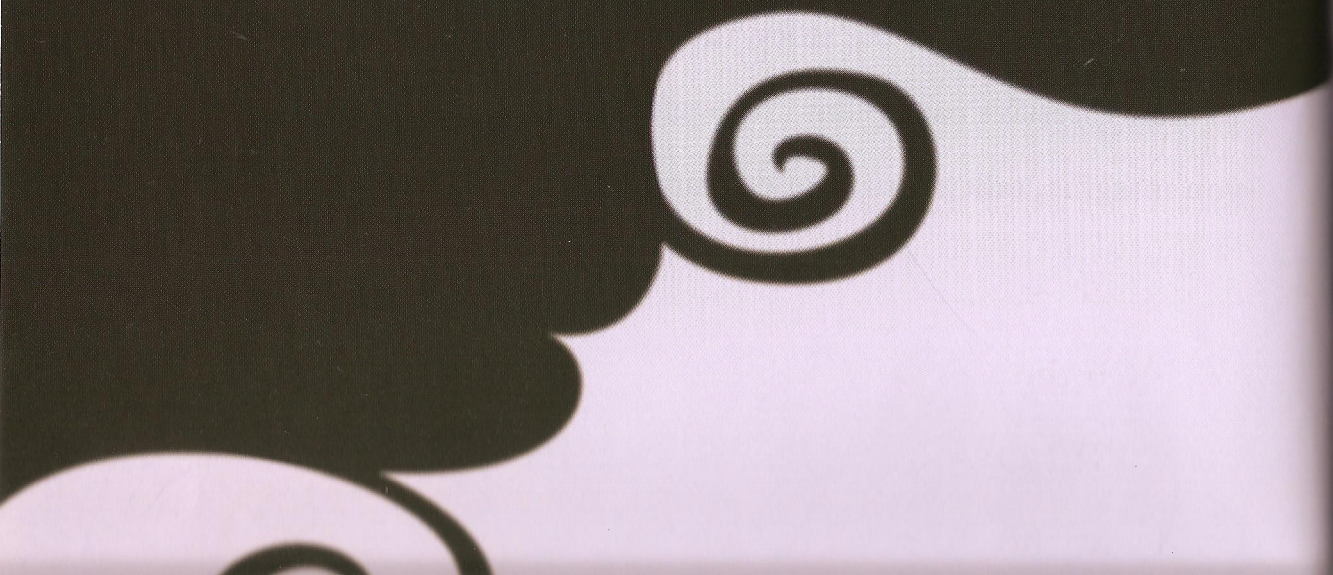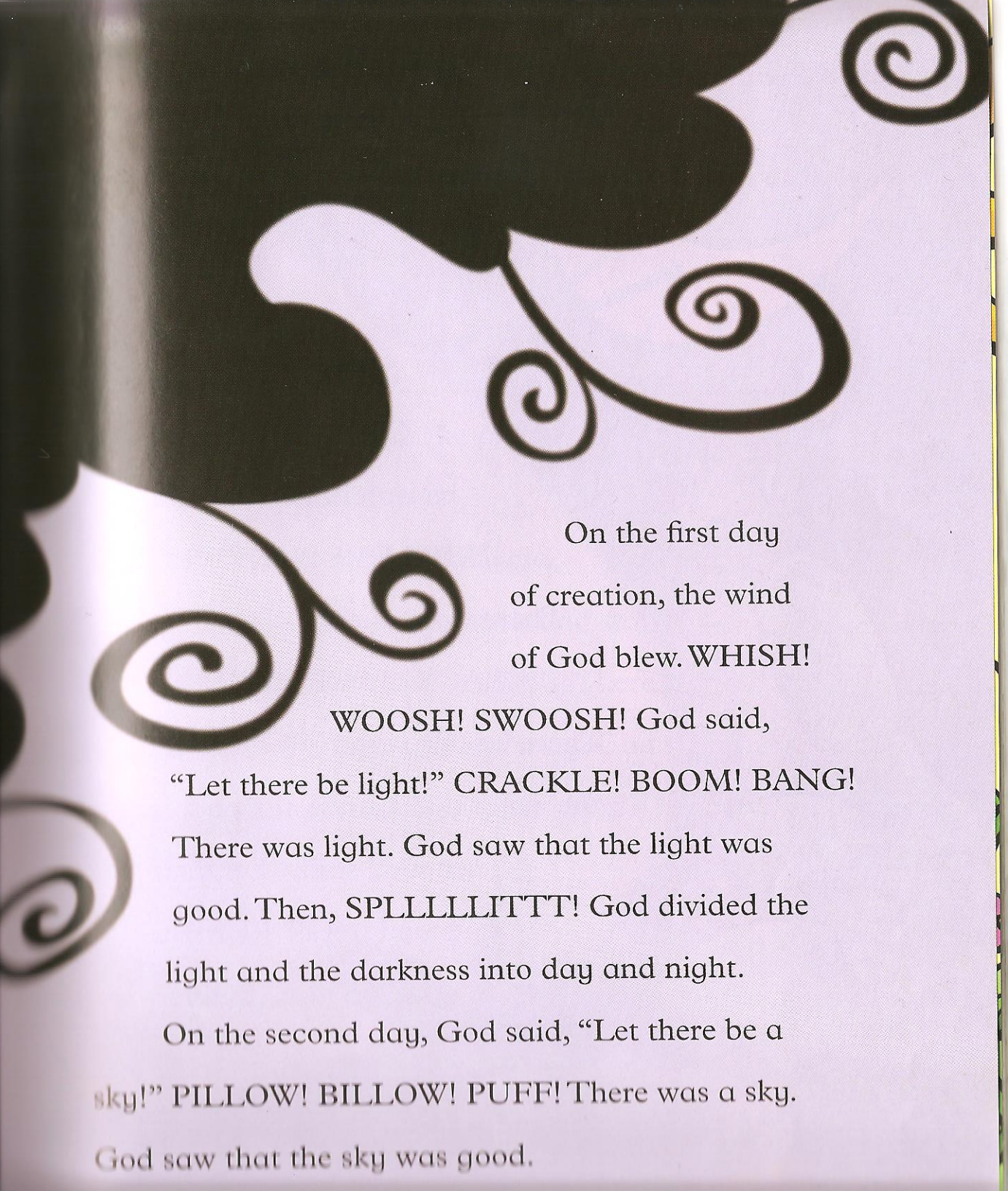# Creation

