Adam and Eve disobey God

Adam was the first man who ever lived. God created him from the dust of the earth and breathed life into him. God knew that Adam would be lonely by himself so he had a plan to create a partner for him. But before he did that God showed Adam all of the animals so that Adam could name them. While he was naming the animals, Adam noticed that every animal had a partner. Would there be a partner for Adam?

God caused Adam to fall into a deep sleep so that he could remove one of his ribs. From Adam's rib God formed a woman. This woman was called Eve and she was the very first woman who ever lived. Adam and Eve worked together in taking care of the Garden of Eden as God commanded. They were so happy in the garden that they did not even feel embarrassed that they wore no clothes.

God took good care of Adam and Eve. He gave them many trees with good fruit to eat. God said, "The fruit on these trees is for you to enjoy. But do not eat the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden. If you do, something terrible called death will happen to you." Adam and Eve did not even know what death was because no one had ever eaten the fruit so no one had ever died.

One day Eve was walking through the garden alone when she heard a strange voice. Eve started looking around to see who was talking to her. While she was looking at the tree in the middle of the garden, she saw a snake. Eve was surprised that a snake was talking to her! What Eve didn't know was that it was really Satan who was talking to her through the snake.

"Did God really say you should not eat the fruit from any tree in the garden?" the snake asked.

"God said we may eat the fruit from any tree, except for the one in the middle of the garden," Eve said. "God said something terrible would happen to us if we ate any of the fruit from that tree."

"Nothing terrible will happen to you," the snake hissed. "In fact, God knows that if you eat some of that fruit, you'll be like Him! You will know the difference between right and wrong."

Eve looked at the fruit on the tree and thought, "The fruit is beautiful. It looks like it would taste good too. Besides, if it will make us wise like God, nothing terrible could happen to us." So she picked some of the fruit and ate it.

Then Eve also gave some of the fruit to Adam.

When Adam saw the beautiful fruit Eve h ad brought him, he took the fruit from her and ate it. Suddenly Adam and Eve began to feel unhappy. Nothing seemed as beautiful or as nice as

it had before. Adam and Eve knew that something terrible had happened: they had disobeyed God.

When they heard God in the garden, they ran away and hid.

"Adam!" God called. But Adam didn't answer.

God called again, "Adam! Where are you?"

Finally, Adam said, "I heard You calling, and I was afraid. So I ran away and hid."

God knew what Adam and Eve had done, but He wanted them to tell Him, so He asked, "Did you eat from the tree I told you not to eat from?"

"Eve gave the fruit to me," said Adam.

"But the snake told me to eat it," said Eve.

How sad God was! "You have disobeyed Me," He said. "Adam, you and Eve must leave the garden. From now on things will be harder for you. You will have to plant your own gardens for food and you will not be as happy as you were here."

Adam and Eve were sad too. Something terrible had happened to them, just as God had said it would. Adam and Eve knew they had done wrong and deserved to be punished. So they put on the clothes God gave them, which were made from animal skins instead of leaves, and walked slowly, sadly out to the beautiful garden that had been their home. They were never allowed to come back to the garden.

Adam and Eve, and all the people of the world born after Adam and Eve, would now be separated from God. This is why the Father had to make a special plan to one day in the future, (about 4000 years later), to send His Son Jesus to die on the cross so that all who wanted to could become a friend of God once again.