

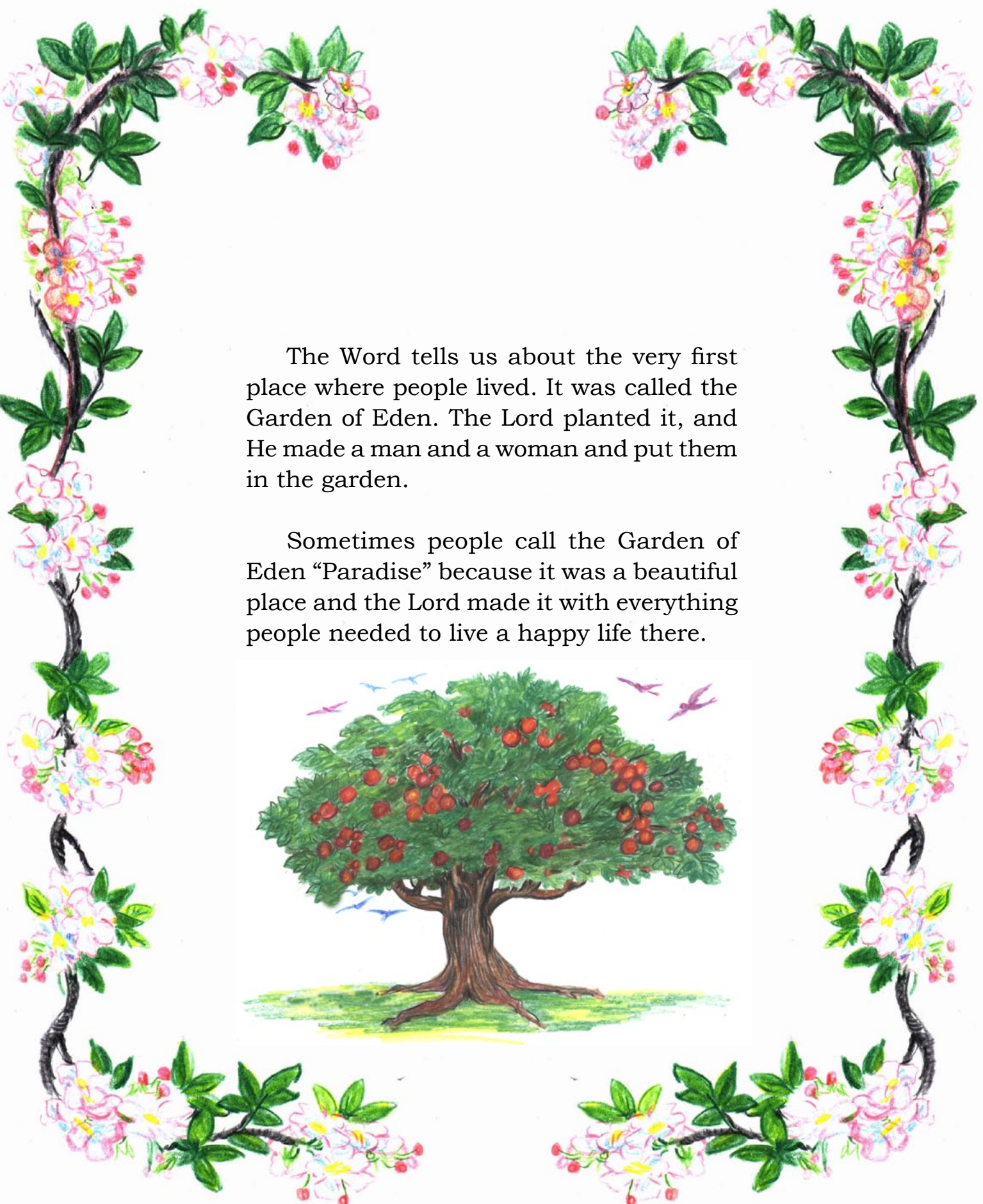
Life in the Garden of Eden

Based on Genesis 2 and 3



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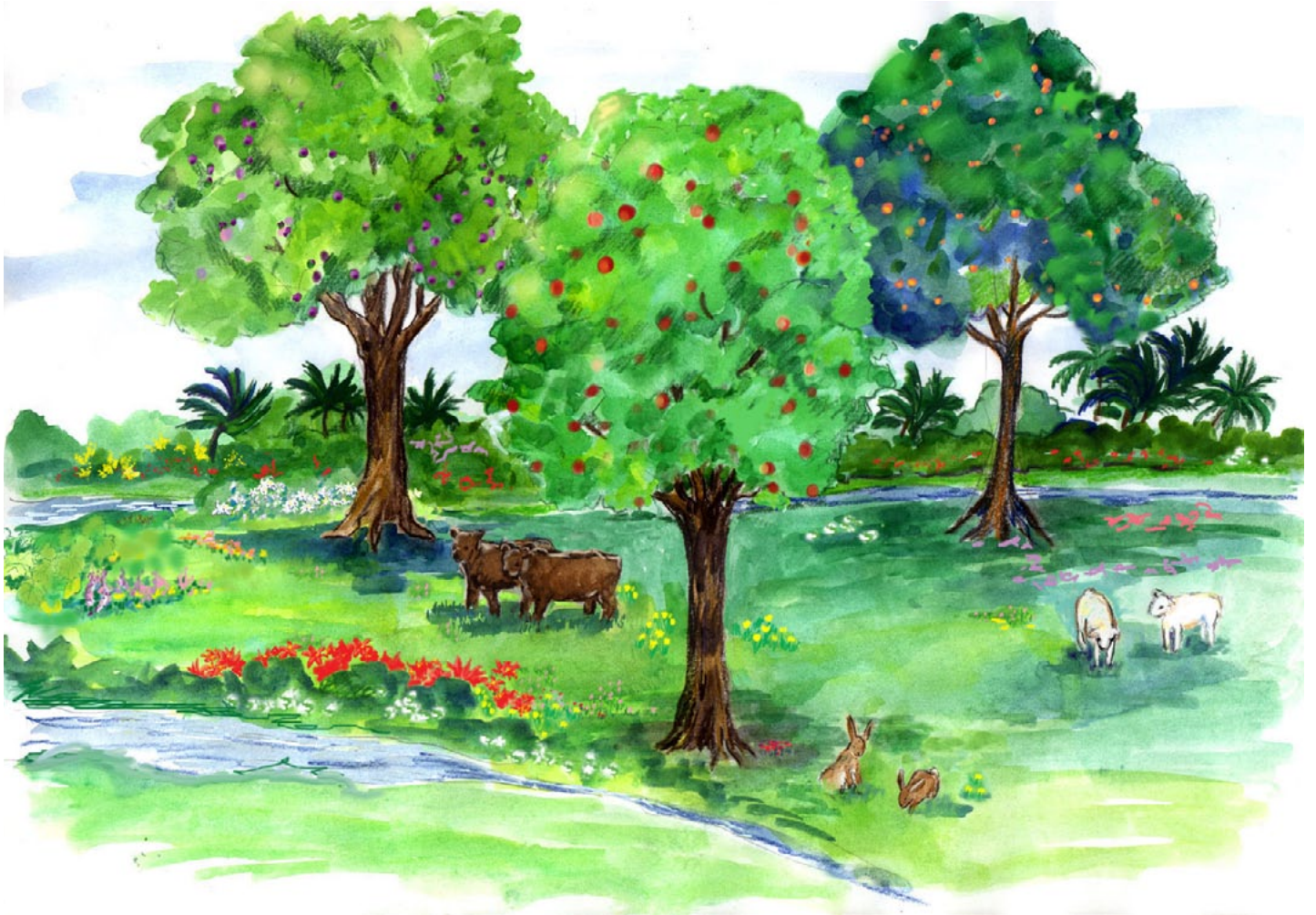
The Word tells us about the very first place where people lived. It was called the Garden of Eden. The Lord planted it, and He made a man and a woman and put them in the garden.

Sometimes people call the Garden of Eden “Paradise” because it was a beautiful place and the Lord made it with everything people needed to live a happy life there.





The Lord put many different trees in the garden so it was beautiful and also could give food for the man and woman named Adam and Eve. Do you know any trees that give us food? Did you think of apple trees or another kind of fruit?