Before God created the world, there was nothing at all—except God.
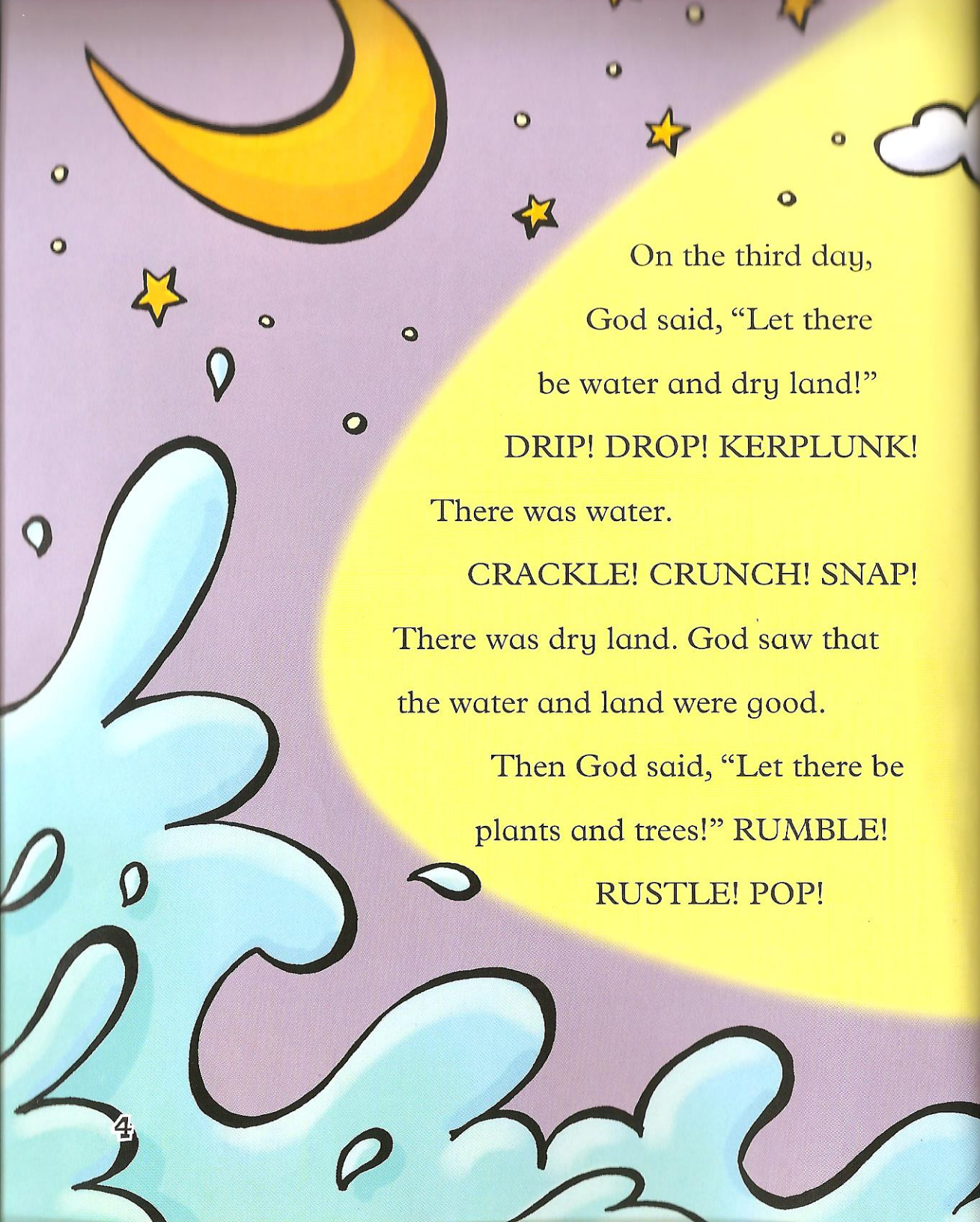
On the first day
of creation, the wind
of God blew. WHISH!
WOOSH! SWOOSH! God said,
"Let there be light!" CRACKLE! BOOM! BANG!
There was light. God saw that the light was
good. Then, SPLLLLLITTT! God divided the
light and the darkness into day and night.
On the second day, God said, "Let there be a
sky!" PILLOW! BILLOW! PUFF! There was a sky.
God saw that the sky was good.

On the third day,
God said, "Let there
be water and dry land!"
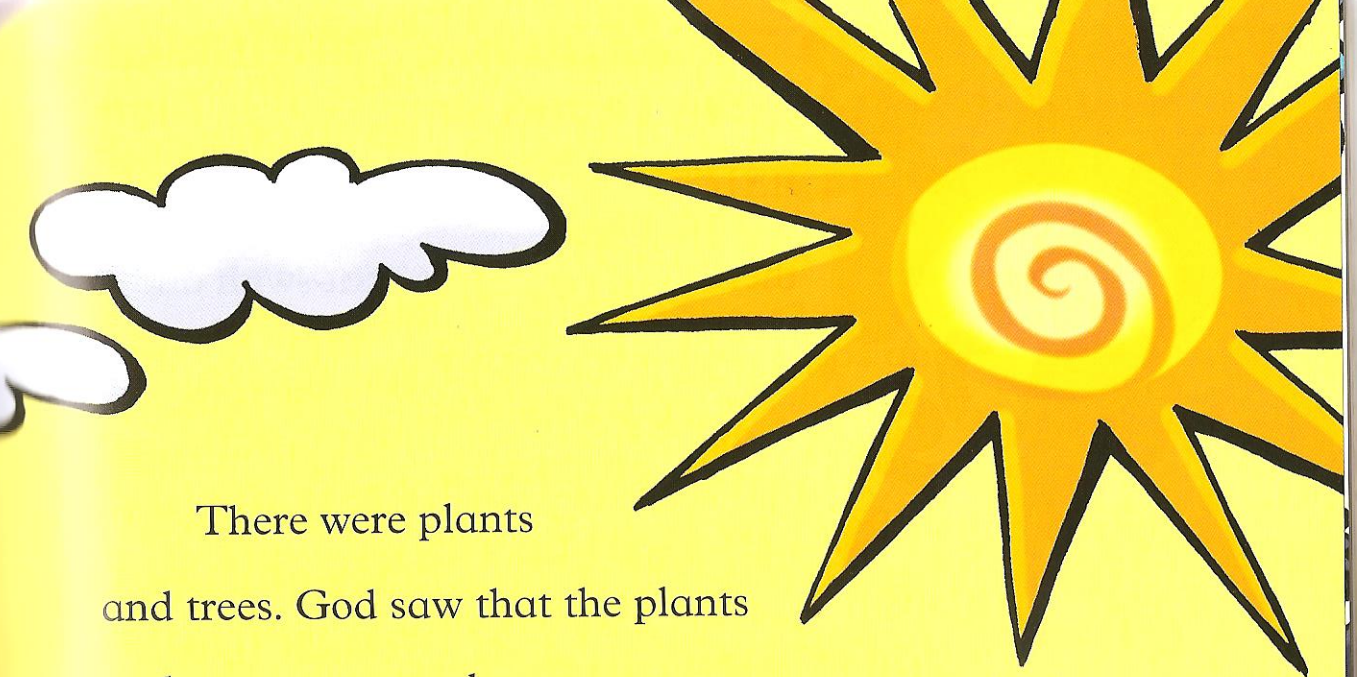DRIP! DROP! KERPLUNK!
There was water.
CRACKLE! CRUNCH! SNAP!
There was dry land. God saw that
the water and land were good.
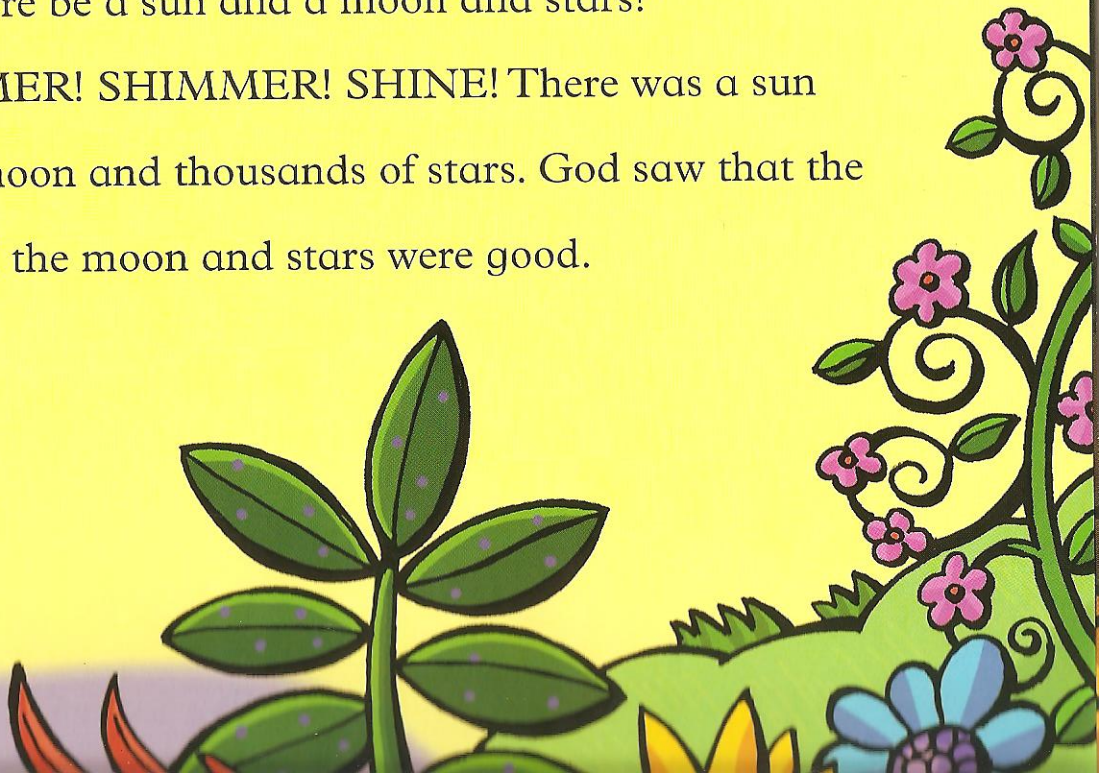Then God said, "Let there be
plants and trees!" RUMBLE!
RUSTLE! POP!

