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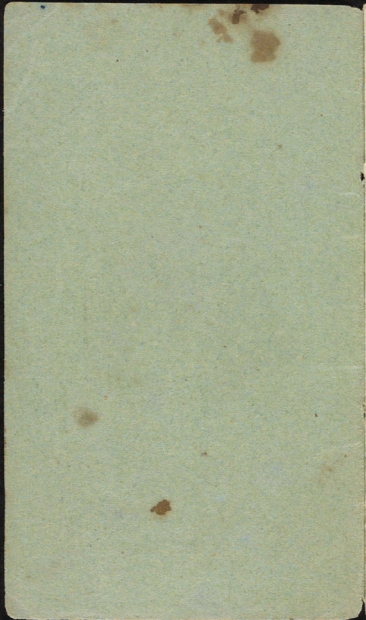


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## ADAM AND EVE.

This picture shows us Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden, where they were placed by the great God who made them, and who made the world, and all things that are in the world. This garden was a delightful place; there was every kind of tree in it which was good for food or beautiful to the eye. And the great God told Adam and Eve that this pleasant garden was for them; and that they might eat of the fruit of every tree except one. Of this forbidden tree, if they



did eat, God told them they surely should die. There was no reason why they should wish to eat of the fruit of this one tree, for there was an abundance for them without.

Adam and Eve might have lived very happily in this delightful garden, if they had obeyed the commands of their heavenly Father, who was so kind as to supply all

their wants, and who sometimes graciously came down from heaven into the garden and talked with them. But they disobeyed Him, and thus brought sin into the world, and made themselves miserable. Surely nothing is gained by disobeying the commands of God.

One day Satan the wicked spirit, who is the father of sin, and the source of all evil, came into this charming spot in the form of a serpent, and found Eve near the forbidden tree. Satan told Eve to take some of the fruit of the tree and eat it; he said if she and Adam did so they would not die, but would become even



as God! And Eve was persuaded to take the fruit, and she gave some to Adam, and they both ate of it, notwithstanding the commands of God. Then they were afraid to see Him whom they had disobeyed, and vainly tried to hide themselves from him. But God found them, and he drove them from the garden, and sentenced them to gain their bread by toil and labor.

## CAIN AND ABEL.

Adam and Eve had two sons, their names were Cain and Abel. Cain the oldest son, was rough, morose, cruel, and discontented. He was a bad man; he did not love God, nor thank him for all his goodness in keeping him alive and in health; he hated his brother Abel because Abel was good and gentle and affectionate.— Abel loved God and served him, and thanked him for all blessings he enjoyed; but Cain was so wicked that he would not do as the great God commanded him.

Cain and Abel both used to work every day; by the





sweat of their brows they were to gain their bread, and could not be idle. Indeed it is a great sin to spend our time in idleness. Cain used to plough the ground and sow it, that there might be bread; and the good God caused his seed to spring up and grow, and bear abundantly; but Cain did not thank him for it.



Abel used to look after the flocks and the cattle. He was a shepherd and kept the sheep. From their father Adam they both learned the pious custom of offering sacrifice to God, out of the produce of the soil and the flock. God had commanded his creatures to worship him, by offering a sacrifice, as a confession that they deserved to die for their

sins. Accordingly, at the end of the first year, Cain brought an offering unto God of the ground, and Abel offered the finest and fattest lamb of his flock. He rightly thought that nothing was too good for that gracious heavenly Father who gave him every thing he enjoyed. And God accepted Abel's offering, but was displeas- ed with Cain's, because it was offered without devo- tion; and he would not ac- cept it. And Cain was an- gry because Abel's offering was pleasing to God. He envied his brother, and had evil thoughts against him. One day when they were a



lone in a field, he quarreled with Abel and rose up against him and slew him, How dreadful is sin! Cain surely could never be happy any more. He fled far away from his parents and friends for fear that some one might kill him. He fled into forests and uninhabitable countries, and became a fugitive on the face of the earth.

## NOAH AND HIS ARK.

Many years after the death of Abel, when the people on the earth had increased and multiplied to an exceeding great number, the world became very wicked; and God was angry with them, and determined to punish them. Only one man continued to walk in the ways of God; this was Noah. And God sent Noah to warn the people that if they did not repent of their sins he would bring a flood of waters upon the earth and drown them all; but they only mocked at Noah — Then God bade Noah build a large ship in which he and



all his family might be saved. When Noah had built his ark as God commanded, he went into it with his family. And Noah took with him a pair of each of the creatures living upon the earth, as God told him to do. Then the waters came from heaven and spread all over the earth; and all the men, and women, and children, and every living thing except



those in the ark were drowned. When the earth had become dry again, Noah and all that were with him went out of the ark. Then Noah built an altar to the good God who had preserved him in this great deluge; and he offered, out of thankfulness, some of the animals which had been with him in the ark, as a sacrifice to his heavenly Preserver and Protector.

God was well pleased with Noah's gratitude and piety. He blessed him and his sons, and promised him that he would not again destroy the earth by so general a flood; and as a token of this covenant, he pointed to the rainbow, which at that moment was to be seen in the heavens.

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#### THE PROPHET ELIJAH.

There never were but two people who went to heaven without dying. One was Enoch, and the other, of whom I am about to tell you, was a prophet named Elijah.

Elisha was a servant and friend of Elijah, and they



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were usually together. But as Elijah knew he was going to heaven in a miraculous manner, he wished to be left alone that he might praise God for his goodness, and think of the blessedness which he was about to enjoy. But Elisha loved him and would not leave him. He was desirous too of seeing how he ended his useful life. And they went out to walk together, and came to the river Jordan. Here the prophet took his mantle and wrapt it together, and smote the waters, and they divided on their right hand and on their left. And Elijah and Elisha went over on dry ground.



And when they were over the river, Elijah said to Elisha, what shall I do for thee, before I am taken from thee? and Elisha said, I pray thee let a double portion of thy spirit rest upon me. And as they went on, suddenly there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder, and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

