



Do you like guessing games?

I do.

I am thinking of something that smells nice,
it is often heavy, and can make your hands sticky.
It can be inside or outside the house,
and people have them in many different countries...



Have you guessed it yet?

Maybe the first few notes of this song will help...

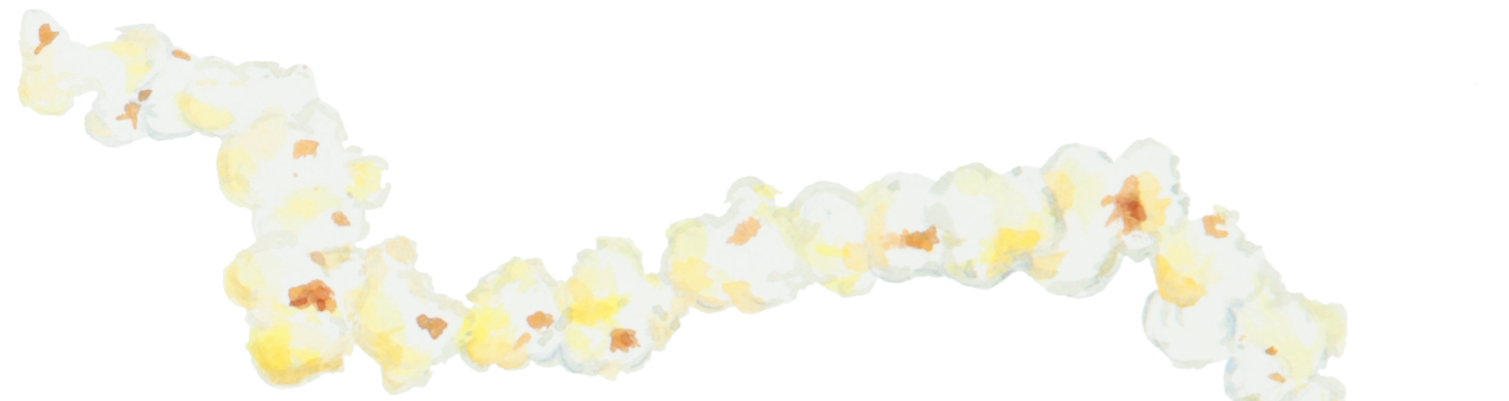


Have you worked it out?

It is green and very popular at Christmas time...



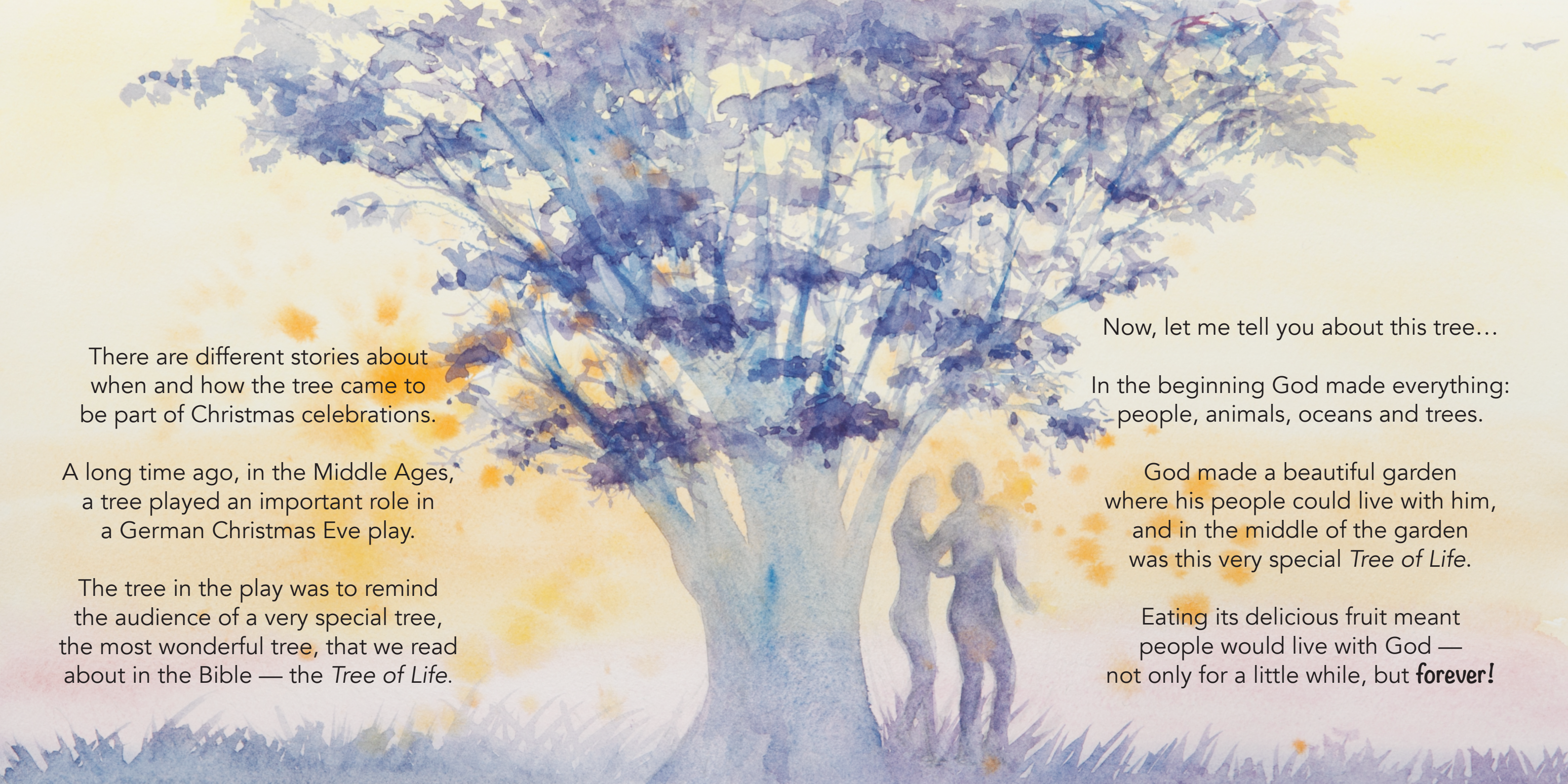
Of course! It's a Christmas tree!