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There were plants
and trees. God saw that the plants
and trees were good.

On the fourth day, God said,
"Let there be a sun and a moon and stars!"
GLIMMER! SHIMMER! SHINE! There was a sun
and a moon and thousands of stars. God saw that the
sun and the moon and stars were good.

there be sea animals that swim and birds that fly!" WIGGLE! SPLISH! SPLASH! There were sea animals. FLUTTER! PUTTER! TWEET! There were birds. God saw that the sea animals and birds were good.
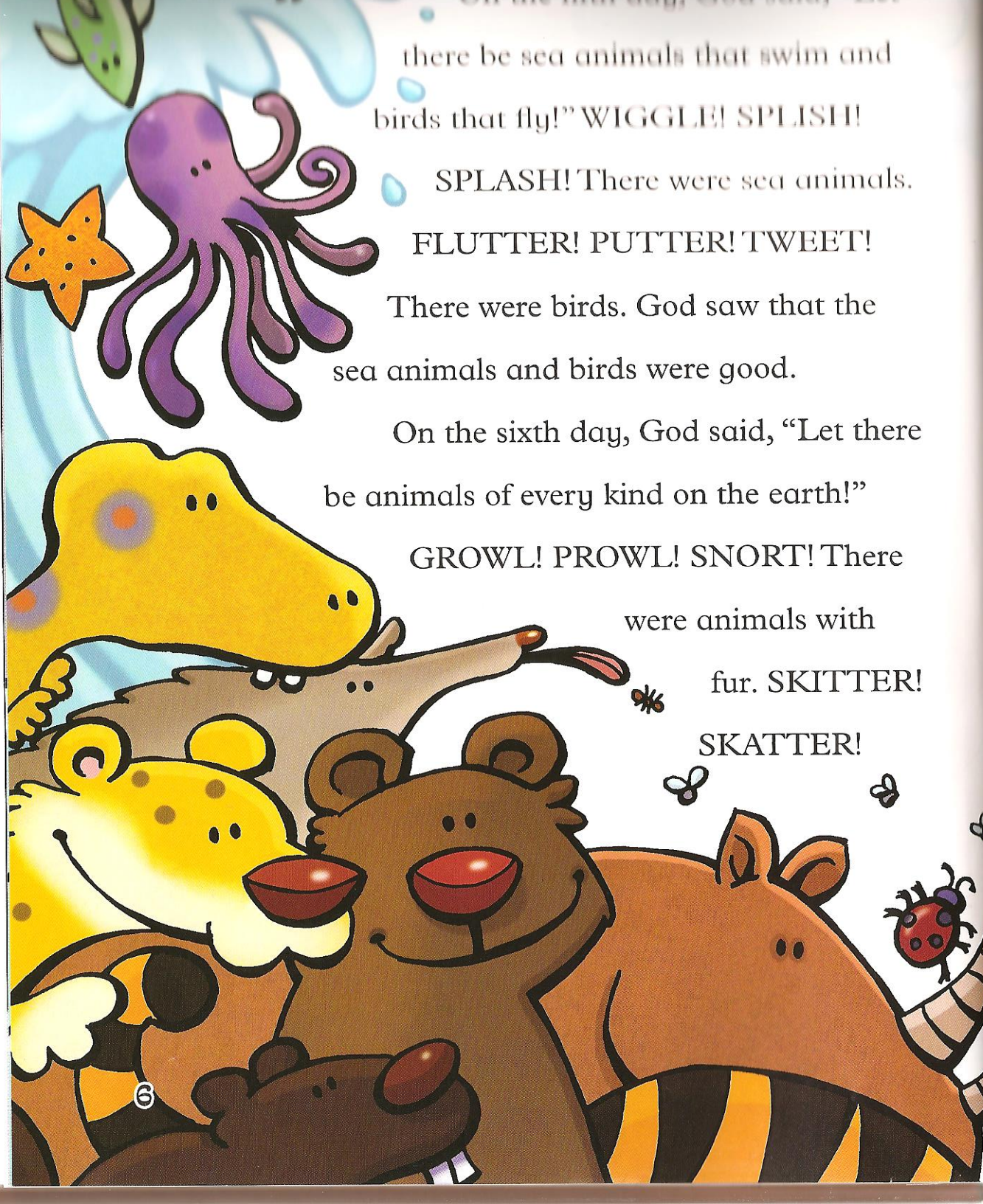
On the sixth day, God said, "Let there be animals of every kind on the earth!" GROWL! PROWL! SNORT! There were animals with fur. SKITTER! SKATTER!
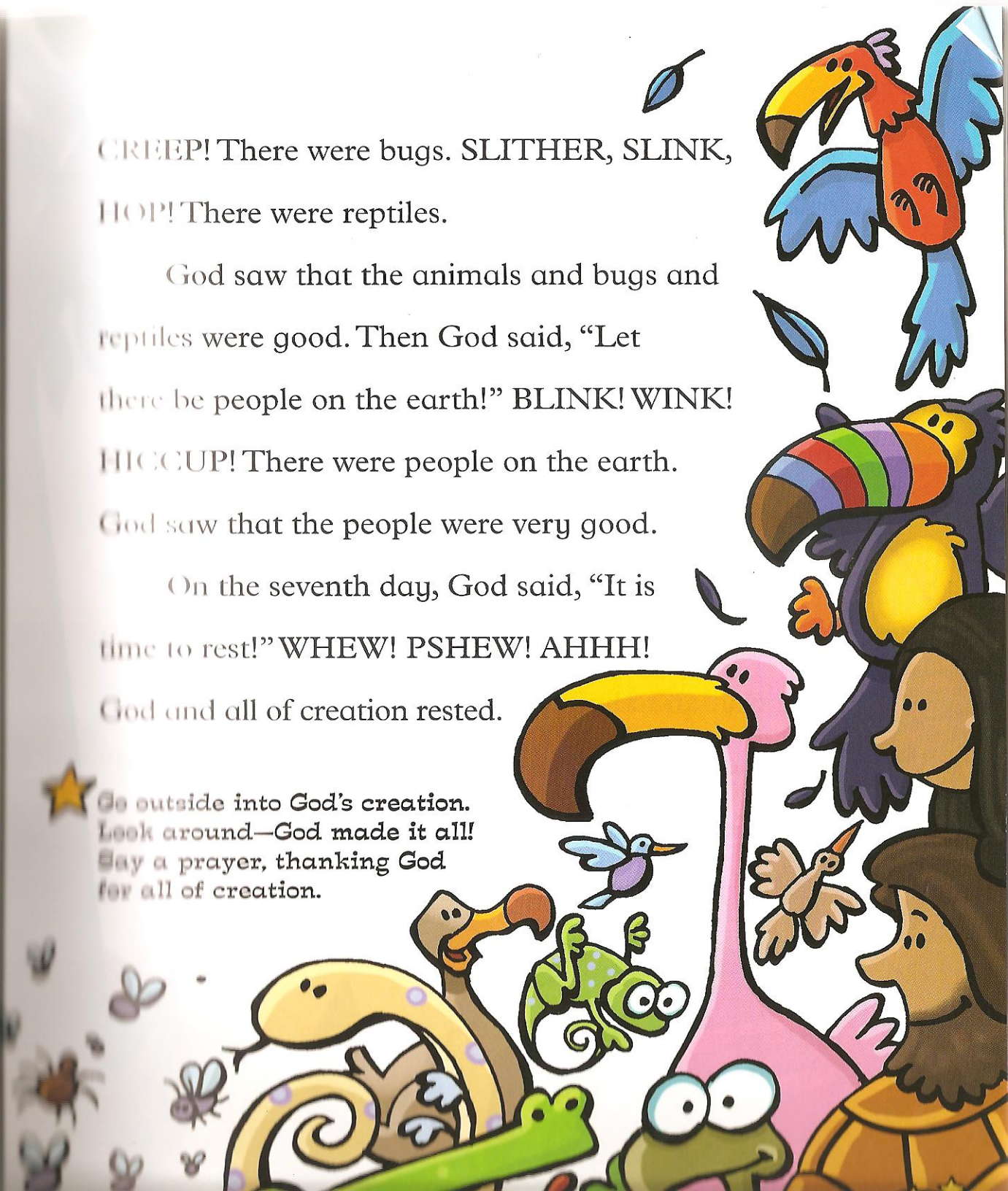
CREEP! There were bugs. SLITHER, SLINK, HOP! There were reptiles.

