fahrenheit at its core, but it never burns up.

You've probably learned some amazing nature facts in school. God created all that amazing stuff. Think about it: He turned nothing into everything! His creativity is all around us—no matter if we live in Yosemite National Park or Park Podunk in the desert.

But it's easy for us to get so used to it all that we don't think twice about the creation in our own backyards. We get stuck in front of our video games and screens, and we forget there's a real world way cooler than HD—and a Creator who's way more powerful than any action hero. Sometimes we need the wild to give us a wake-up call. We need a reminder about just how ginormous and mind-blowing our God is.

YOUR MISSION

1. Go outside. Look around and write down the miracles of creation you see—even if they're all in your backyard or local park.
2. Read Psalm 19 out loud, outside.
3. Stargaze. Stare into the night sky from your deck.

YOUR DEBRIEF

- What's the most amazing thing in nature you've ever seen?
- What does creation make you feel about God?
- How big do you think God is?

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

What did you learn?

What do you want to remember?

SHARE THE ADVENTURE

Get moving. Go with your parents to explore a local hiking trail or walking path. Climb a mountain or the highest hill in town. At the very least, walk around the block with your eyes and ears wide open to what God has made.


Tempted in the Garden

BASED ON GENESIS 3



LOOK, ADAM!
THE LITTLE BIRD
COMES WHEN
I CALL!

GOD IS
GOOD TO US.
HE HAS GIVEN US
EVERYTHING.



EVERYTHING
EXCEPT FRUIT
FROM THE TREE
OF KNOWLEDGE
OF GOOD
AND EVIL.

YES, THAT IS
FORBIDDEN!



BUT EVE WONDERS, AND
ONE DAY SHE GOES TO
THE TREE AND GAZES AT
THE FORBIDDEN FRUIT.

SATAN, IN THE FORM OF A SERPENT, TEMPTS EVE.

ARE YOU SURE GOD SAID NOT TO EAT THIS FRUIT?

OH, YOU WON'T DIE IF YOU TOUCH IT. SEE? AND IF YOU EAT IT, YOU WILL BE WISE—JUST LIKE GOD.

YOU'RE RIGHT! AND IF THIS FRUIT WILL MAKE ME WISE, SURELY THERE'S NO HARM IN TAKING JUST ONE BITE.

OH, YES. IF WE EVEN TOUCH IT, WE'LL DIE.

ADAM!
IT TASTES DELICIOUS!

AND IT WILL MAKE YOU WISE.