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for
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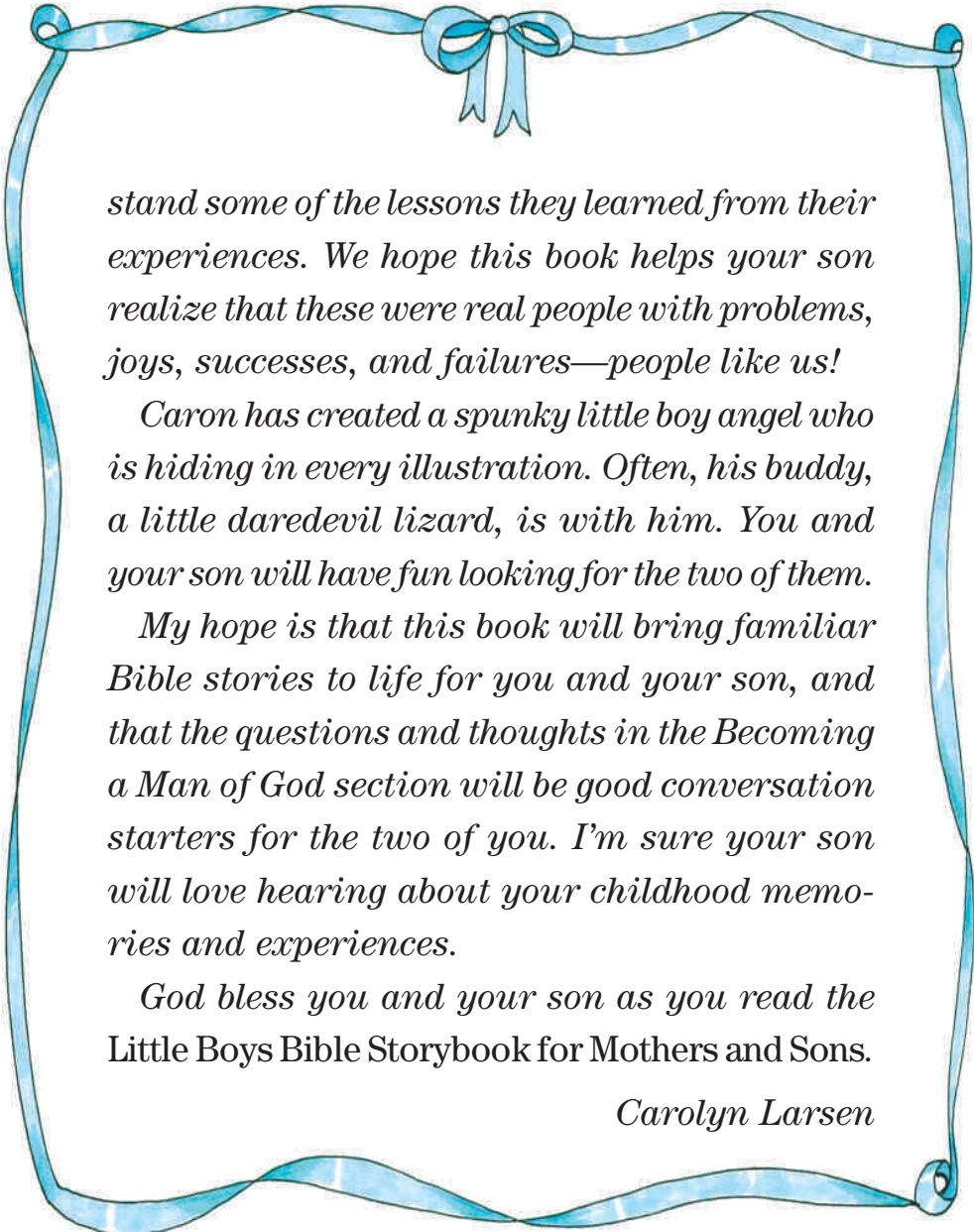
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Dear Moms,

I had two daughters before my son was born. I remember people saying, “Boys are so different from girls; you’ll see!” I didn’t believe them because one of my daughters was an absolute daredevil and I didn’t see how a boy could be any more energetic than she was. However, they were right. It’s hard to explain how—but boys are definitely different to raise than girls are. That’s why Caron Turk and I have tried to make this book a little more active, maybe a little more “rough-and-tumble” than the Little Girls Bible Storybook.