God saw that the animals and bugs and reptiles were good. Then God said, "Let there be people on the earth!" BLINK! WINK! HICCUP! There were people on the earth. God saw that the people were very good.

On the seventh day, God said, "It is time to rest!" WHEW! PSHEW! AHHH! God and all of creation rested.
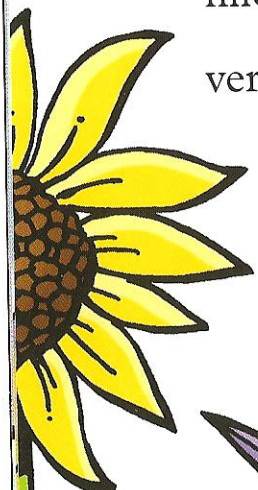
Go outside into God's creation. Look around—God made it all! Say a prayer, thanking God for all of creation.
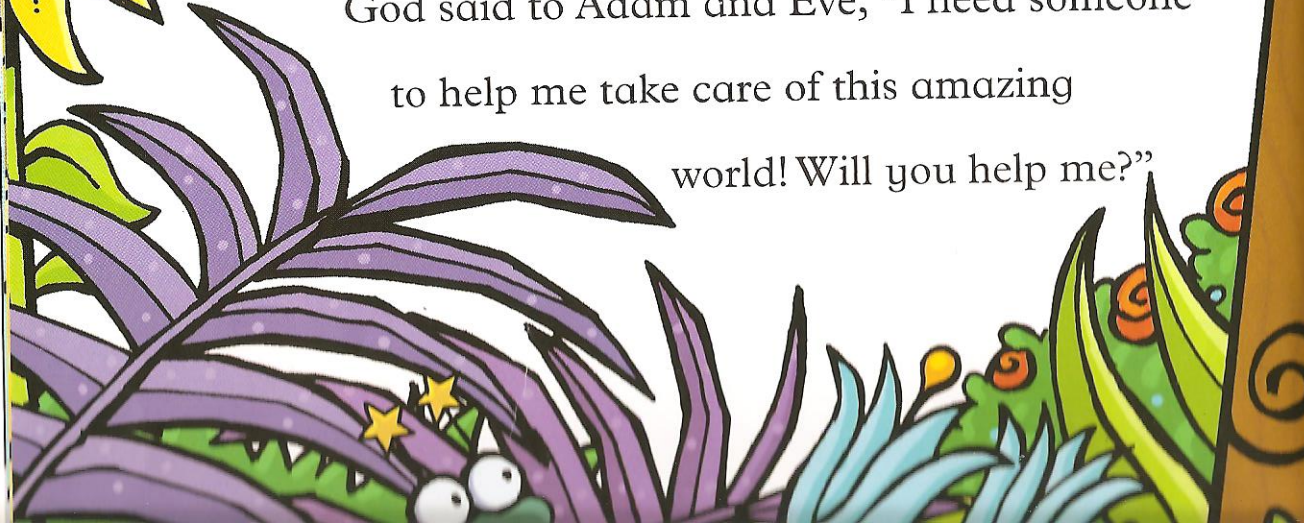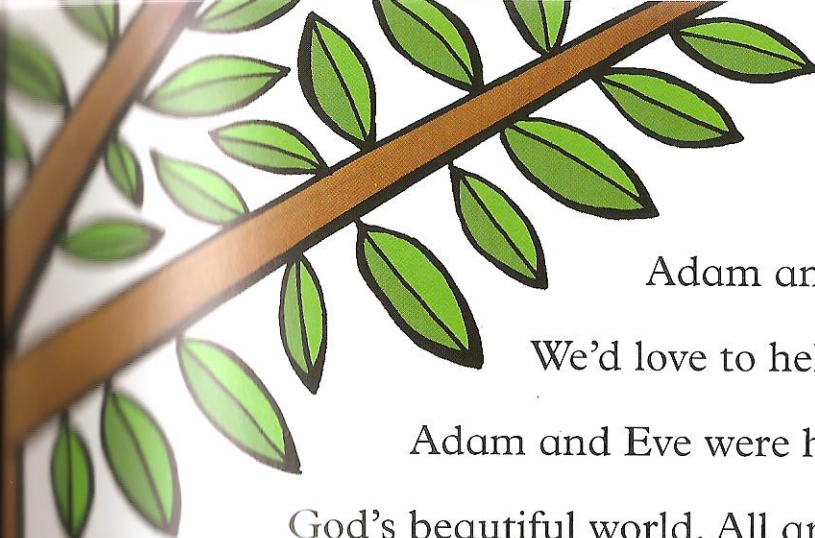
Adam and Eve

