

Chapter 1

Garden Where Angels Loved to Sing

The Garden of Eden was a beautiful and wonderful place where Adam and Eve lived. There were flowers of every color and size. There were trees with many kinds of fruit. And there were birds that made the air ring with music.

Yet there were songs more lovely than any the birds could sing - the songs of the angels.

How happy Adam and Eve were to live in this beautiful garden! How glad they were to hear the songs the angels sang! Each evening Adam and Eve walked through the garden and listened to the angels sing.

Eve said, "God is good to let us live in this garden where angels come to sing."

One day when Adam and Eve were walking in the garden, a beautiful angel came to talk with them. The angel told them they must never touch one of the trees. It was the tree of

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knowledge of evil. They could eat the fruit from any of the other trees, but they must never eat any fruit from this tree.

“Yes, we shall remember,” Adam promised the angel.

But one day when Eve was walking in the garden alone, she came near this tree. A voice seemed to say to her, “Why don’t you taste the fruit?”

Eve looked up and saw a serpent in the tree, and he was talking to her. Eve listened, and soon she took some of the fruit and tasted it. Just then she saw Adam coming, and she held out the fruit for him to taste. He took the fruit and ate it.

Then Adam and Eve remembered what the angel had told them about the tree. Adam said, “We have done something wrong. We must hide.”

Soon they heard a voice speaking to them. They knew it was the voice of God. He told them that because they had not obeyed they must leave the garden.

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A tall angel who held a long, bright sword came toward Adam and Eve. The angel pointed to the gate and said, “You must go outside.”

Adam and Eve bowed their heads in shame. They were sorry they had not obeyed. Slowly they walked down the path toward the gate. How sad they felt to leave their beautiful home! As they walked they saw that the beautiful colors of the flowers were fading. Some of the flowers were wilting and dying. Leaves were falling down from the trees. Never before had leaves fallen from the trees.

“We have sinned,” Adam said. “Now death has come to our beautiful garden.”

The tall angel with the bright sword walked behind Adam and Eve as they went through the garden toward the gate. When Adam and Eve had gone out of the garden, the angel stood there by the gate holding the bright sword. Adam and Eve knew they could never go inside the garden again. Eve wondered if they would ever hear the angels sing again.

The angel with the bright sword smiled kindly and said, “God has made a promise.

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Someday He will send His Son who will save the people from their sins. Then, on some bright and wonderful day, you may again come inside the garden and hear the angels sing.”

Eve smiled, and Adam smiled, too. They would always be waiting for that day when they could again go into the beautiful garden and hear the angels sing.