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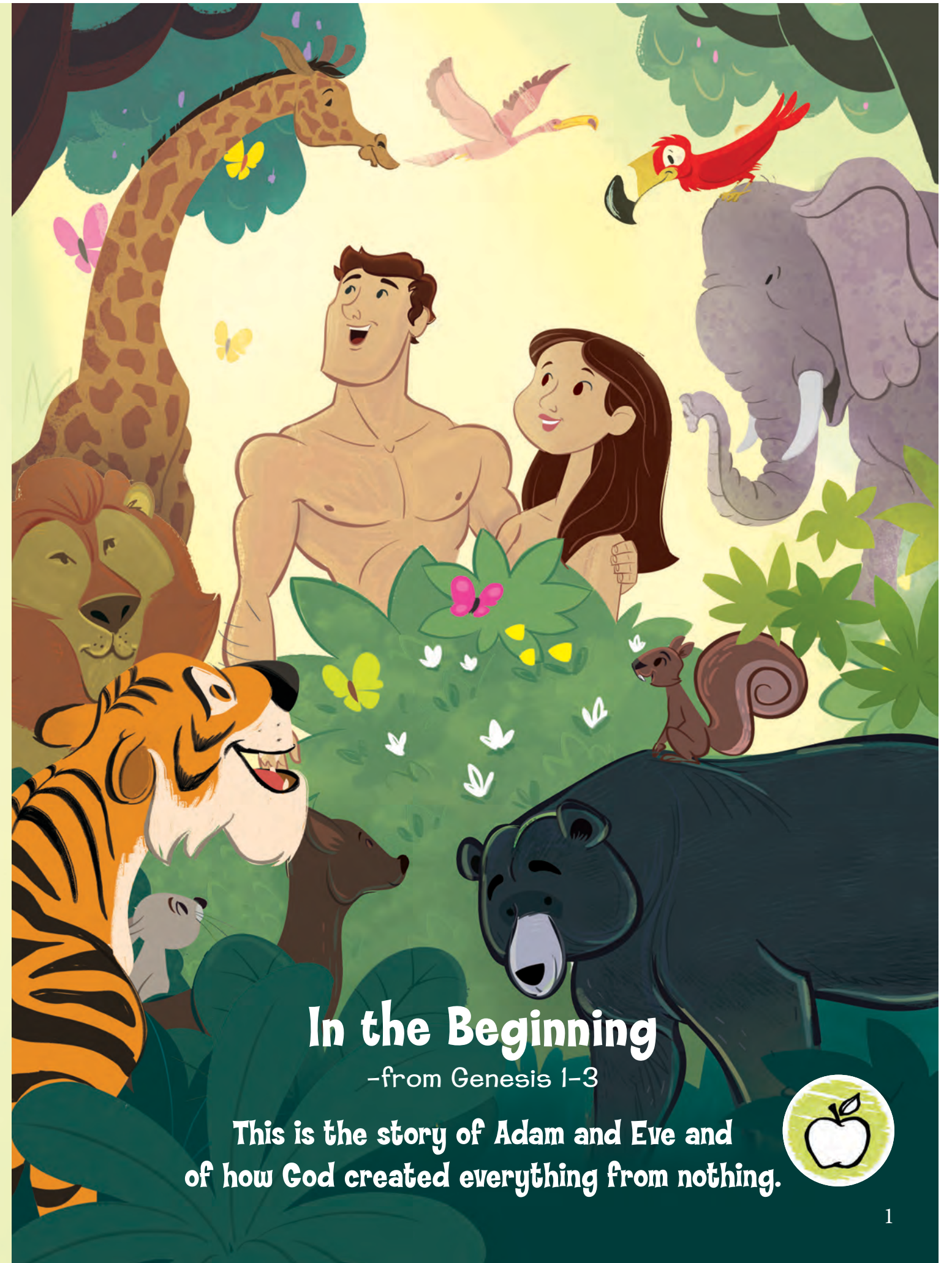
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In the Beginning

-from Genesis 1-3

This is the story of Adam and Eve and
of how God created everything from nothing.



In the beginning, there was nothing, only God. Then God created the heavens and the earth. But the earth was dark and cold. There was no sun or moon. No trees or flowers. No lions or zebras or bears. There were no people anywhere. There was only darkness.