We hope the stories and illustrations in this book provide a chance for you and your son to see into the hearts of some well-loved Bible characters. Of course, we don’t really know what those people actually felt or how they approached some of the situations they were in, but by thinking about what they may have felt, we can under-



stand some of the lessons they learned from their experiences. We hope this book helps your son realize that these were real people with problems, joys, successes, and failures—people like us!

Caron has created a spunky little boy angel who is hiding in every illustration. Often, his buddy, a little daredevil lizard, is with him. You and your son will have fun looking for the two of them.

*My hope is that this book will bring familiar Bible stories to life for you and your son, and that the questions and thoughts in the *Becoming a Man of God* section will be good conversation starters for the two of you. I'm sure your son will love hearing about your childhood memories and experiences.*

God bless you and your son as you read the Little Boys Bible Storybook for Mothers and Sons.

Carolyn Larsen

That's What Little Boys Are Made Of

Genesis 1-2

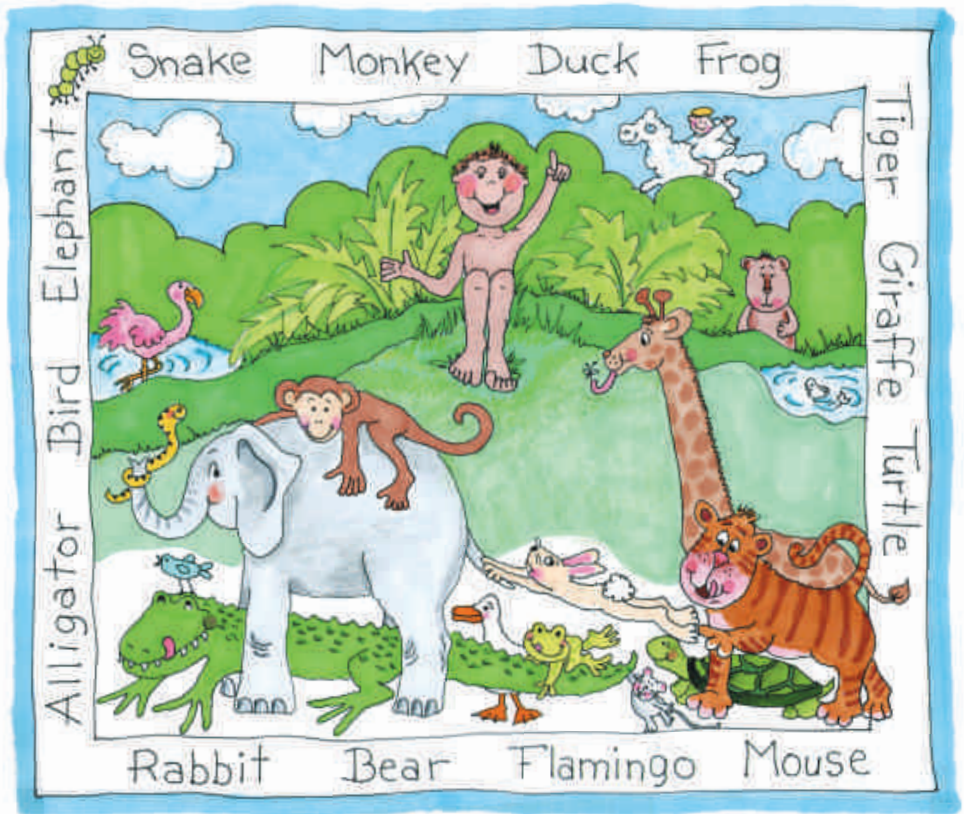


A brown bear scooped honey into his mouth, but when the ground began to shake, he dove behind a rock, peeking out at the swirling dust. God himself was moving the dirt! He was shaping it into his best creation—Adam, the very first man.

Adam stretched his arms and wiggled his fingers. He raced through the garden, checking out everything God had made for him. He skipped stones across a lake. He climbed a tree and hung upside down.

