God made the first man, Adam, and the first woman, Eve. He put them in the Garden of Eden.

Adam and Eve worked hard to take care of their new home. They were very happy. They explored the garden and named all the new plants and animals they found. They obeyed God as He taught them all about His awesome way of life, which is the way of loving, caring and giving!

God had planted two special trees in the Garden of Eden: the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The tree of life represented God’s way of giving. If Adam and Eve ate from this tree, they would be happy. They would become more like God, and they could eventually live forever. If Adam and Eve ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, they would follow Satan’s way of living selfishly, and they would eventually die.

These two trees represent the two ways of life: the way of give and the way of get.

God taught Adam and Eve about His way of life, then He let them choose whether they wanted to follow His way or not. He allowed Satan to test them.

One day, Eve was walking in the garden and saw a snake. Snakes did not bite, so she was not afraid. But this snake spoke to her! Eve probably did not know it, but it was Satan who was speaking through this serpent.

The serpent told Eve that God was a liar. It said that if she ate
God gave Adam the job of naming all the animals.
from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, she would not
die. Instead, she would become as wise as God. If she ate from
that tree, she could decide what was good and evil for herself.

Instead of believing God, Eve believed the serpent. She disobeyed
God, took a fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil
and ate it. Then she gave some fruit to Adam. Adam knew he
should not eat fruit from the wrong tree and he knew the serpent
had lied, but he did not want to tell Eve that what she had done
was wrong. He decided to eat the fruit too.

God was sad that Adam and Eve had disobeyed Him, but He let
them make their own choices. God also lets you make your own
choice. Like Adam and Eve, you can choose to obey God and live
God's way—or disobey and live Satan's way. You can choose to
be obedient and giving, or you can choose to be disobedient and
selfish.

Because Adam and Eve chose to disobey God, He sent them
out of the Garden of Eden. He stationed a righteous angel with a
flaming sword at the garden's entrance to keep them from getting
back in and eating from the tree of life.

Adam and Eve had sinned. Now they could not live happily. Now
they had no way to receive eternal life.

But when God sent Adam and Eve away, He gave them hope. He
told them that someday a Savior would come. This Savior would
have to die for their sins. Without this Savior, they could never
repent, never eat from the tree of life, and never have eternal life.
With this Savior, they could repent and live forever with God! One
day, this Savior would come!
Adam and Eve had everything they needed in the Garden of Eden.
The two trees were in the midst of the garden.
The serpent tempts Eve.
God confronts Adam and Eve after they sinned.
God guarded the entrance to the garden with a flaming sword.
Adam and Eve till the ground to grow food.
Journey Through the Garden

Can you get to the middle of the garden, where God planted the tree of life?