

# Adam and Eve

After the creation of the world, God took man and put him in the Garden of Eden. He told him that he could eat anything found in the Garden, except the fruit from the 'tree of knowledge of good and evil' (Genesis 2). In many retellings of the story, this tree is pictured as an apple tree.

God decided that man needed a partner. He placed man in a deep sleep and then extracted one of his ribs. From this he created woman. The man and woman lived together naked.

After some time, a serpent (the Devil) entered the Garden. He told the woman that they should eat from the tree of knowledge. Doing this, he said, would lead to humans being like God. Believing him, she took fruit from the tree to her husband and they both ate it. Immediately they realised they were naked and made themselves clothes.

God returned to the Garden and asked why they had disobeyed him. The man tried to blame the woman and the woman tried to blame the serpent. God punished both the humans and the serpent. He then sent the humans out of the Garden to live in the harsher environments elsewhere on Earth.