

1. GOD MADE THE WORLD

(GENESIS 1)



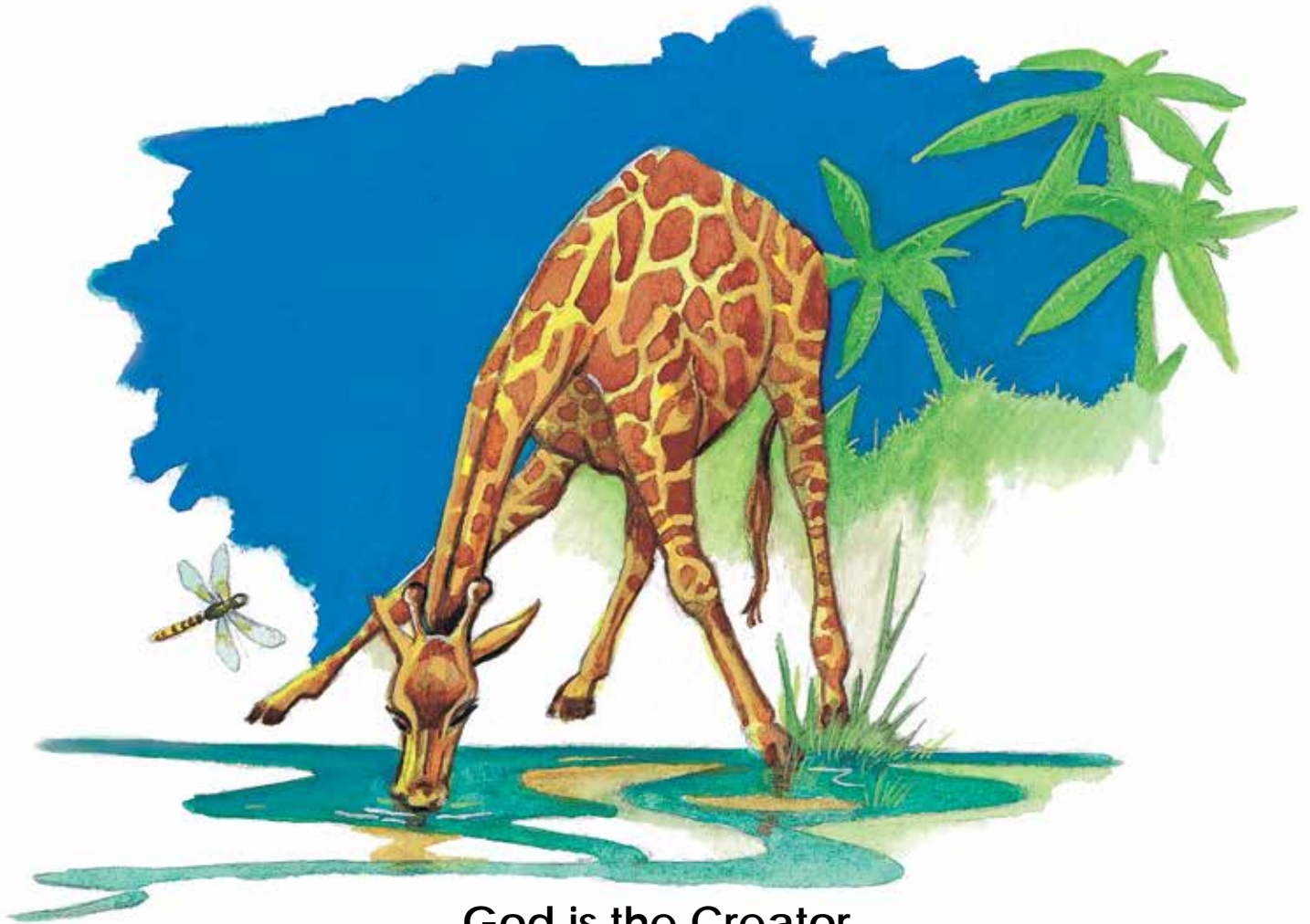
In the beginning, God made the whole world from nothing. On the first day, God said, “Let there be light,” and light appeared. God saw that the light was good. God called the light “day” and he called the darkness “night”.

On the second day, God made the sky with all the different clouds. All the water was made by God – oceans, seas, rivers, lakes. On the third day, God said, “Let dry ground appear.” And so the hills and valleys, mountains and plains were formed. By his powerful Word, God made the trees and plants, bushes and flowers. God saw that all he had made was good.

On the fourth day, God made the sun and moon and stars which we see in the sky. On the fifth day, God made the fish and sea creatures which live in the oceans and the beautiful birds which can fly through the air.

On the sixth day, God made all the animals. “Let the land produce living creatures,” he said. And so all sorts of wonderful animals came into being – the giraffe, the cow, the mouse and the firefly. Everything was good.

What did God make on the first day?



God is the Creator

God made the world out of nothing. To make a cake, we need eggs, flour and sugar. To make a picture, we need paper and paints. God made the world out of nothing. He spoke the Word and it was done. Isn't that amazing?