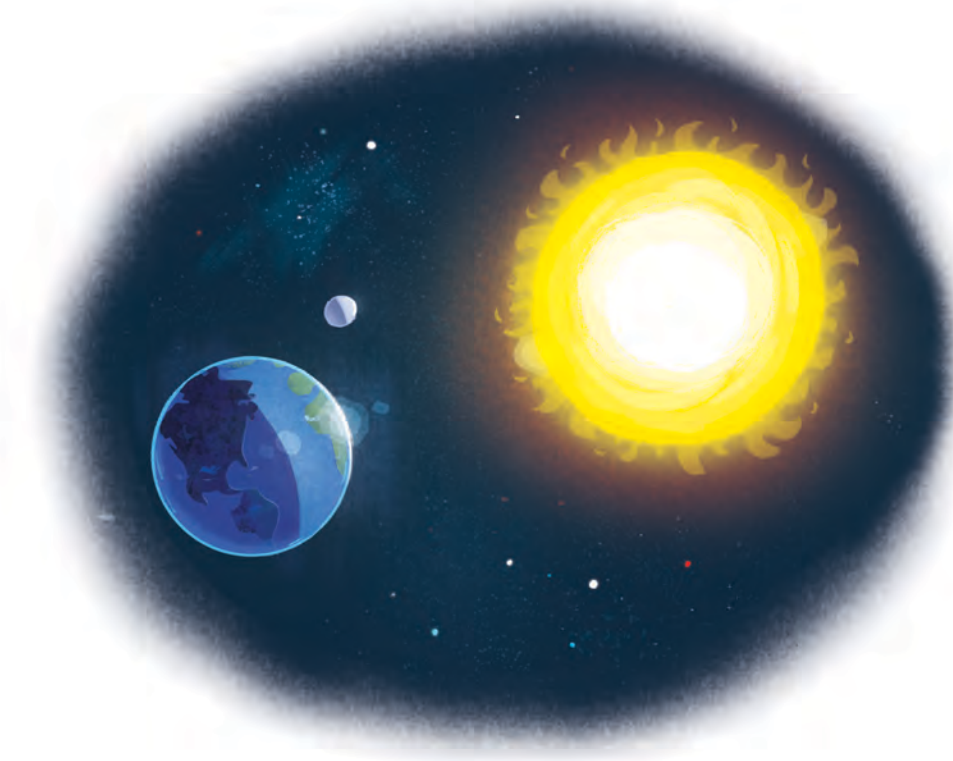
Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was! God called the light "day" and the dark "night." That was the first day of creation.



On the second day, God created a great space above the earth. He called it "sky." On the third day, God made the land and the seas. Then God said, "Let the land be filled with plants and trees." And it was!



On the fourth day, God made the sun to light up the day. Then He scattered the stars across the sky and made the moon to give light to the night.



On the fifth day, God made every creature that swims and splashes in the seas—from starfish to whales and everything in between!