After creating the whole world, God looked

around and was very happy. It was an incredible world

filled with wonderful animals, plants, and included two

very special people—a man and a woman.

God made a beautiful place for the man and

woman to live, an amazing garden. God

named the man Adam and the woman Eve.

God said to Adam and Eve, "I need someone

to help me take care of this amazing
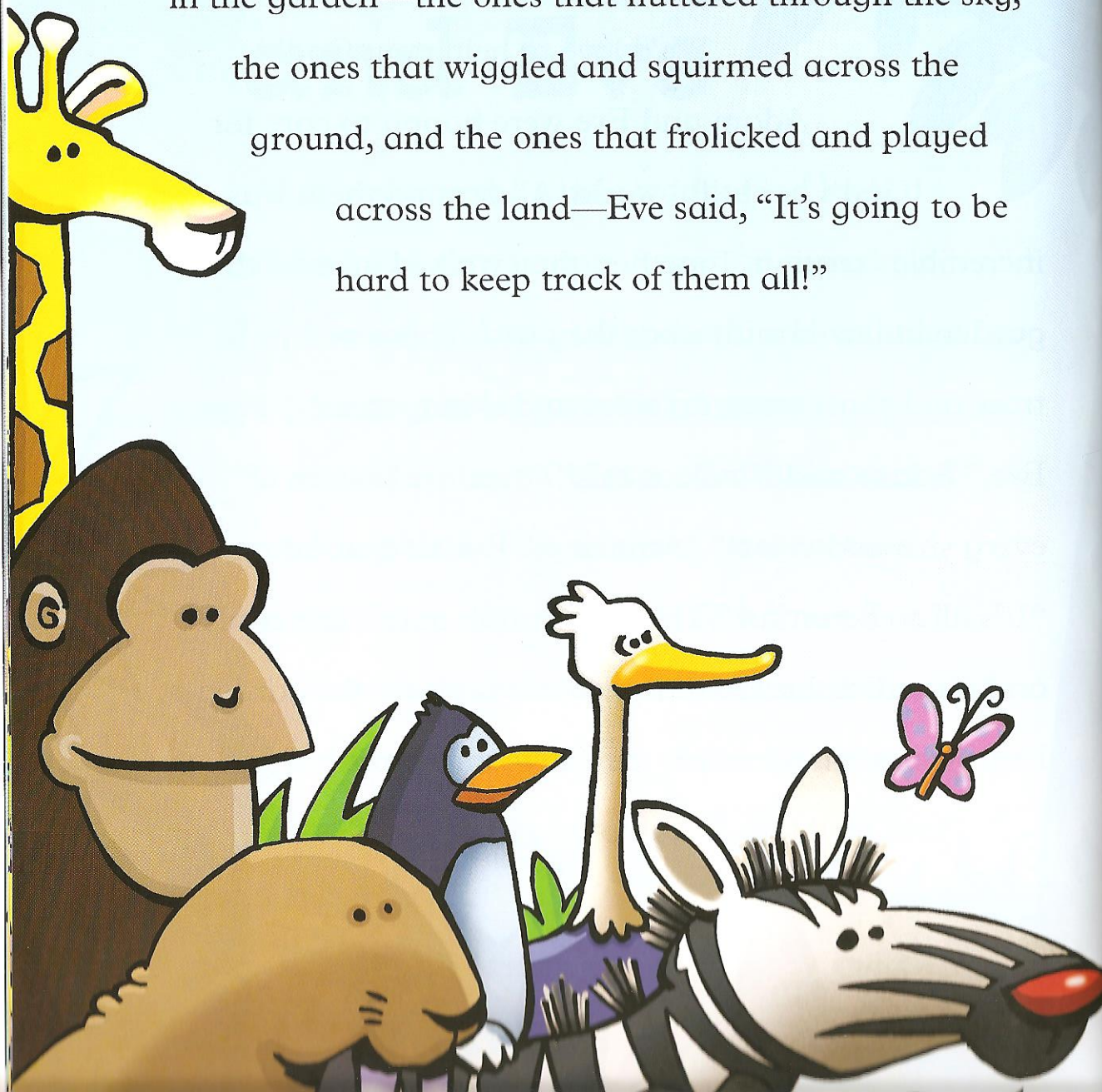
world! Will you help me?"