Decorating the tree is one of the most well-known traditions at Christmas time.

But why do we decorate trees at Christmas?





There are different stories about when and how the tree came to be part of Christmas celebrations.

A long time ago, in the Middle Ages, a tree played an important role in a German Christmas Eve play.

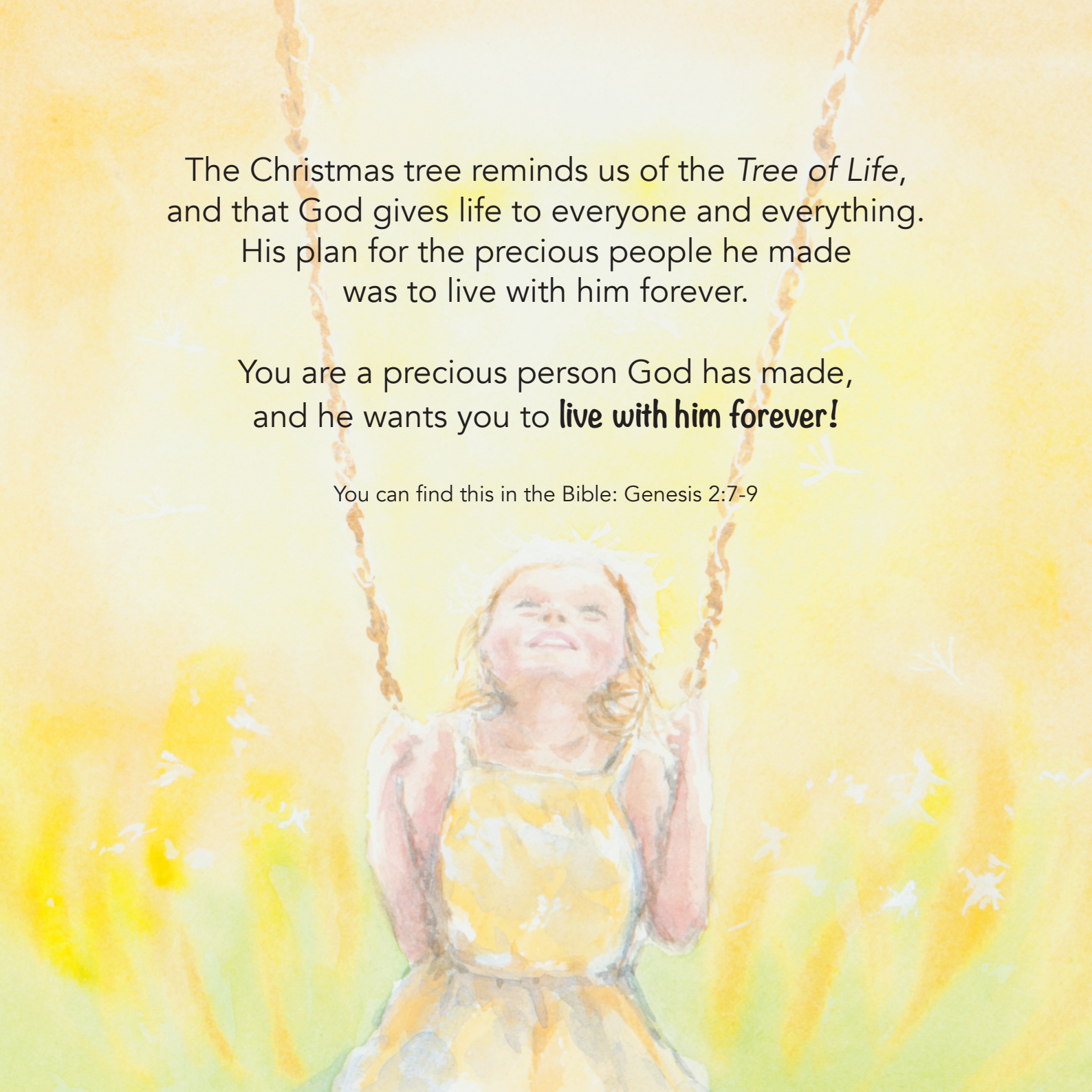
The tree in the play was to remind the audience of a very special tree, the most wonderful tree, that we read about in the Bible — the *Tree of Life*.

Now, let me tell you about this tree...

In the beginning God made everything: people, animals, oceans and trees.

God made a beautiful garden where his people could live with him, and in the middle of the garden was this very special *Tree of Life*.

Eating its delicious fruit meant people would live with God — not only for a little while, but **forever!**



The Christmas tree reminds us of the *Tree of Life*,
and that God gives life to everyone and everything.
His plan for the precious people he made
was to live with him forever.

You are a precious person God has made,
and he wants you to **live with him forever!**

You can find this in the Bible: Genesis 2:7-9