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ANY TIME




ANY PLACE



ANY PRAYER





Many years ago — nearly
as long ago as you can
go — two people lived with
God in a beautiful garden.

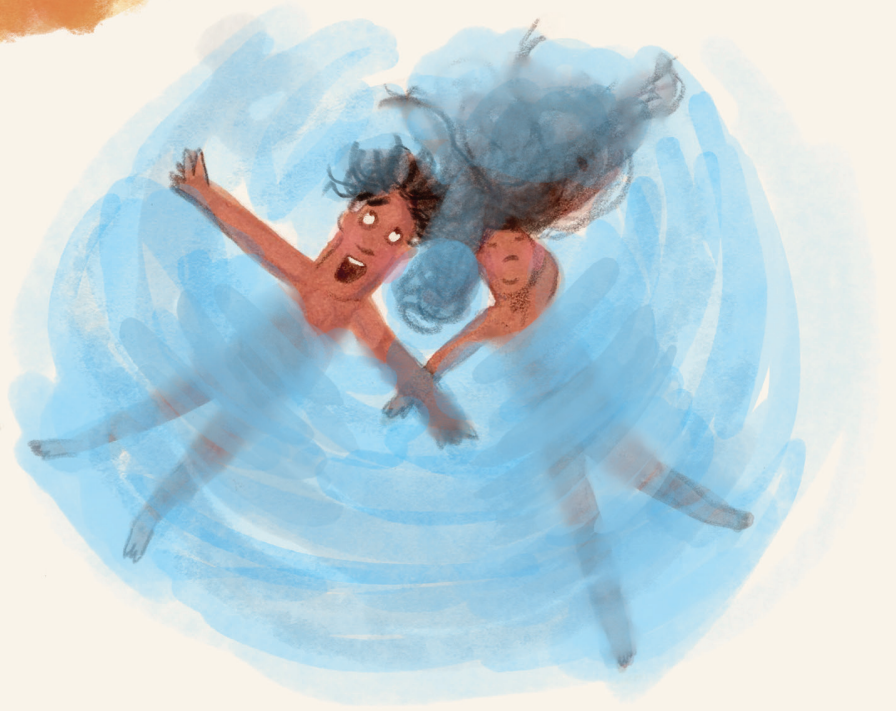
They were Adam and Eve, and
they were friends with God.


They could talk with him
about every thought they had.



Every question they wondered.
Every feeling they felt.

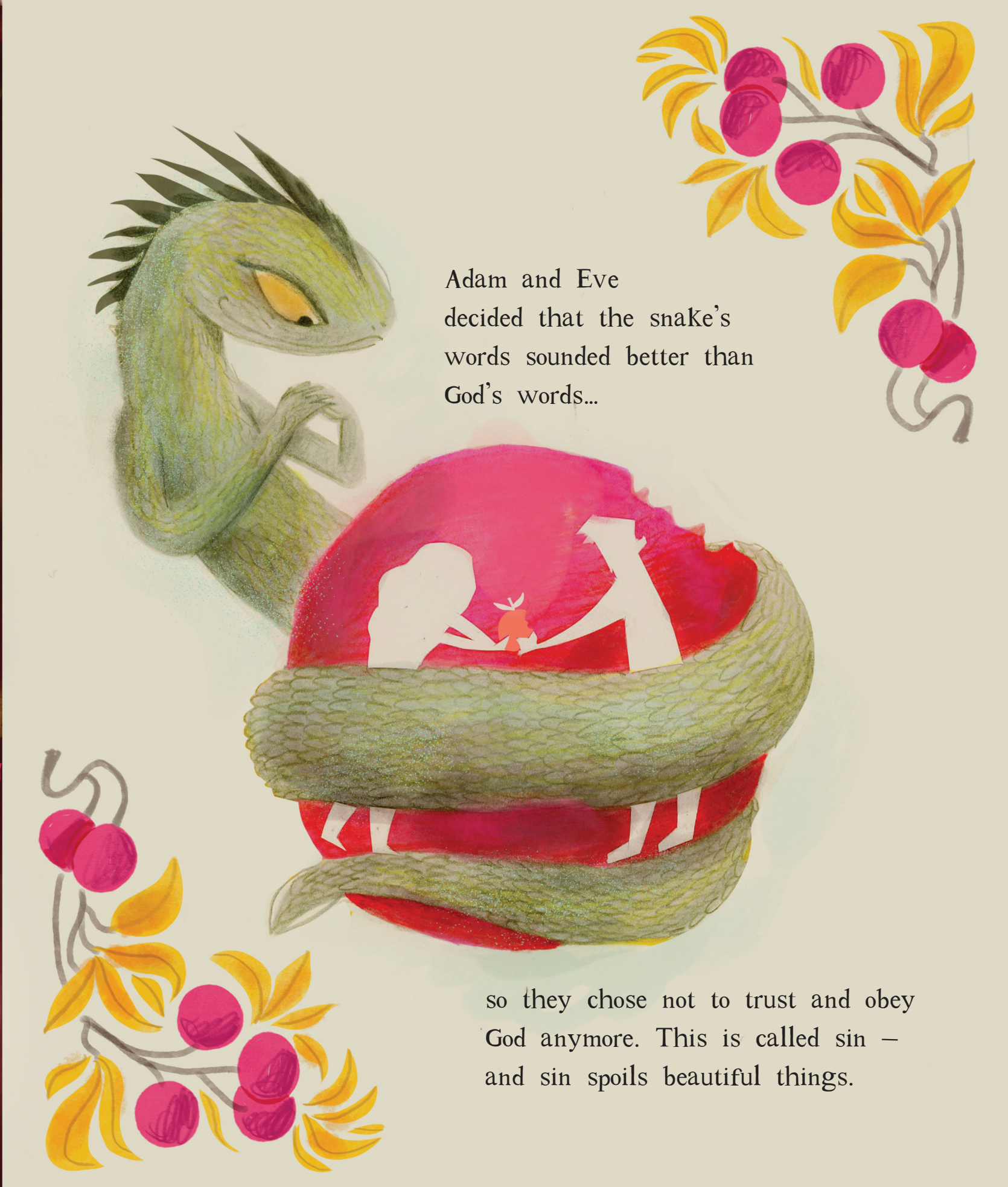
They told him
anything, anytime.