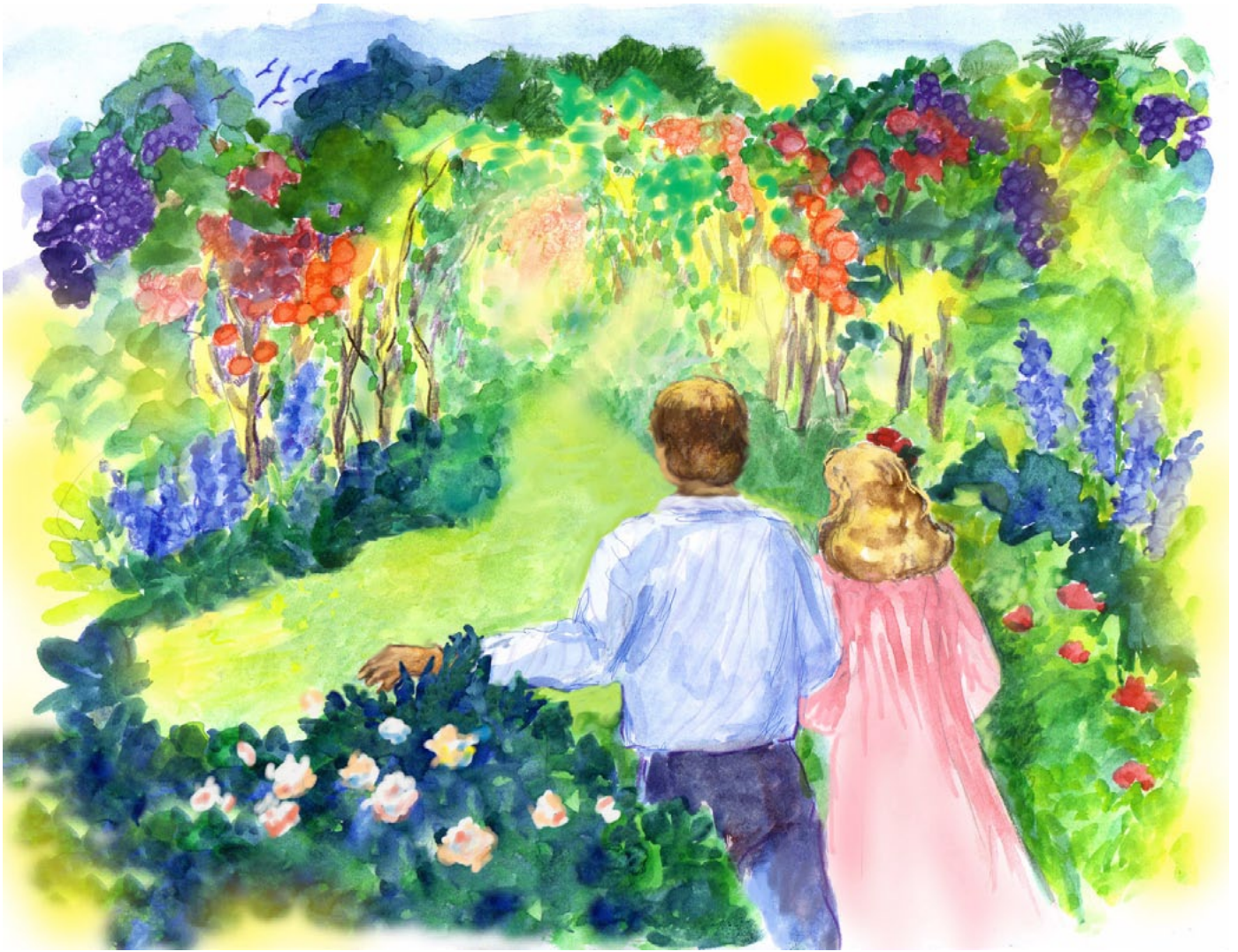
A lot of things we eat grow on bushes or plants, like vegetables, berries and nuts. What are some of your favorite foods from a garden?

The Lord put Adam in the Garden of Eden to take care of it. It wasn't hard for Adam and Eve to get the food they needed. They could just pick it from the trees and other plants.

Adam and Eve never had to water their garden. The Lord made a river to do that. It divided into four separate streams to bring water to every part of the land.



There were animals in the garden too. They lived peacefully together and never harmed Adam and Eve. It was also warm in the Garden of Eden. Adam and Eve didn't even need to wear clothes. Life in the garden was peaceful and good because the Lord gave Adam and Eve everything they needed. So they lived happily in Eden.



The Lord wants to give *YOU* a beautiful garden, too. If you obey the Lord and try to keep His commandments, the Lord will give you everything you need. And some day, you will have a beautiful garden in heaven, which He will make especially for you.

Obedience

This page is based on Genesis 3 and tells about the snake in the garden.



There was one rule in the Garden of Eden. The Lord said, “You may eat the fruit of every tree of the garden freely, but you shall not eat of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil” (Genesis 2:16-17).

It was a simple rule and seemed easy to obey. Adam and Eve had all the good things the Lord provided for them from all the other trees. They didn’t *need* to eat any fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. And Adam and Eve obeyed the Lord and lived happily in the Garden of Eden ... until one day.

On that day, the serpent who lived in the garden talked them into disobeying the Lord and breaking the one rule they had. They ate the fruit from the tree. This made the Lord very sad, and He came to see Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden.



When He called them, they were frightened because they knew they had done something wrong. So they hid themselves. Do you sometimes want to hide when you have done something wrong and you are afraid you will get into trouble?

Adam and Eve did something else that was wrong, too. They did not tell the truth, and they blamed someone else for what they had done. Adam blamed Eve, and Eve blamed the serpent. Then because they disobeyed the Lord, He told them they could not stay in the beautiful garden.

The Lord wants to build a beautiful garden for each one of us in heaven. This story tells us to obey the Lord and keep His commandments. When we do, He will give us our own special garden and everything we need to be happy.