Adam and Eve said, "Sure! We'd love to help you, God!" Adam and Eve were happy to care for God's beautiful world. All around them was incredible creation. Together, they walked around the garden, amazed with what they saw. There were tall trees and short trees, fat trees and skinny trees! "Wow, Eve," Adam said, "look at this! There are flowers of every size and color!" "Amazing," Eve said to Adam. "It's all so beautiful." There were still, quiet blue pools and a rustling breeze that blew throughout the garden. Everywhere they looked, they saw an amazing world.
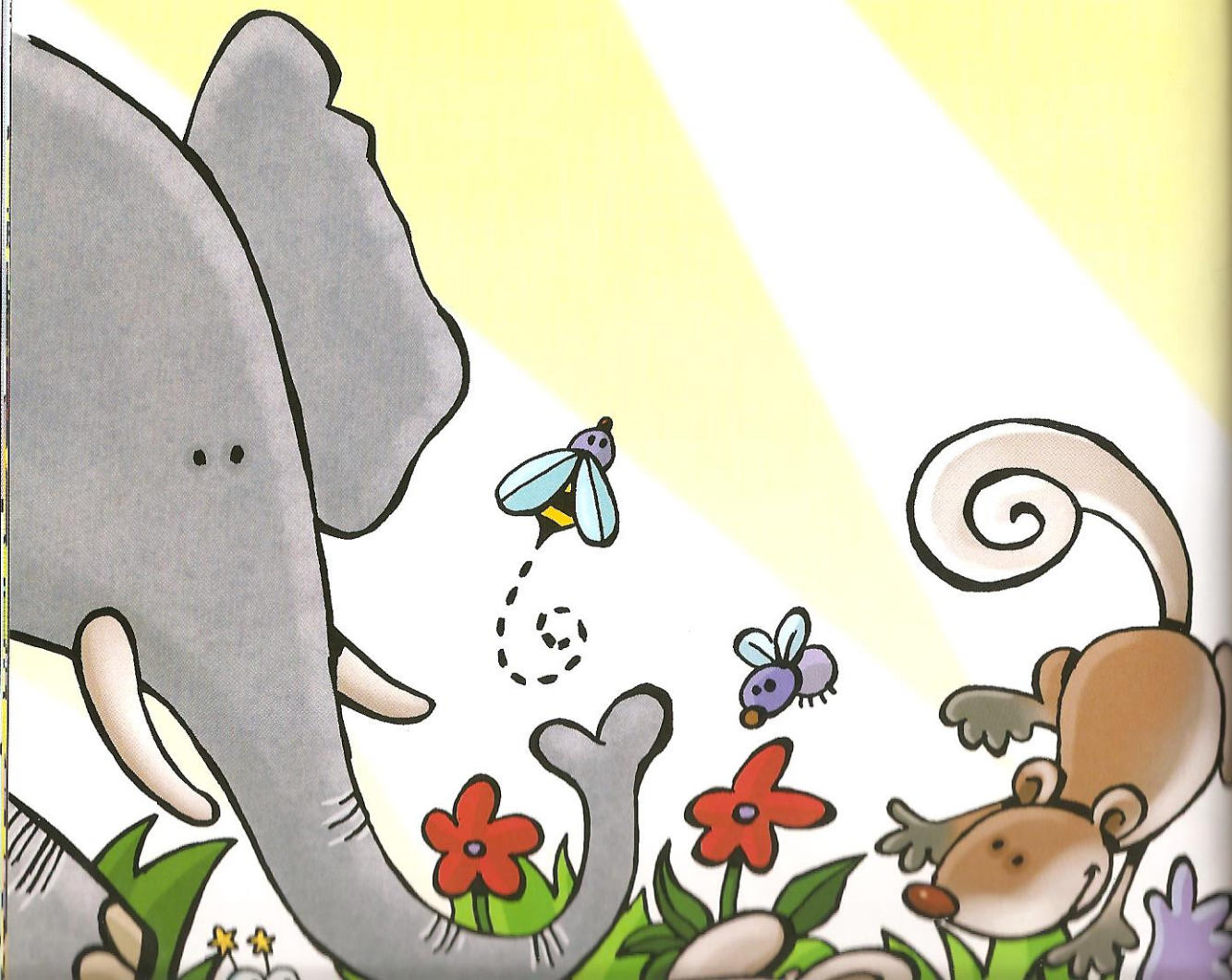
When she looked at all of the animals God placed in the garden—the ones that fluttered through the sky, the ones that wiggled and squirmed across the ground, and the ones that frolicked and played across the land—Eve said, "It's going to be hard to keep track of them all!"

"Don't worry, Eve," Adam said, "G

to give all the animals names to help us

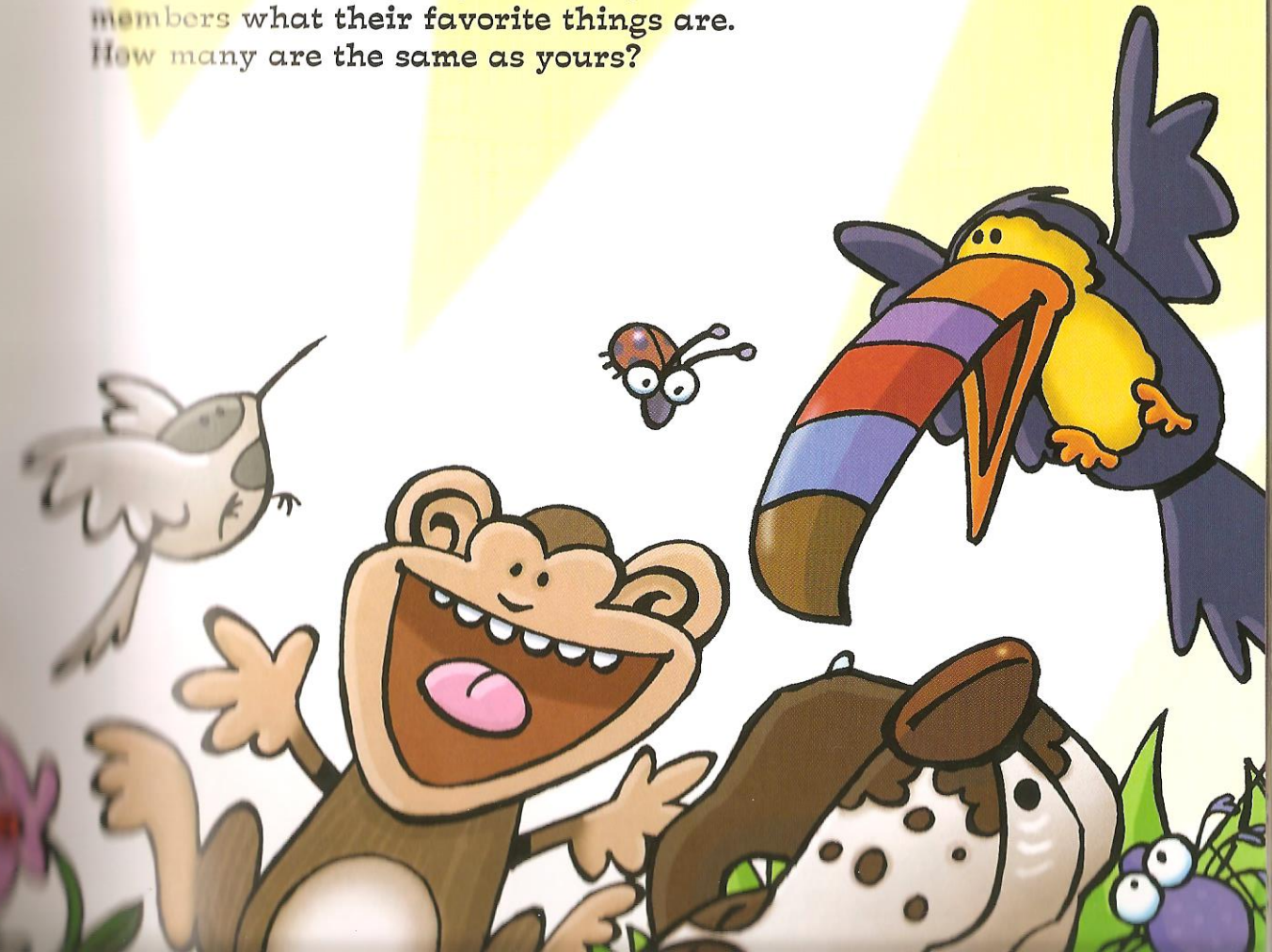take care of them all—this is toucan an

monkey and squirrel."

"This tall, tall creature is called giraffe! The silly one with a long nose—she will be an elephant! And this one who wags his tail will be dog," Adam said. "Look how he follows me wherever I go!"

