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What Is Heritage Studies?

The BJU Press Heritage Studies materials are a presentation of social studies that integrates civics, culture, economics, geography, and history.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY includes an age-appropriate study of family, community, jobs, land, and the United States, all presented within the framework of God's redemptive plan. Stories, engaging artwork and photographs, tools such as maps and graphs, essential questions, and literacy skills enhance the student's learning.





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Family

Vocabulary

- address
- culture
- custom
- family
- home
- invention
- landmark
- responsibility
- role
- rule





Short rhymes taught letters and Bible truths.



The New England Primer

Many families in early America knew the Bible well because of *The New England Primer*.

The New England Primer was a reading book. Most schools in early America used it.

The New England Primer taught students how to read. It used Bible stories. It used Bible verses.

What was the
first family like?

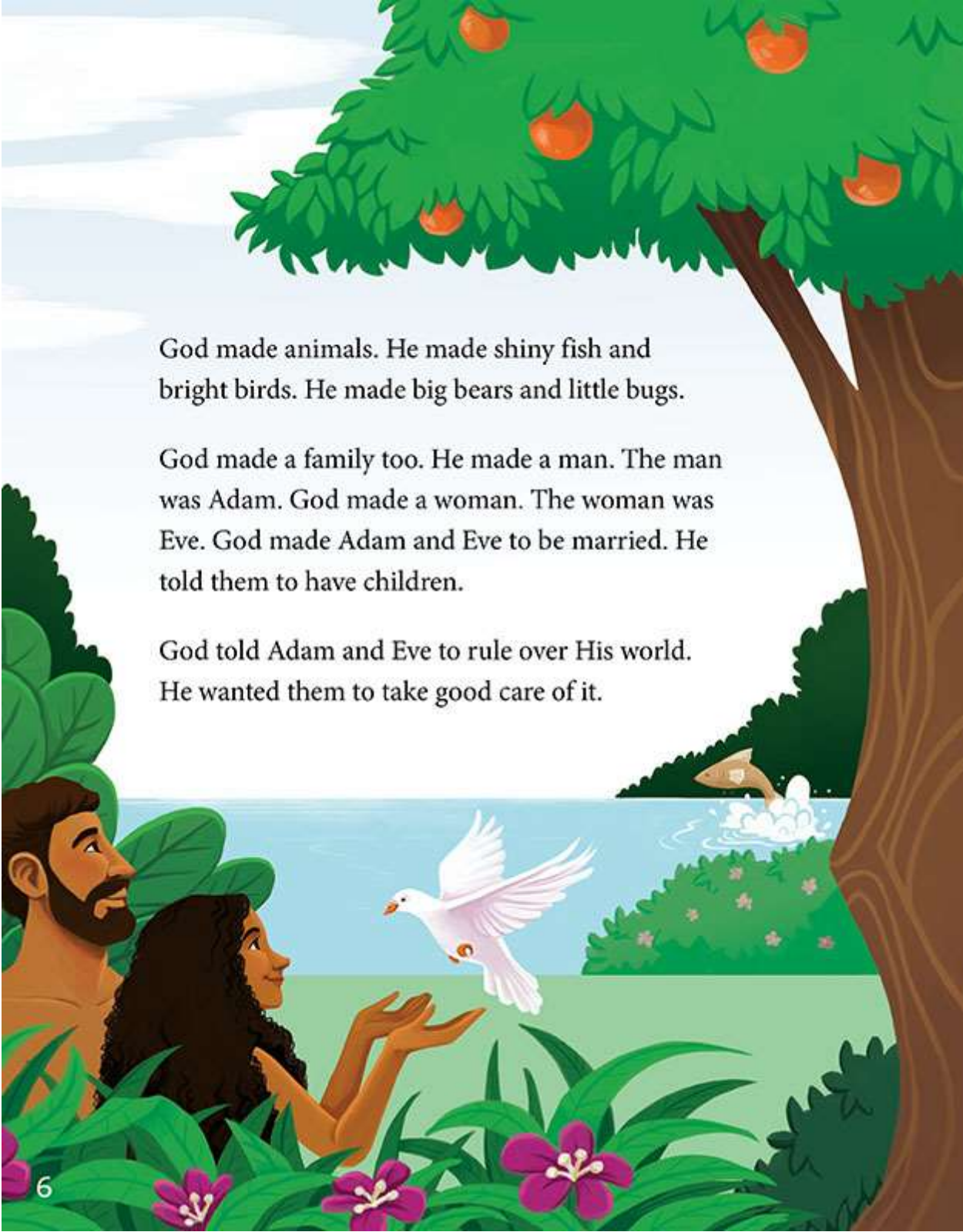


The First Family Creation

In the beginning, God made the world and all the things in it. Creation was when God made everything.

God made light. He made the sky. He made the land and the sea. He made tiny flowers and tall trees. He made the sun, the moon, and the stars.