But a while later Adam slumped on the ground. “What’s the matter, Adam?” God asked.





“I’m bored,” Adam said with a sigh.

“Well, would you like to name the animals?” God asked. “They all need names. You can decide what to call each one.” So Adam made up names for each one. But when he finished, he plopped down on the ground again.

“I know what the problem is,” God said. “You’re lonely. You need someone to talk with and do things with. Someone who is more like you than the animals.” God made Adam fall asleep. He took one of Adam’s ribs and used it to make Eve, the first woman.





You will be best friends.....❤️

“Wake up now,” God whispered. Adam opened his eyes and saw a brand-new creature. “This is Eve,” God said. “I made her to be your wife. You both are a lot like me—you can think, and talk, make decisions, and work together. I know you’ll be very happy.”



Becoming a Man of God

*A man of God knows he is made
in God's image.*

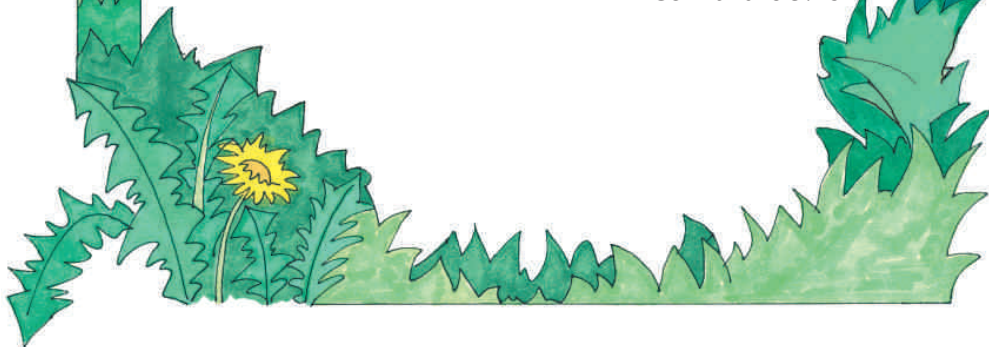
Adam and Eve were made in God's image. God made them to be like him. You are also made in God's image.

God is loving, kind, honest, and fair. So you should also be loving, kind, honest, and fair.

A Verse to Remember

As all of us reflect the Lord's glory with faces that are not covered with veils, we are being changed into his image with ever-increasing glory. This comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

2 Corinthians 3:18



At First Bite

Genesis 3



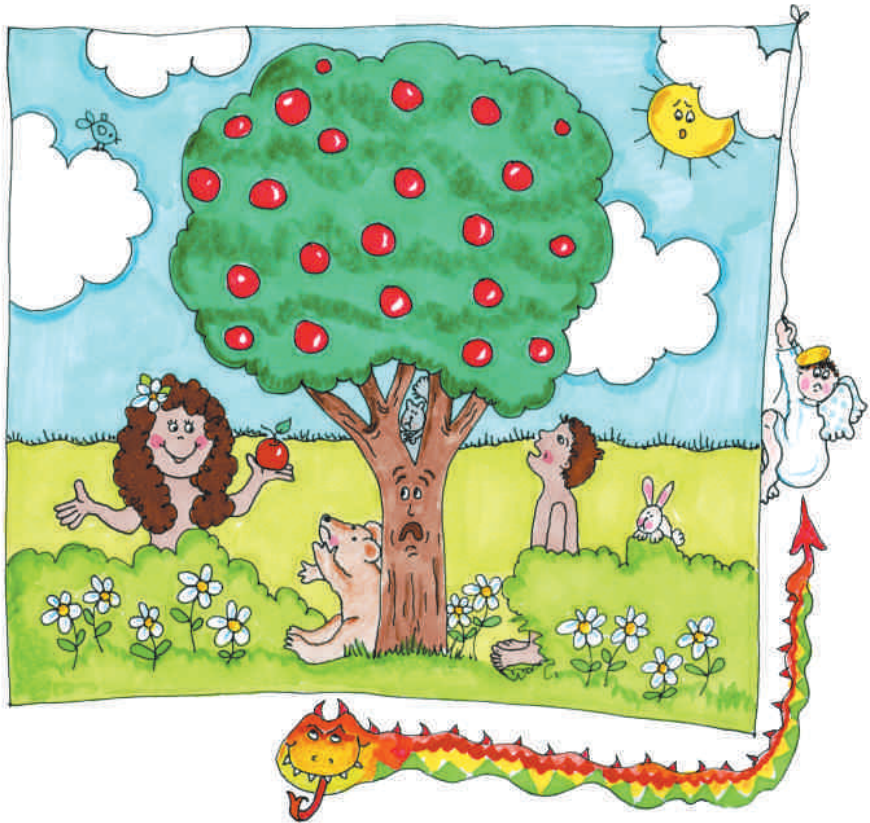
“Adam!” Eve’s voice blasted through the quiet garden. Adam could hear her running and stumbling over bushes.

