

Genesis 2:4b-7, 15-17; 3:1-8



In the beginning, God made two people to care for the earth. "Adam and Eve," God said, "I have only one rule. See that tree? Don't eat its fruit, or it will make you very sad."

"Okay, God!" said Adam.

"We won't touch it," Eve promised...

But the fruit on that tree looked awfully tasty. Adam and Eve didn't believe what God said about it.

"Mmm," said Eve, taking a big bite. "This is so yummy!"

"You're right!" said Adam, with juice dripping down his chin.

As soon as they ate it, they knew they had hurt God by not trusting God. They felt so ashamed that they hid themselves from God.

"Oh," cried Eve, "we should have listened."

"God was right," sobbed Adam. "Eating that fruit has made us so sad."



Feeling Ashamed

When deep inside, you feel like you did something bad. God can take that feeling away.

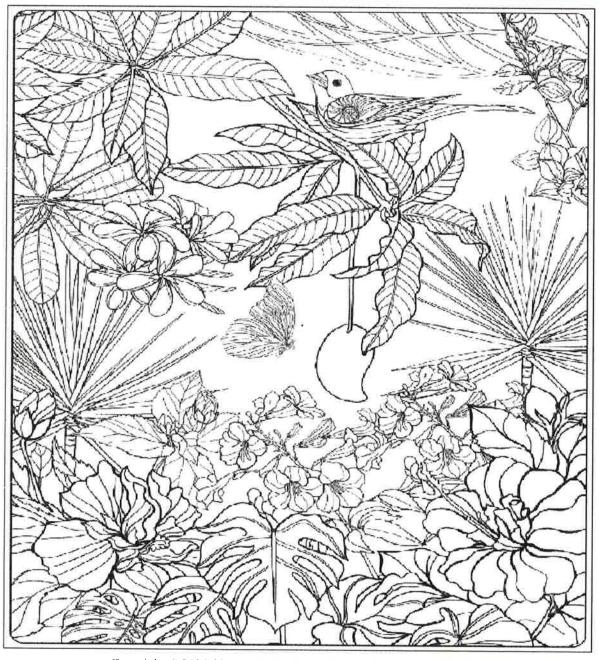


Did'ja Know?

Some people think the Garden of Eden was somewhere in what is now Iraq! It was between two rivers called the Euphrates and the Tigris.



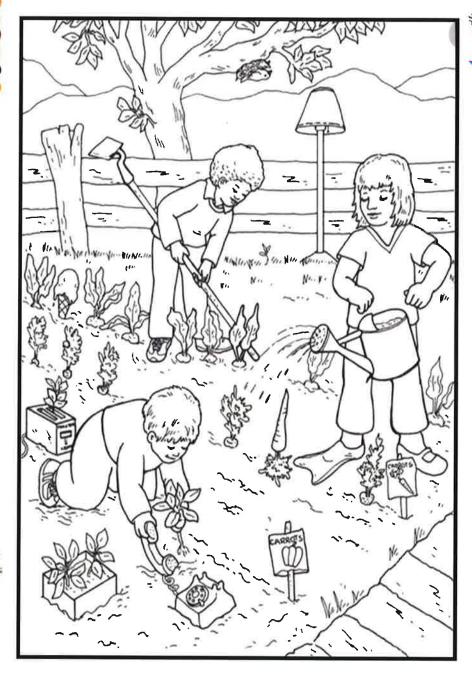
May your skills in coloring exceed even the beauty of the Garden of Eden! Have fun!

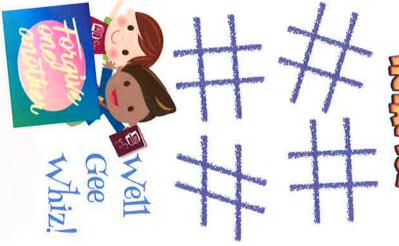


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Here's a different kind of garden. There's a problem though - the young gardeners are so busy that they can't see what's out of place. Can you circle all of the stuff that doesn't belong?





God forgives us when we make mistakes. That helps us move on to forgive others, too!



inside. (For example, there are garden herbs you can grow to eat in a salad.) still grow things inside if the plants get enough light! Ask an adult to help you grow something If you live in the northern hemisphere, it is probably too late to start a garden outside. You can



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