

# Eve

## The first female

### Who was this person?

- Eve was the first woman to exist in the world.
- God formed Eve from a rib that He had taken from Adam.
- God made Eve for Adam, to be his wife; a helper and companion so he wouldn't be alone. Eve came alongside Adam to help him in caring for the Garden of Eden where God had placed them to live. She also helped in caring for the living creatures God had made.
- Eve was the first mother. She had several children but we know her for being the mother of Cain, Abel and Seth.

### What is this person known for?

- Also being made in the image of God, like Adam was.
- She and Adam had no shame or awkwardness between themselves. They lived in the Garden where God placed them, not requiring clothing, until they chose to sin—it was then that everything changed.
- Being approached by Satan in the Garden, as he tried to turn her against God. God had given Eve and Adam complete rule and freedom in the garden, but with specific instructions not to eat from one of the fruit trees.
- Being disobedient to God. She chose to listen to Satan rather than consulting with God. She focused on the one thing she couldn't touch rather than being grateful for all that God had given them in the garden to care for and enjoy.

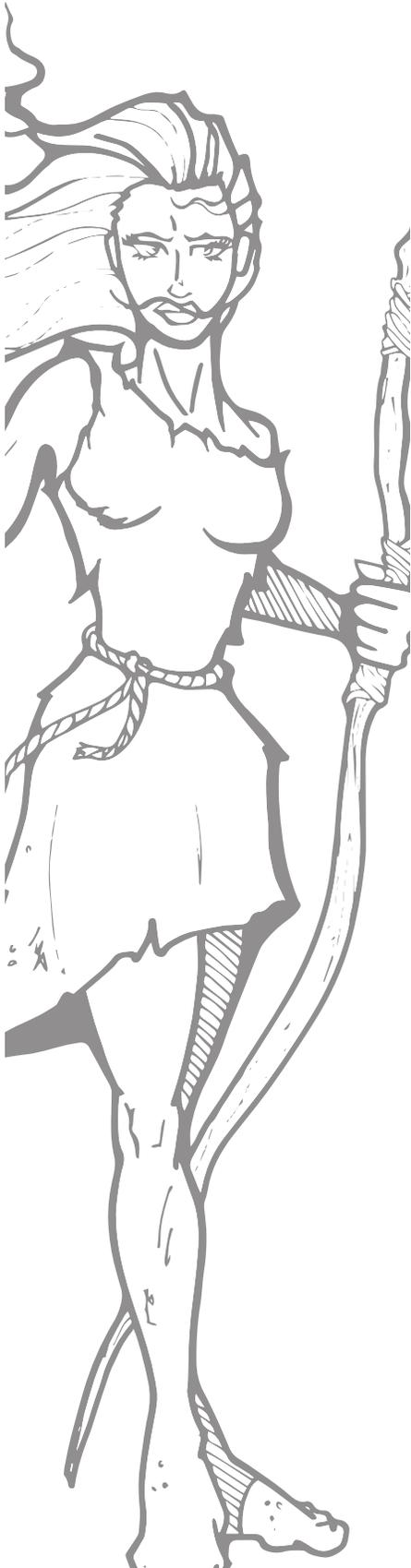
### WHY DO YOU THINK THIS PERSON HAS BEEN INCLUDED IN GOD'S STORY?

#### • To remind us of God's design for the perfect relationship.

When God created Adam from the dust of the earth, he made him in His image. God felt that it was not good for man to be alone so he took a rib from Adam and from that bone created a partner and God named the first woman Eve. Eve was a help-er, not a servant. God created man and woman to join together to become like one being. Together these two tell us of the perfect relationship God had designed for man and woman to be

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together as husband and wife. (Proverbs 18:22; Ephesians 5:24-28)

- **To remind us that God intended for the man to be the head of the 'home'.** God ordained the first relationship on earth. God's plans and purposes are right and good. In this relationship man was created first and then woman was given to the man to be his helper and partner as they went about their daily lives, living together in perfect harmony. Man was not created to be mean and bossy over the woman but to be her helper and partner. (Ephesians 5:25; Colossians 3:19)
- **To remind us that the enemy is trying to trap us.** In the creation story the enemy appeared to Eve as a snake. "The Snake was more cunning (sneaky and deceptive) than any of the creatures of the field that the LORD made" (Genesis 3:1). He is a created creature, but a smart one. In the book of Revelation, Satan is referred to as 'the ancient 'serpent'' (Revelation 12:9; 20:2) which is referring back to the snake from Genesis. No matter how close we walk with God, Satan wants us to turn away from God and will do whatever he can to tempt us and damage our relationship with God. So always be alert and guard your heart!
- **To remind us that sin can change everything.** When God created everything; sun, moon, water, sea, day, night, plants, animals, people everything was done with perfection and in a specific order. As Creator He designed things to run a certain way and there were particular rules that God set in place. By choosing to disobey Him, Adam and Eve chose their own path, a path that led them right out of the perfection and beauty of the garden. God warned them that because of their disobedience there would be a separation between man and God, and between man and nature. Everything changed. Things would be much harder, as man would know pain, suffering, hurt, illness and other difficulties. However, God never stopped loving his creation and the rest of the bible reminds us how God continually tries to restore the relationship with mankind. (John 3:16; Romans 5:19)

### LIFE APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

**Pose the following two questions to your children, one at a time. Allow for interaction and discussion, letting them share their thoughts while you guide the conversation.**

- What life lessons can I learn from this Bible character about how I should and should not live?
- Based on what I have learned from this Bible character, how can I live in a way that is pleasing to God.

## MORE IN GOD'S WORD

Scripture does not have much to say about Eve outside of her days in the Garden of Eden, her encounter with the enemy and how she and Adam were thrown out of the garden for their sinful action. But the Bible talks a lot about the consequences of our sins and how sin separates us from God. Name another time in Scripture that someone went against God's will and His instructions to them. What happened as a result? Can you find that story in Scripture? What is the Scripture reference for that story?