God watched over Adam and Eve as Adam shared all the names of the animals while they played with them in the garden. God was happy to see that Adam and Eve were taking such good care of everything in creation.

What are some of **YOUR** favorite things that God created? Ask your family members what their favorite things are. How many are the same as yours?
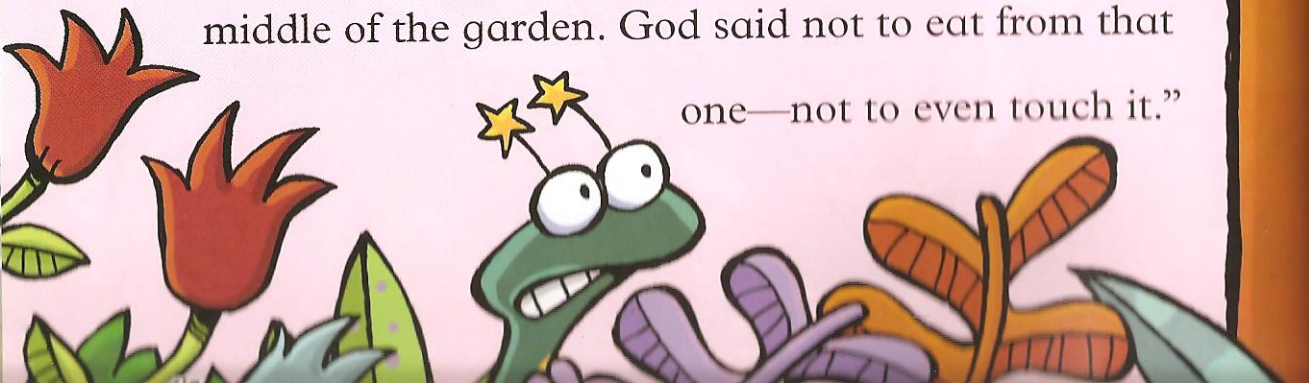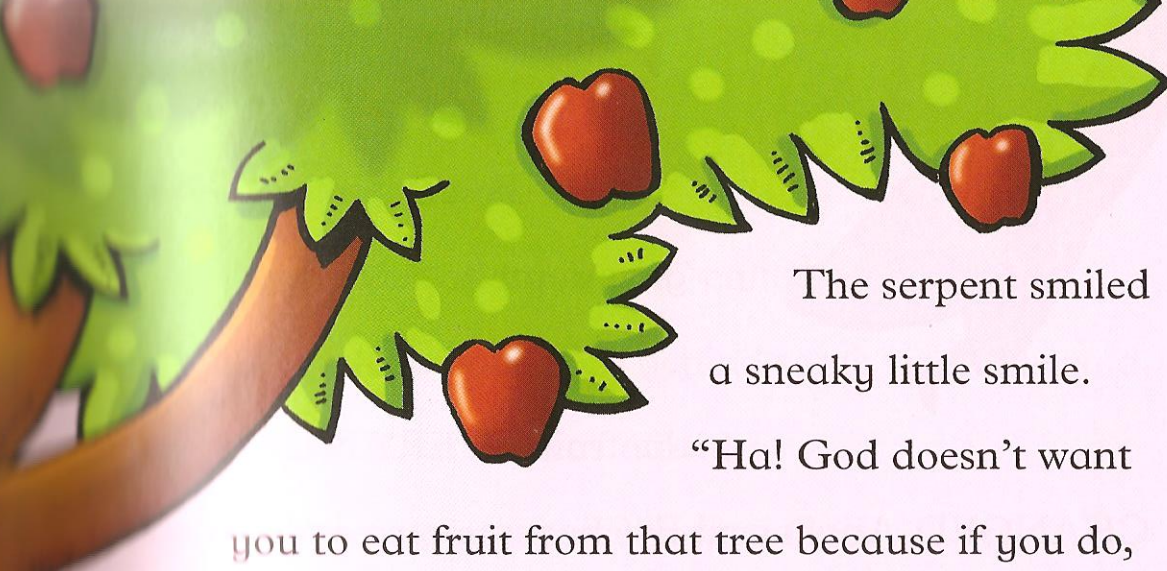
The First Sin

One of the animals that God created was very tricky—the serpent. The serpent was clever and sly and up to no good!

"Did God really say you can't eat the fruit from the trees in the garden?" the Serpent hissed softly to Eve.

"No," said Eve. "God said we can eat fruit from any of the trees in the garden except for the tree in the middle of the garden. God said not to eat from that one—not to even touch it."
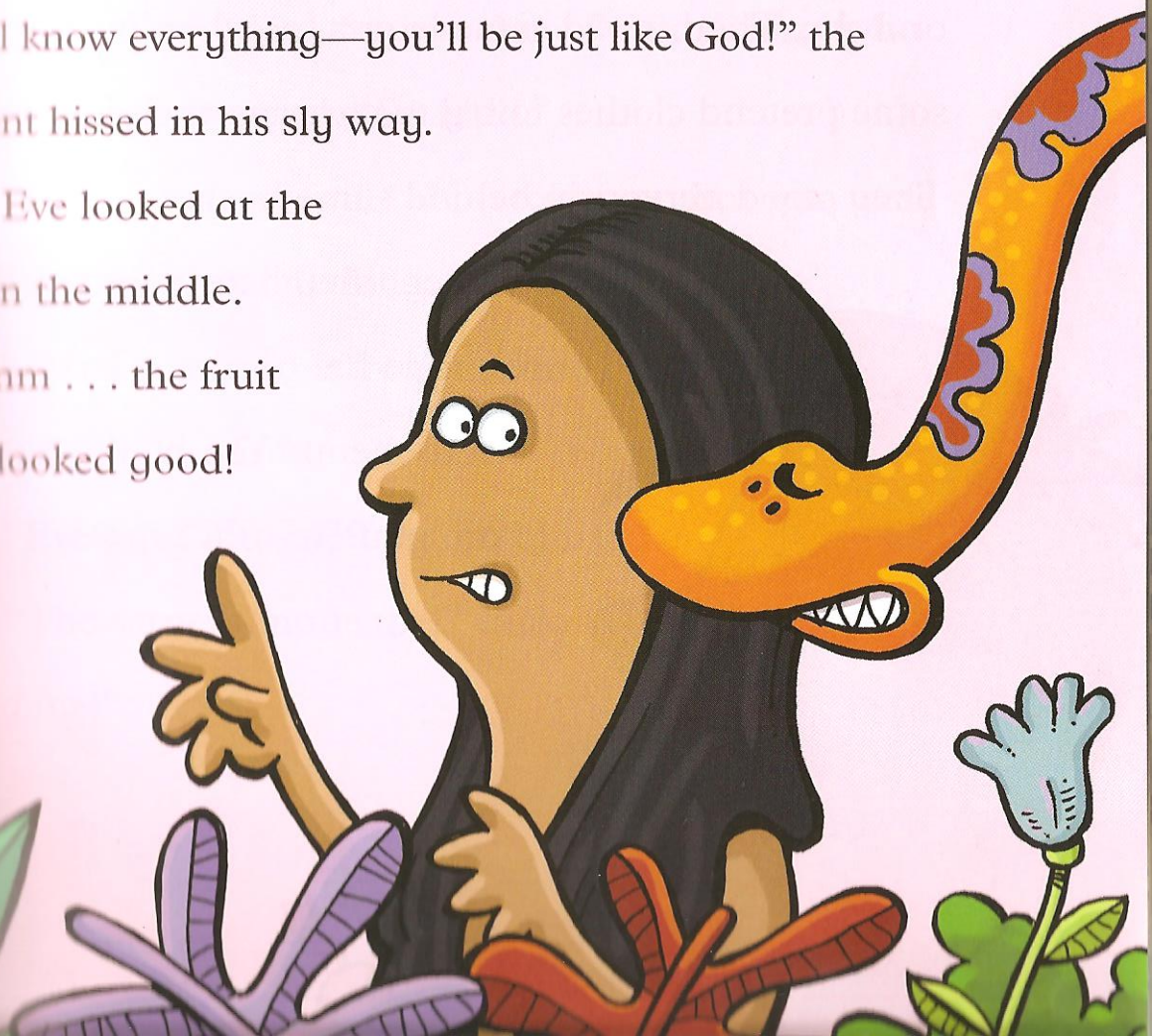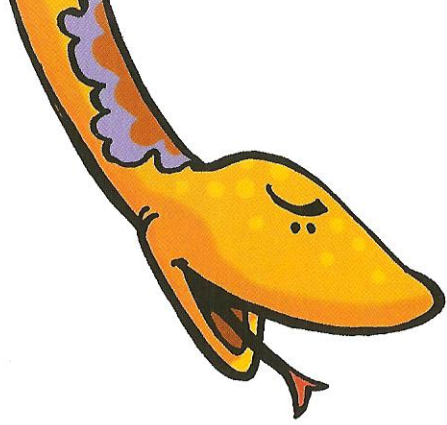
The serpent smiled a sneaky little smile. "Ha! God doesn't want you to eat fruit from that tree because if you do, you'll know everything—you'll be just like God!" the serpent hissed in his sly way.

