

Genesis

Chapters 1, 2

God made the world.

God made the sun, the moon
and the stars.....the whole universe.

God said "Let there be light" and there was light.

God made the earth with all its plants and trees
and animals and fish and birds.

God made the first people.....the first man and first woman.

God made them in his own image and said to them
"Be fruitful, multiply and fill the earth."

God saw all that he had made,
and all of it was good, very good.

Dear God, thank you for making such a beautiful world!

Chapter 3

A creature hostile to God took the form of a snake
and tempted the first man and first woman.

The snake tempted them to disobey God.

The man and woman then disobeyed God.

When God asked them why they disobeyed him,
the man blamed the woman, and the woman blamed the snake.

God said to the snake: "You are the enemy of the human race.
Someday a member of the human race will defeat you."

God said to the man and woman:

"From dust you came and to dust you will return."

The first man's name was Adam (meaning "man").

The first woman's name was Eve (meaning "life").

Dear God, please help me understand how evil in the world
started when Adam and Eve disobeyed you

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