“Over here, Eve,” he called. He stepped out from behind a bush just in time for Eve to crash into him. “What’s wrong?” he asked.

“Taste this—it’s great!” Eve said, holding out a half-eaten piece of fruit.

Adam’s breath caught in his throat. “That’s from the tree God said not to eat from, Eve. He said if we even so much as touch it we’ll die.”



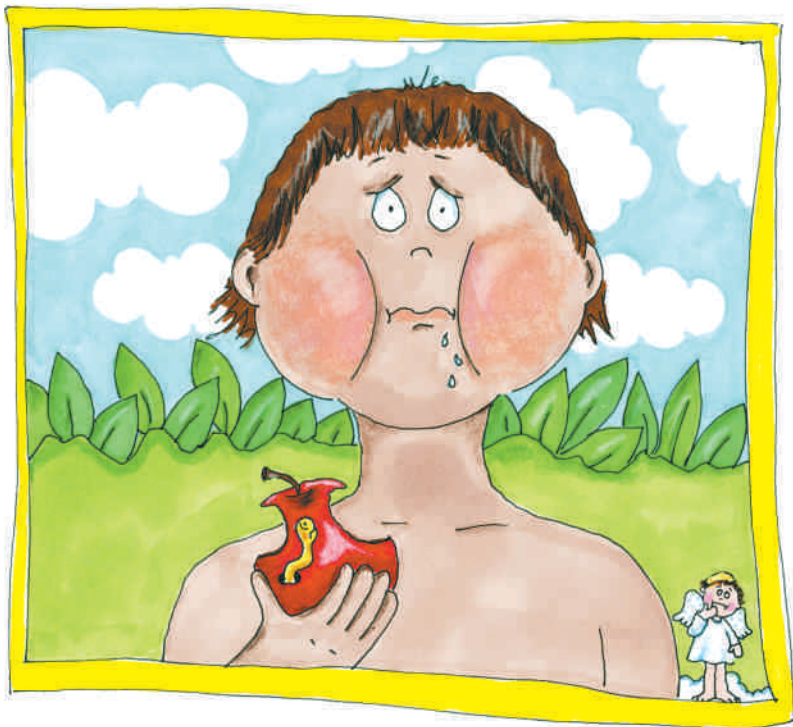


Adam recognized the fruit because he often wondered why God didn't want him to touch it. Eve had broken the only rule God gave them.

“We won't die,” Eve said. “That snake over there said eating this fruit would make us more like God.”

Adam knew he should just walk away, but the fruit smelled so sweet. Suddenly he grabbed it and took a big bite.

Right away Adam felt sad because he knew he had broken God's rule.





When God came to the garden later, Adam hid from him. God knew something was wrong. “Adam, what have you done?” he asked.

Adam tried to put the blame on Eve. But there was no way out of this. They had disobeyed.

“I have to punish you,” God said sadly, “but remember that I still love you. I will always love you.”

Becoming a Man of God

*A man of God takes responsibility
for his sin.*

Adam and Eve were made in God's image. But they could choose to obey or not to obey. In this story, they made a bad choice—they sinned—and God punished them.

We all sin—even if we try hard not to, we do. When was a time that you did something wrong?

A Verse to Remember

Though your sins are bright red
they will become as white as snow.
Though they are dark red,
they will become as white as wool.

Isaiah 1:18