Eve looked at the tree in the middle. Hmmm . . . the fruit sure looked good!

So she ate some. And she gave some to Adam, too.

As soon as they ate the fruit, EVERYTHING CHANGED. Adam and Eve became very embarrassed and shy. They sewed some leaves together, making some pretend clothes to try to cover up their bodies. They stood nervously behind some bushes.

Then, they heard God walking around in the garden. God called out to them, "Yoo-hoo! Where are you?"

Adam and Eve hid.

"Hey! Where did you go?" called God.

Adam peeked out from behind some vines. He said, "I heard you . . . and I was afraid."
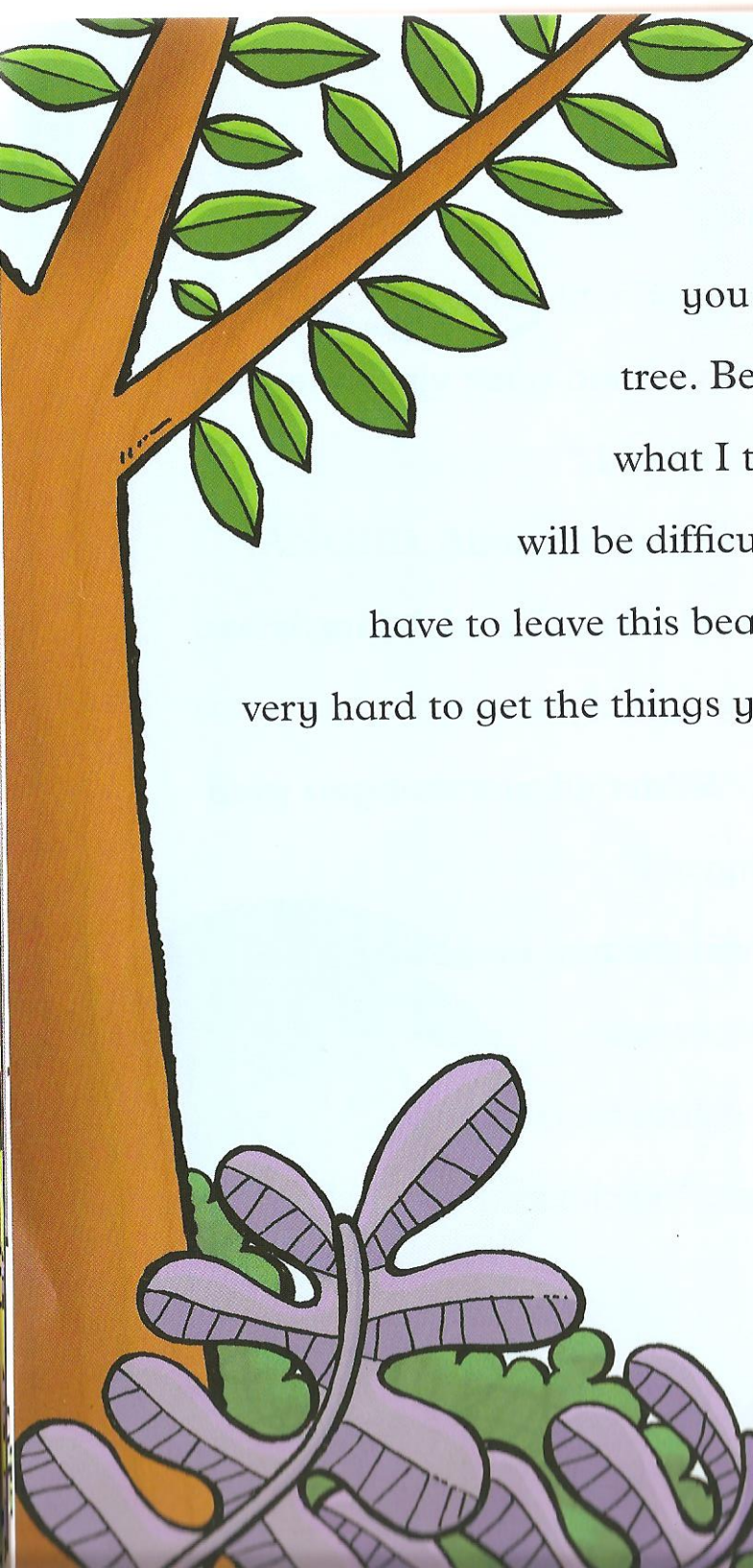
"Why were you afraid?" asked God.

"Well, I'm naked, for one thing," said Adam, who was quite embarrassed. "So I hid."

"I see," God replied. "Who told you that you were naked?" Adam said nothing.

"Did you eat fruit from the tree I told you not to eat from?" asked God.

"Eve gave it to me!" Adam blurted out.

"The serpent made me!" exclaimed Eve. "He tricked me!"

God sighed. "I told you not to eat from that tree. Because you have done what I told you not to do, life will be difficult for you now. You will have to leave this beautiful garden and work very hard to get the things you need.

Now you will know what it is to be unhappy. And someday, you will die. I made you from dust. When you die you will become dust again."

God made some real clothes for Adam and Eve and sent them out into the big world. And God was with them everywhere they went.

⭐ **What kinds of hard work do you think Adam and Eve will have to do out in the world?**