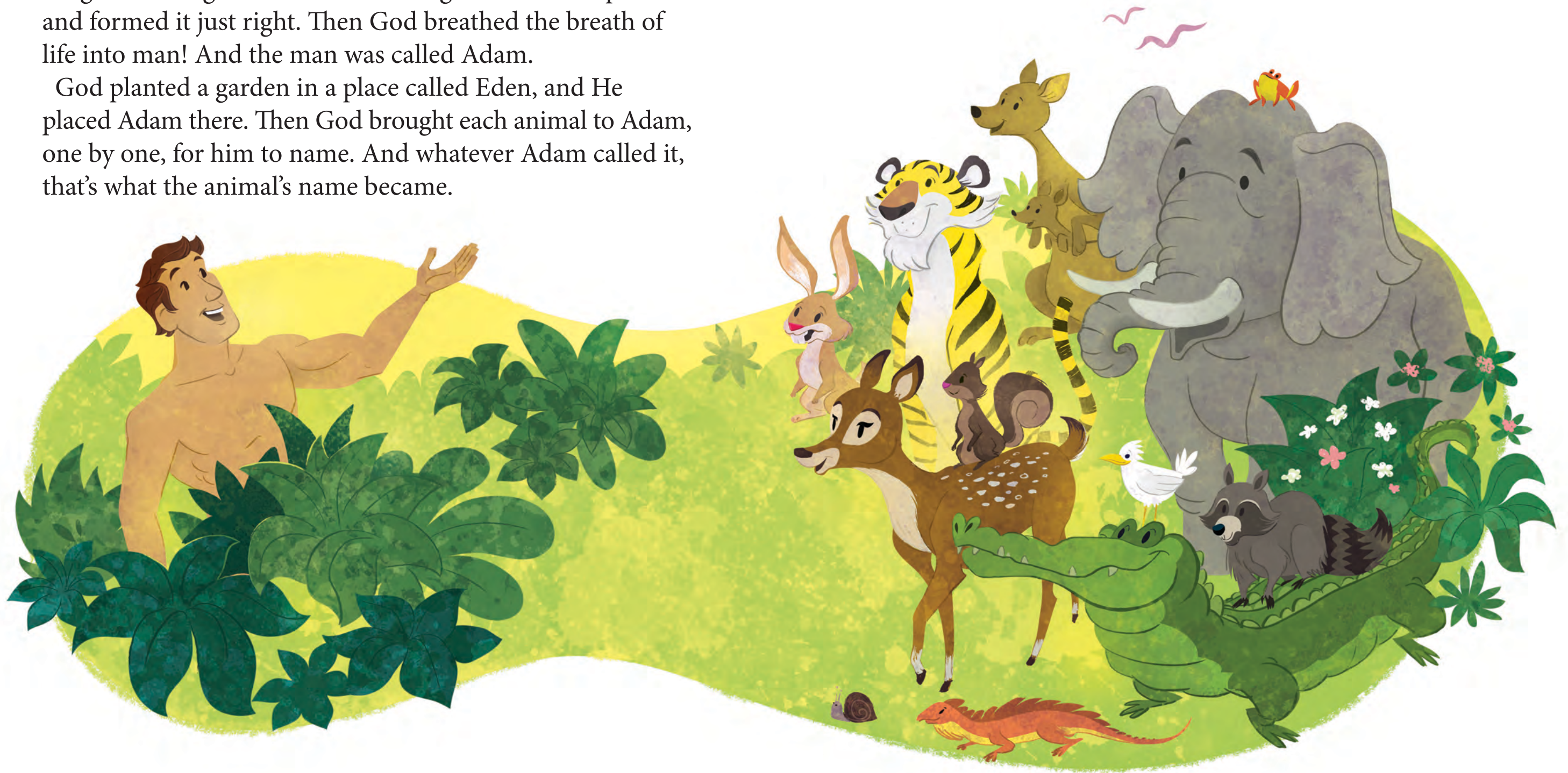
Next, God filled the skies with birds of every kind. Bright little bluebirds and soaring eagles, birds that chirp and birds that sing.



On the sixth day, God made all the animals. He made animals that hop and run, and He made creatures that creep and crawl. He made the tiniest of mice and the elephant that weighs a ton!

But there was still one more creation for God to create. So He gathered together the dust of the ground. He shaped it and formed it just right. Then God breathed the breath of life into man! And the man was called Adam.

God planted a garden in a place called Eden, and He placed Adam there. Then God brought each animal to Adam, one by one, for him to name. And whatever Adam called it, that's what the animal's name became.




But even after seeing every animal God had made, Adam couldn't find a helper or friend. No other creature was like him.

So God made Adam fall deeply asleep, and then He took a rib from Adam's side. From the rib, God made a woman. She was called Eve, and she became Adam's helper and friend. That was the end of the sixth day.

God then looked around at all He had made, and He saw that it was very good. So on the seventh day, God rested from all He had done.





Adam and Eve had only one thing they weren't allowed to do in the garden.

"You may eat fruit from any tree, any tree except one," God warned. "Don't eat fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, or you will surely die."

Now the serpent (who was really Satan) was the sneakiest of all the animals. One day, he slipped up to Eve and said, "Did God really say, 'Don't eat fruit from *any* tree'?"

"No," said Eve. "We can eat any fruit, except fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If we eat it or even touch it, we will die!"

"You won't die," the serpent hissed. "But if you eat it, you'll be like God."