2. GOD MADE ADAM AND EVE

(GENESIS 1–3)

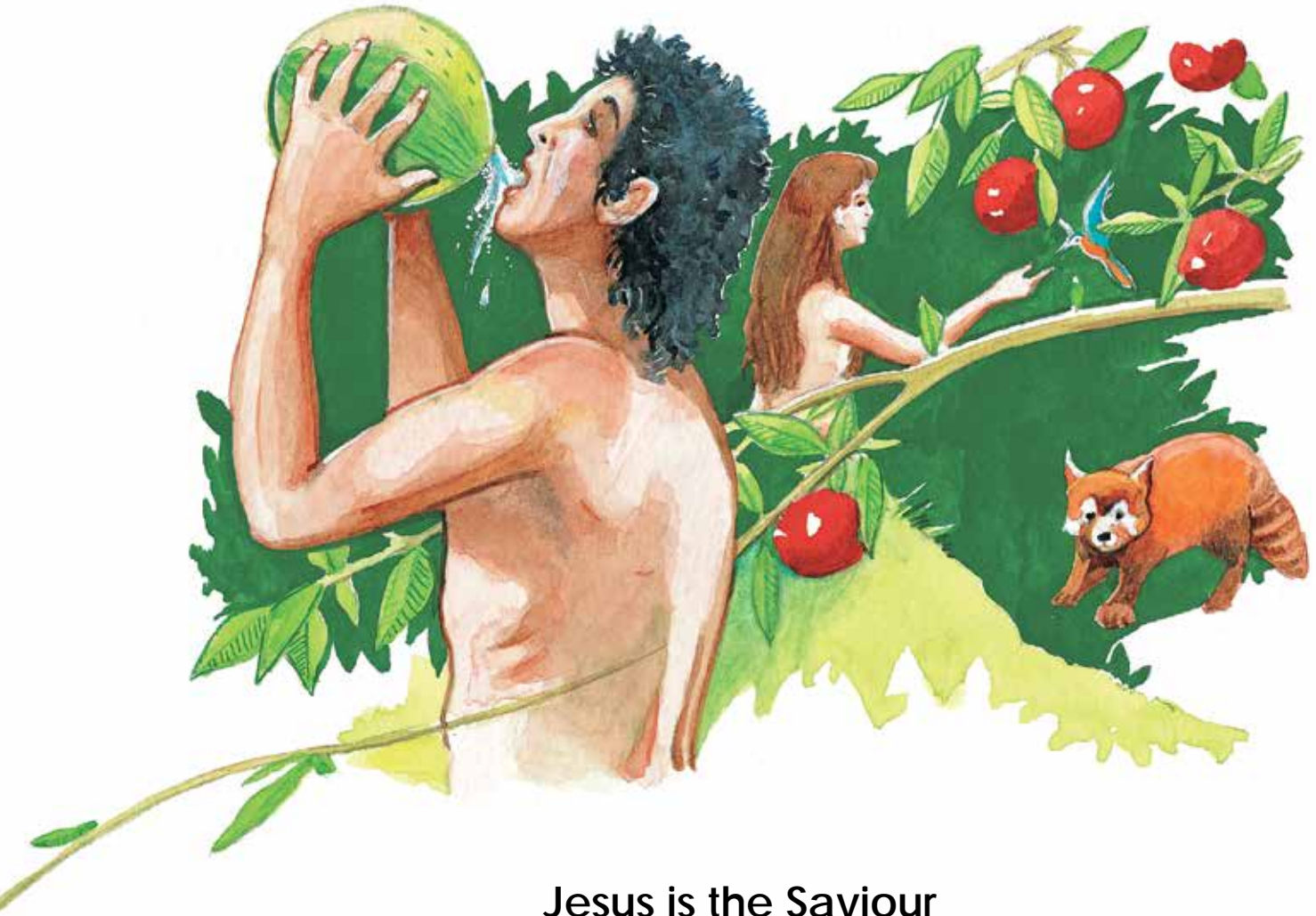
On day six, God made a man called Adam from the dust of the ground. He breathed life into him. God did not want Adam to be alone so he made him fall asleep. He then removed one of his ribs and from this he made a woman. Her name was Eve. Adam was very glad.

Adam and Eve were different to animals. God gave them a living soul. He blessed them and told them to have children. God gave them the Garden of Eden to live in. They ruled over all the other animals in the garden. God saw that everything was good and rested on the seventh day. It was a day of rest for man too.

God told Adam that he was not allowed to eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil. But Satan, disguised as a serpent, tempted Eve. Eve listened to Satan's lie and ate the fruit. She gave some to Adam too. Sin spoiled God's creation. Adam and Eve knew they had disobeyed God and tried to hide from him. "Where are you, Adam?" God called out. Adam could not hide any longer. He blamed Eve and Eve blamed the serpent. God had to punish sin. Hardship, pain and death entered the world that day. Adam and Eve were banished from the Garden of Eden.



Where did Adam and Eve live at first?



Jesus is the Saviour

Jesus died to save us from our sins. Adam and Eve's children were born sinners. When they grew up Cain killed Abel, his brother. Sin affects our lives too, but because of what Jesus has done, we can trust in him to save us from sin.