

The Creation of men and women

When the Earth was made there were no plants and there was no one to look after them. But there was water which came up from the ground. So God took some earth and made it into a man. He breathed life into him.

Then God made a garden for man to look after. He made all kinds of beautiful plants and trees. There was one tree called the tree of life and another tree called the tree of the knowledge of good and bad. The garden was called Eden and a stream flowed through it. God told man to look after the garden and enjoy all it produced, but that he could not eat the fruit that gives knowledge of what is good and bad.

But man was lonely, so God made animals and birds to keep him company. For a while man was happy naming all the creatures in the garden. But he was still lonely. So God made him fall asleep. While he was asleep, God took one of his ribs and out of it made a woman. The man woke up and was so happy to find another human being to share his life with. They were called Adam and Eve.

(Adaptation of Genesis 2)