Eve looked at the fruit. It did look tasty, and she wanted to be wise like God. So she took a bite and gave some to Adam too. Suddenly, their eyes were opened, and they knew they were naked! So they snatched up some leaves to make clothes.

Then Adam and Eve heard something! It was God, walking in the garden. They were frightened because they had disobeyed God, so they hurried to hide.

“Where are you?” God called, even though He already knew.

Adam trembled and said, “I was afraid because I was naked. So I hid from You.”

“Who said you were naked?” God asked. “Did you eat the fruit I told you not to eat?”



“It was the woman,” Adam exclaimed. “She gave the fruit to me!”

But Eve said, “It was the serpent. He lied to me!”



From that time on, Adam and Eve had to work very hard for their food. And one day they would die, just as God had said.

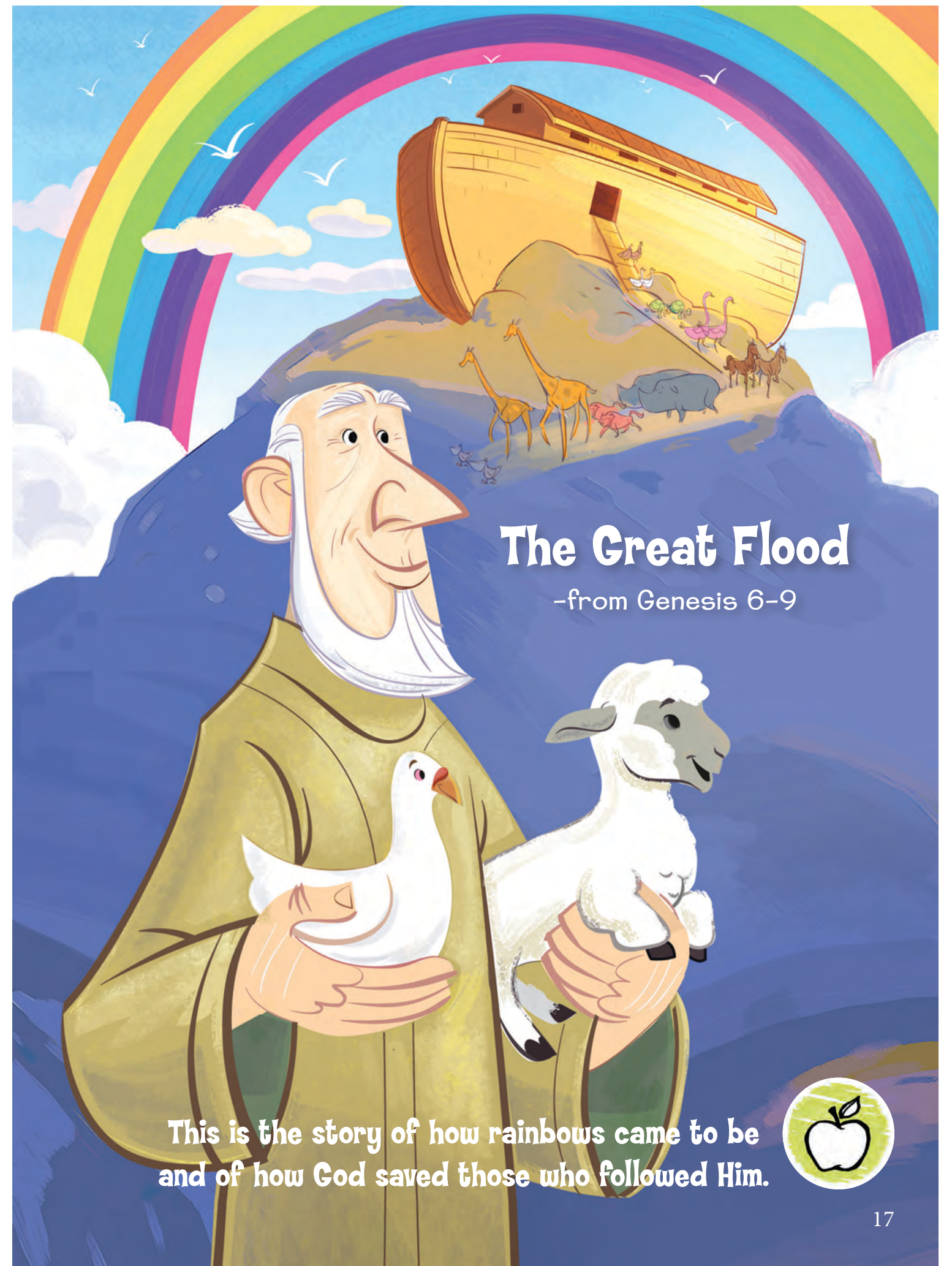
Adam and Eve had broken God's rule, so they had to leave His garden. God sent an angel and a fiery, swirling sword to stand guard so they could never again get in.