An artistic illustration of a woman with long, dark, wavy hair. She has a surprised expression, with wide, white eyes and a small, open mouth. Her right hand is raised to her chin. To her right is a branch with several large, round, red fruits and some yellow leaves. The background is a soft, warm glow of orange and red. In the upper left, there is a faint, swirling, ethereal shape in shades of green and blue.

But one day, the devil
slithered into the garden
as a snake.

He spoke to Eve
and suggested that
God did not love
her and Adam.



Adam and Eve
decided that the snake's
words sounded better than
God's words...

so they chose not to trust and obey
God anymore. This is called sin —
and sin spoils beautiful things.

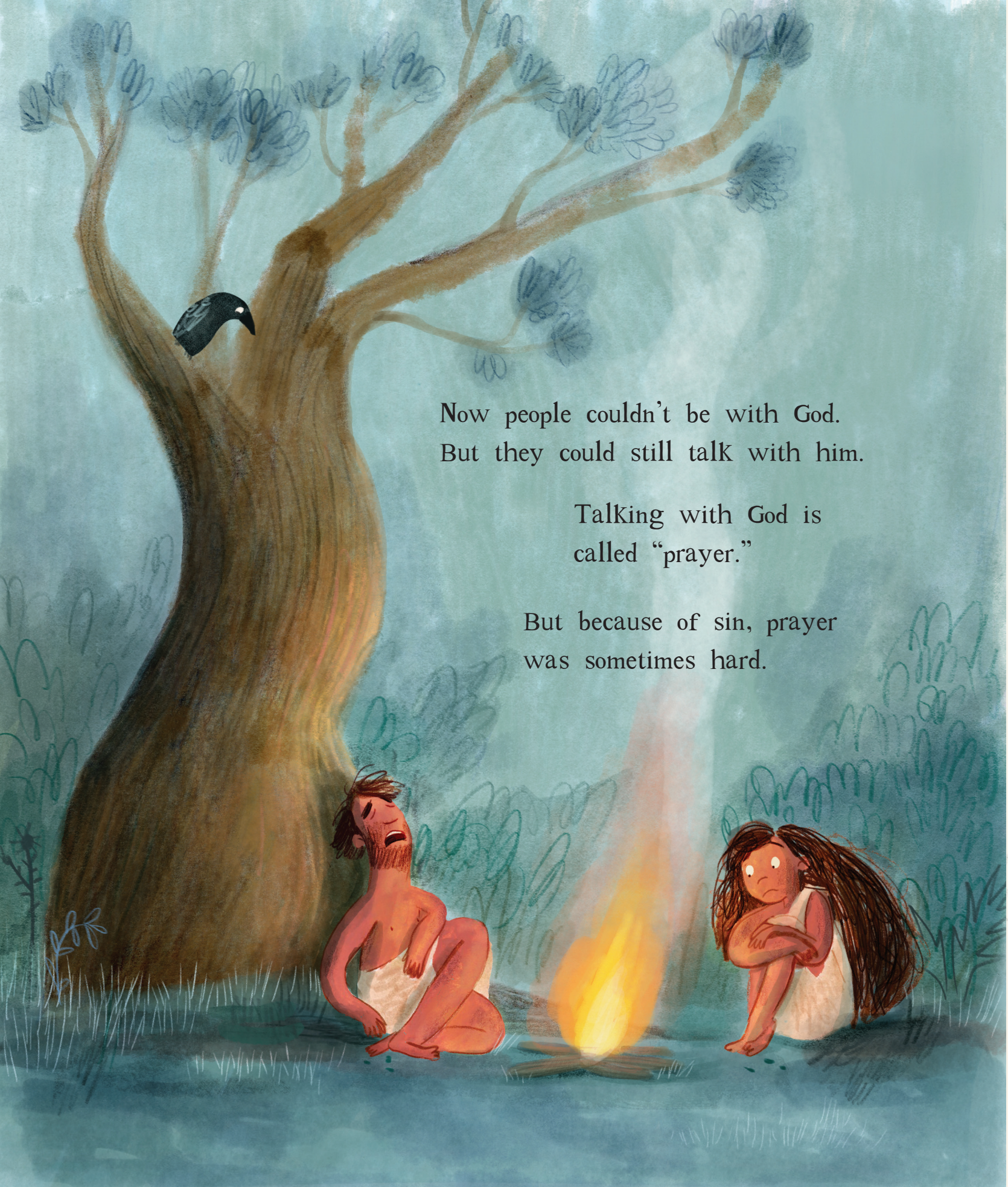
Now, Adam and Eve were
afraid of God.

The next time God came to
talk with them, they hid.





But God found them. He told them that because of their sin, they would have to live outside God's garden, separated from him.



Now people couldn't be with God.
But they could still talk with him.

Talking with God is
called "prayer."

But because of sin, prayer
was sometimes hard.



Sometimes people didn't
know what to pray to God.



Sometimes they didn't
want to pray to him.



And sometimes, they
were just plain ol'
scaredy pants.





But God kept reminding his people that he wanted them to talk with him about anything, anytime, anyplace.

So they prayed...



When they felt their love for God so much they thought their hearts might burst!