

For Evelyn, Lewis, and Van.

*“The Lord bless you and keep you; the
Lord make his face shine on you and be
gracious to you; the Lord turn his face
toward you and give you peace.”*

—Numbers 6:24




WHERE IS Jesus?

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The Bible is a very big book, and we can read over half of it before we meet Scripture's biggest hero: God's son, Jesus. He is the only person in the Bible who is good enough to change people's hearts. As we explore the characters in the coming pages, you will find that is something nobody else could do.

What a lot of people don't know is that the first half of the Bible actually talks a lot about Jesus too, but you really need to look hard to find Him. Want to search for Jesus with me?

Adam

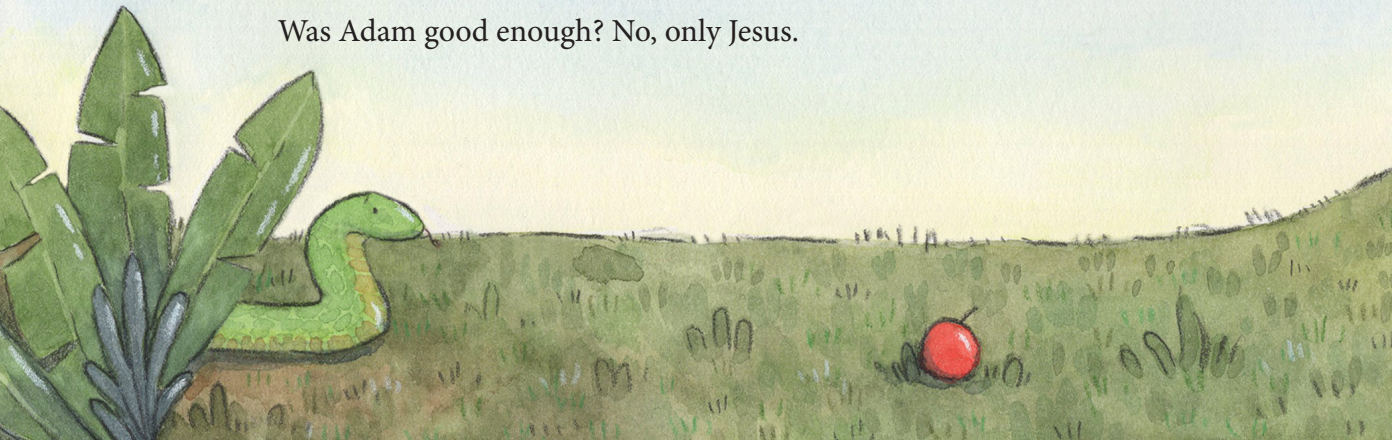
When God made the first man, He named him Adam. Adam was supposed to be a prophet, priest, and king.

Prophets spoke truth, and it was Adam's job to speak truth to Eve and to the snake. But the snake tricked him! Their only hope was Jesus, the true Word of God.

Priests talked to God for the people, but after Adam ate the fruit he was given a consequence for his disobedience and had to go away from the garden. In Jesus we have access to God because He is the final priest and the perfect offering for the sins of Adam.

Kings were mighty rulers who were supposed to keep their people safe and fed, but when Adam sinned against God, all of creation started fighting with man. Thorns sprang up from the ground, and people got sick for the first time. When Jesus touched people, He healed the sick and calmed storms with a word.

Was Adam good enough? No, only Jesus.







Noah

Many years after Adam, God gave a very important job to Noah. He told him to create a shelter by building a big boat to protect his family from a huge flood. He told Noah to save all the animals and grow a garden to provide food for his family once he found dry land.

Noah listened to God and protected his family. He was a kind of second Adam; God was giving man a second chance! But when he got to dry land, Noah disobeyed God's rules, and one of his sons did too. Noah told his son that his consequence was that he would be a servant to his brothers forever. How sad for the family that God had chosen to make the earth a good place to live.

Jesus gave a better promise to everyone. He said that all the families of the entire earth would be blessed by finding shelter and protection in Him alone.

Was Noah good enough? No, only Jesus.