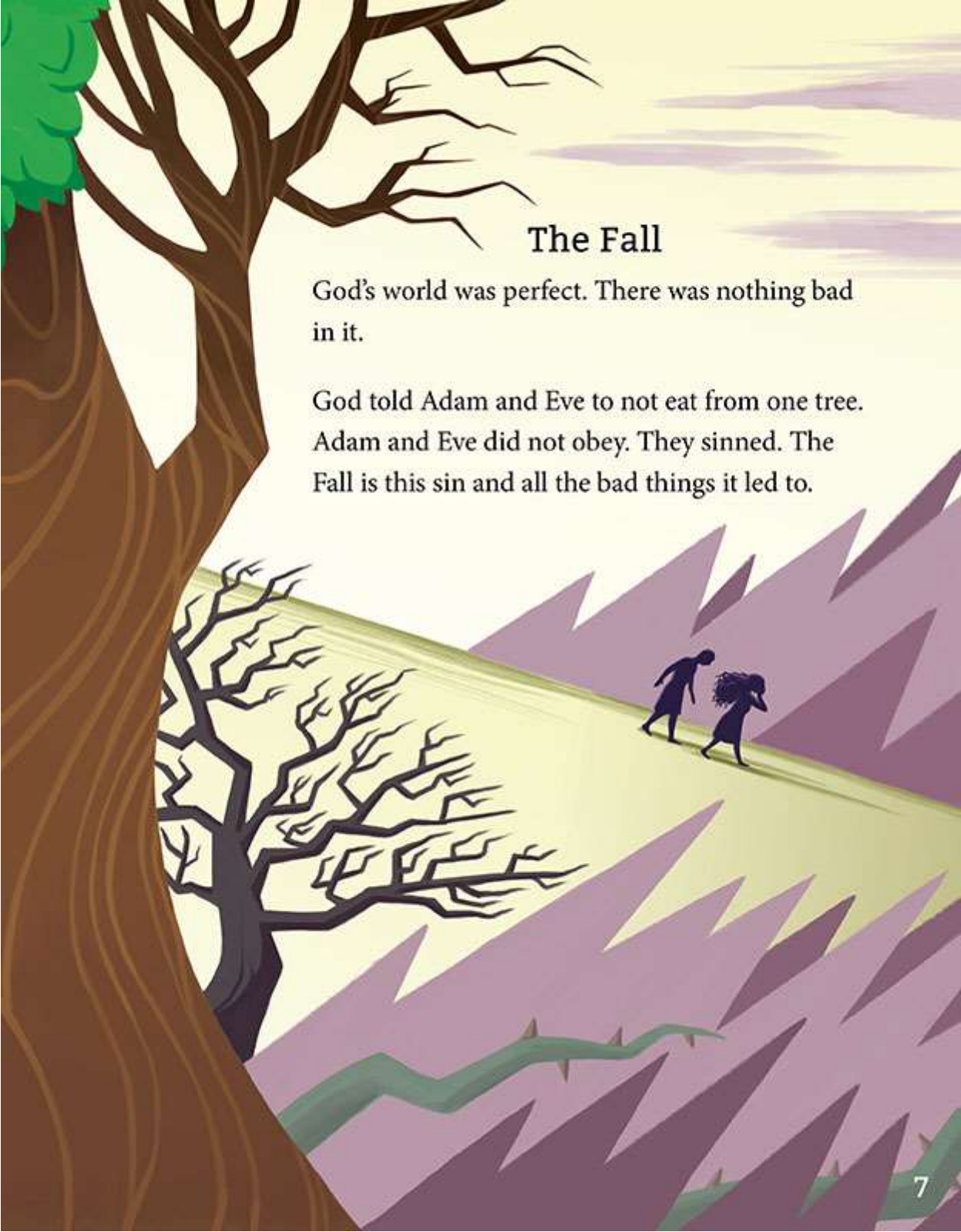




God made animals. He made shiny fish and bright birds. He made big bears and little bugs.

God made a family too. He made a man. The man was Adam. God made a woman. The woman was Eve. God made Adam and Eve to be married. He told them to have children.

God told Adam and Eve to rule over His world. He wanted them to take good care of it.

An illustration depicting the biblical story of the Fall. On the left, a large, thick brown tree trunk is visible, with a smaller, leafy green tree at the top. The rest of the tree is bare and dark. In the center-right, two small black silhouettes of a man and a woman are walking away from the tree across a yellowish-green field. The background features stylized purple mountains and a yellow sky with horizontal purple bands. The overall style is simple and illustrative.

The Fall

God's world was perfect. There was nothing bad in it.

God told Adam and Eve to not eat from one tree. Adam and Eve did not obey. They sinned. The Fall is this sin and all the bad things it led to.



The Fall was bad for people. They were not always kind. They got sick and hurt. They died.

The Fall was bad for the world. Weeds and thorns grew. Animals hunted each other.



Redemption

God's world was not perfect anymore. But God had a plan. He would send a Savior. The Savior was Jesus.

Jesus was perfect. He died on a cross to pay for sin. This payment is called redemption.

Jesus rose from the dead. He went back to heaven. One day, Jesus will return to earth. He will make all the world good again.

Until Jesus returns, no one will be perfect. But with God's help, people can live as He wants them to.