When Adam and Eve disobeyed God, sin came into the world. But God didn't stop loving them. In fact, He already had a plan to save them—and to save you and me, too!

One day, when the time was exactly right, God would send Jesus, His Son. Jesus rescues people from sin when they repent and believe in Him.



*“For God loved the world in this way:
He gave His One and Only Son, so that everyone who believes
in Him will not perish but have eternal life.”
—John 3:16*



The Great Flood

—from Genesis 6–9

This is the story of how rainbows came to be
and of how God saved those who followed Him.



Adam and Eve had children. And their children had children, and so on, and so on, until people filled the earth. But as the years passed, the people began to forget about God. Their hearts and minds filled up with wickedness. They became so wicked that they only thought about evil all the time!



This made God sad. It made God so sad that He was sorry He had ever made man. So God decided to destroy all the living creatures on the earth. But one man was different.

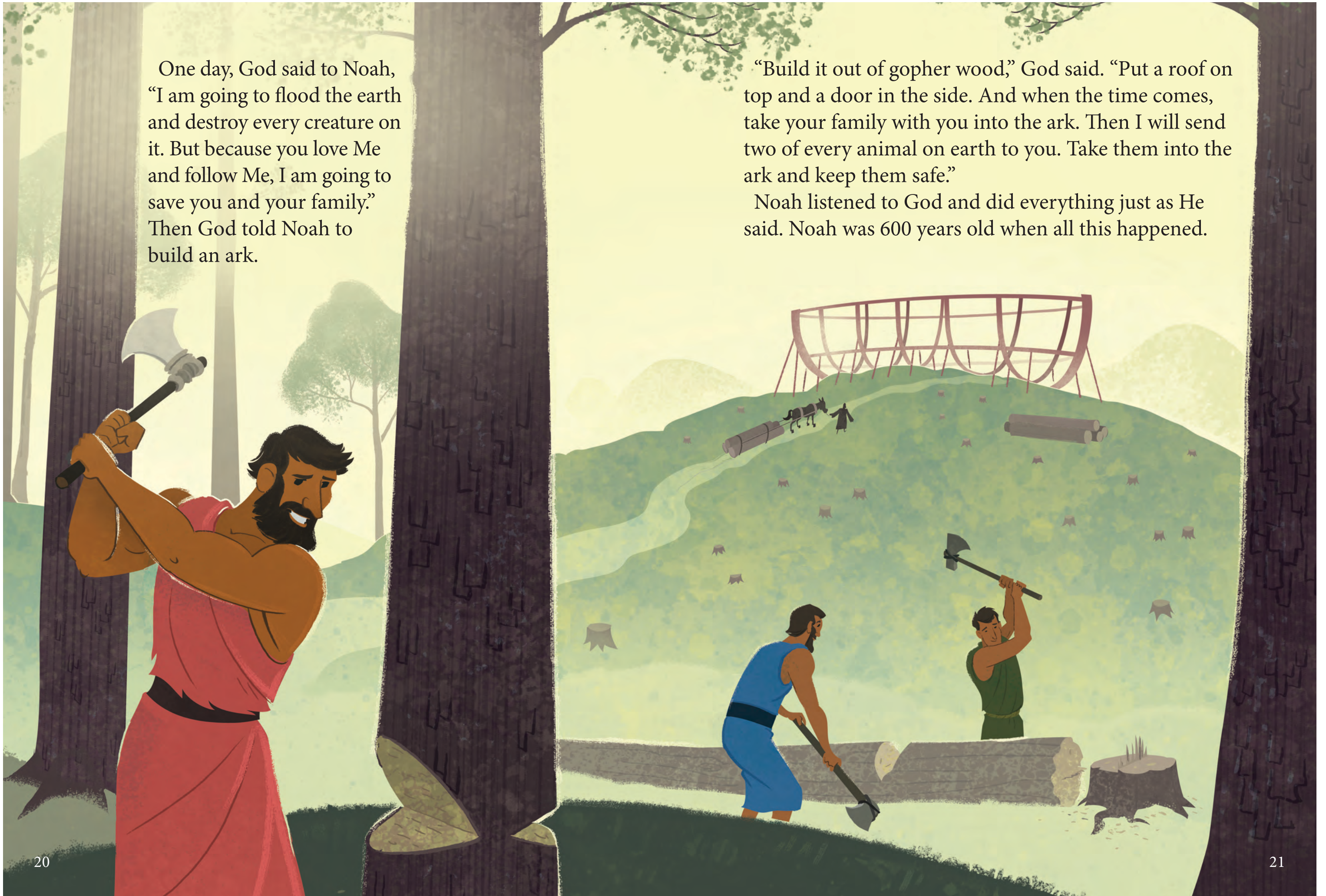


That man's name was Noah, and he had three sons. They were named Shem, Ham, and Japheth. Noah tried to please God in all he did and said. And that made God happy.

