

So God created man in his \_\_\_\_\_ image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. *Genesis 1:27*

# IN THE BEGINNING

If you want to understand about being a Christian, then you must start at the beginning. The book of Genesis in the Bible tells how God created the world in six days. On the sixth day, God made a man named Adam out of the dust of the ground. Then He made a friend and helper for Adam, a woman named Eve.

God made Adam and Eve different than the animals. He made them in His own image. That means God gave man a spirit. Your spirit is the *inner you*, the part of you that can know and worship God.

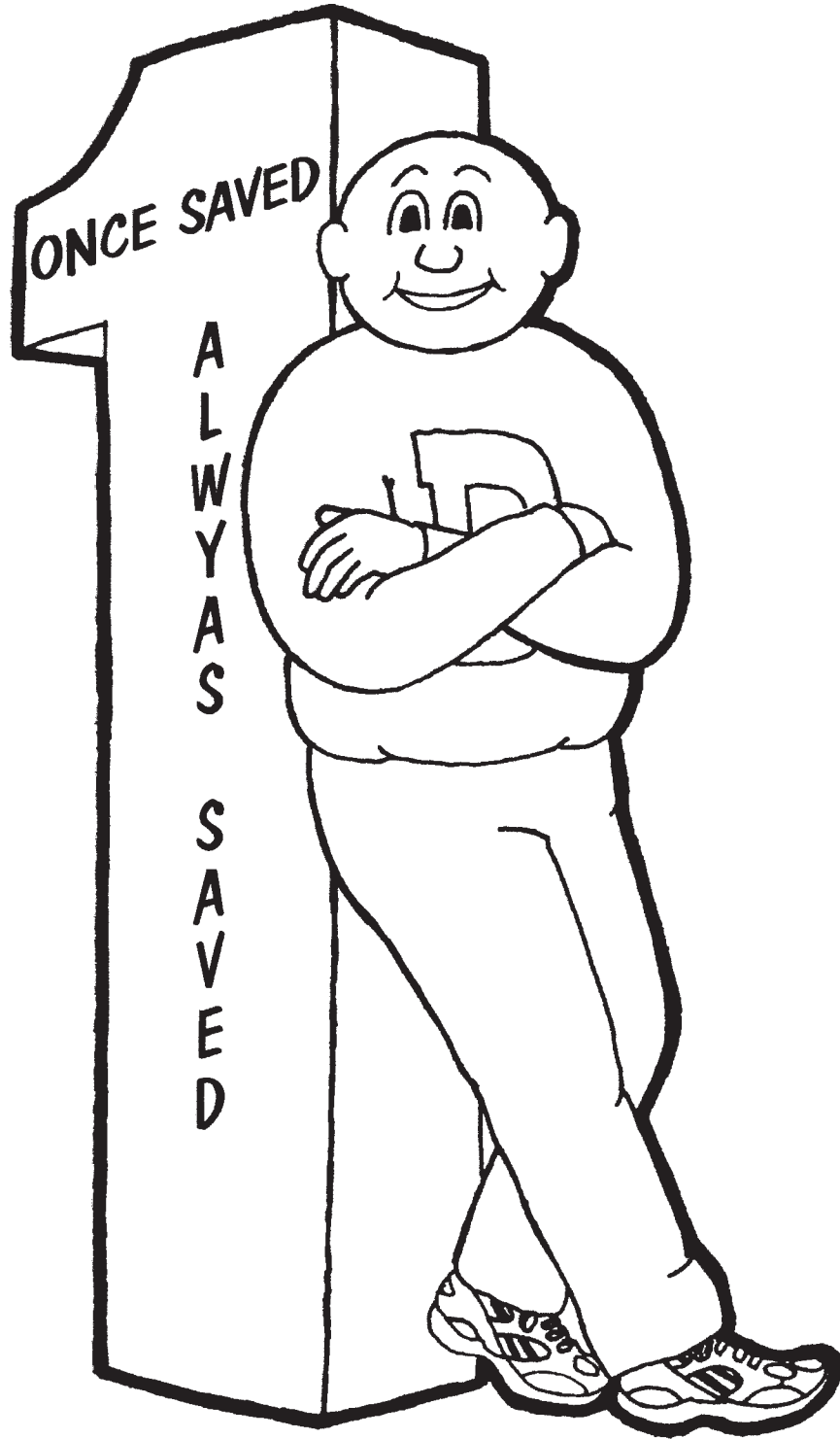
God put Adam and Eve in a garden. He loved them and visited with them every day. How would you like to play with a tiger or sleep next to a real bear? Can you imagine a place where nobody ever cried, got sick, or died? That's the way life was in the garden.

God gave Adam and Eve only one rule. He said, "You may eat fruit from any of the trees except the one in the middle of the garden. If you eat from that tree, you will die."

One day the devil changed himself into a serpent. He went to find Eve. "If you eat from the tree in the middle, you will not die," he hissed. "You will be as smart as God!"

Eve looked at the fruit. It looked good. "Why won't God let us have any? It seems wasteful," she thought. "I would like to be as smart as God." She took a bite. Then she showed the fruit to Adam, and he ate some. This was the first **sin**.

**sin:** anything we do, say, or think that goes against what God teaches in the Bible. Sin is also not doing what we should.



He is able to save \_\_\_\_\_ those who come to God through him. *Hebrews 7:25*

# BECOMING A CHRISTIAN

A Christian is somebody like you whom God has called to be his own. When God awakens your mind to your sin, and you realize that Jesus died for you, then God is calling you to become a Christian. When you believe in Jesus and trust him to be your Lord and Savior, God's Spirit comes to live in you. When you become a Christian, God is your spiritual Father and forever friend who will never leave you. He helps you, teaches you, changes you, and is making a place in heaven for you.

## God Loves You

If you are thinking about becoming a Christian, first you should realize that God is love. He loves you so much that he gave his one and only son to die for your sin.

- God is \_\_\_\_\_ *1 John 4:8b*
- But God demonstrates his own \_\_\_\_\_ for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. *Romans 5:8*
- How great is the \_\_\_\_\_ the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! *1 John 3:1*
- This is \_\_\_\_\_: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. *1 John 4:10*

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