One day, God said to Noah, "I am going to flood the earth and destroy every creature on it. But because you love Me and follow Me, I am going to save you and your family." Then God told Noah to build an ark.

"Build it out of gopher wood," God said. "Put a roof on top and a door in the side. And when the time comes, take your family with you into the ark. Then I will send two of every animal on earth to you. Take them into the ark and keep them safe."

Noah listened to God and did everything just as He said. Noah was 600 years old when all this happened.

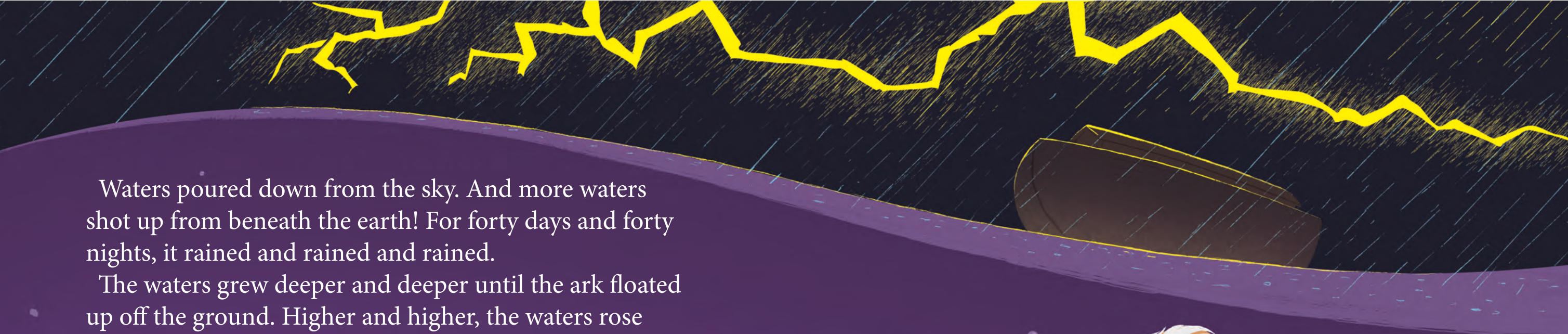


When the ark was finished, God sent the animals to Noah. Every kind of bird, every animal, every creeping and crawling creature. Two by two, they came to Noah.

When all the animals were inside, God said to Noah, "Go into the ark, you and all your family."



Noah did just as God said, and God shut the door. Then it began to rain.



Waters poured down from the sky. And more waters shot up from beneath the earth! For forty days and forty nights, it rained and rained and rained.

The waters grew deeper and deeper until the ark floated up off the ground. Higher and higher, the waters rose until it was everywhere—even covering the tops of the trees! Still, the waters rose higher.



Up and up and up they rose until the tops of the very tallest mountains were covered.

But Noah and all his family and all the animals were safe and warm and dry on the ark.