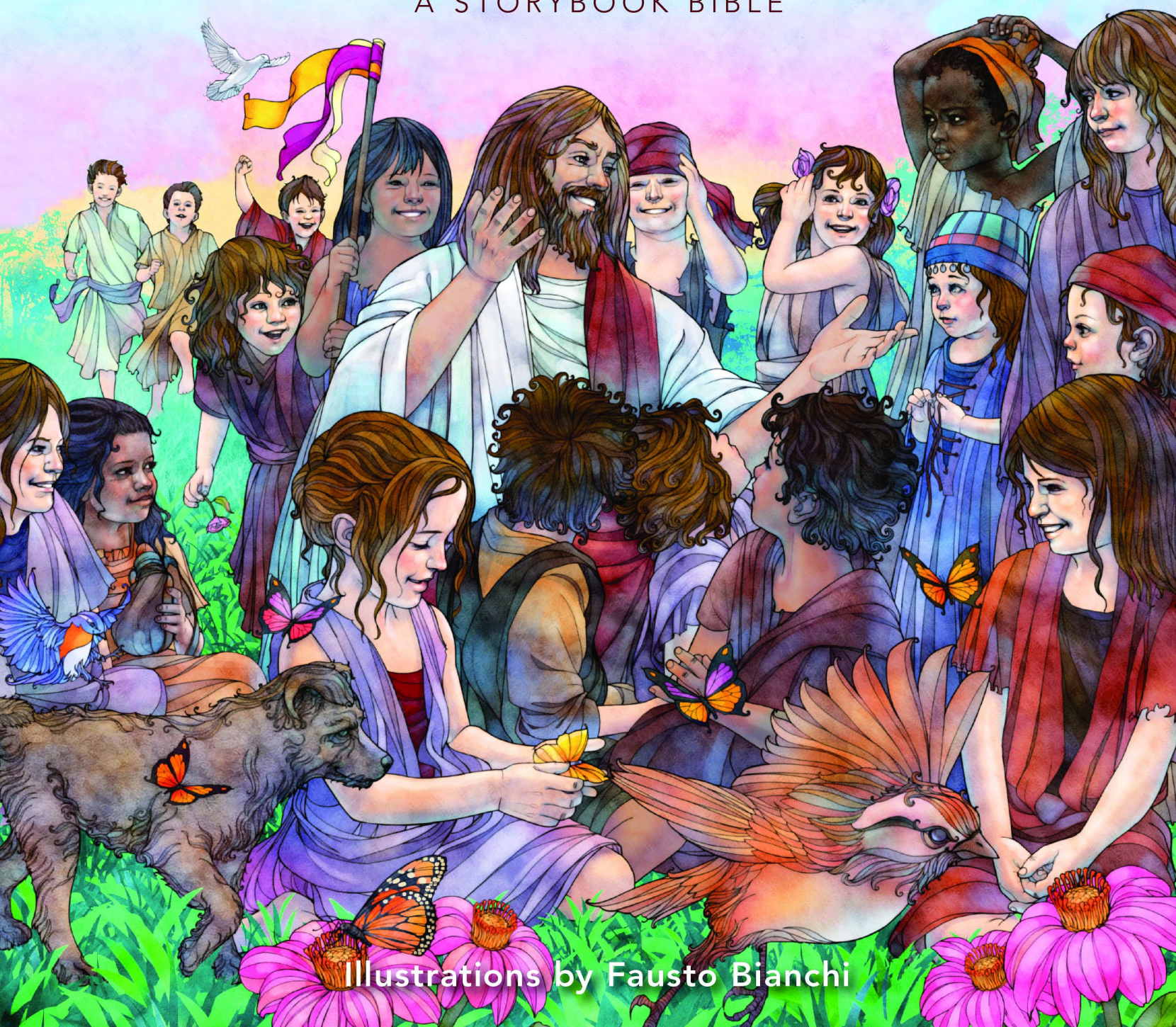


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A STORYBOOK BIBLE



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# The Creation

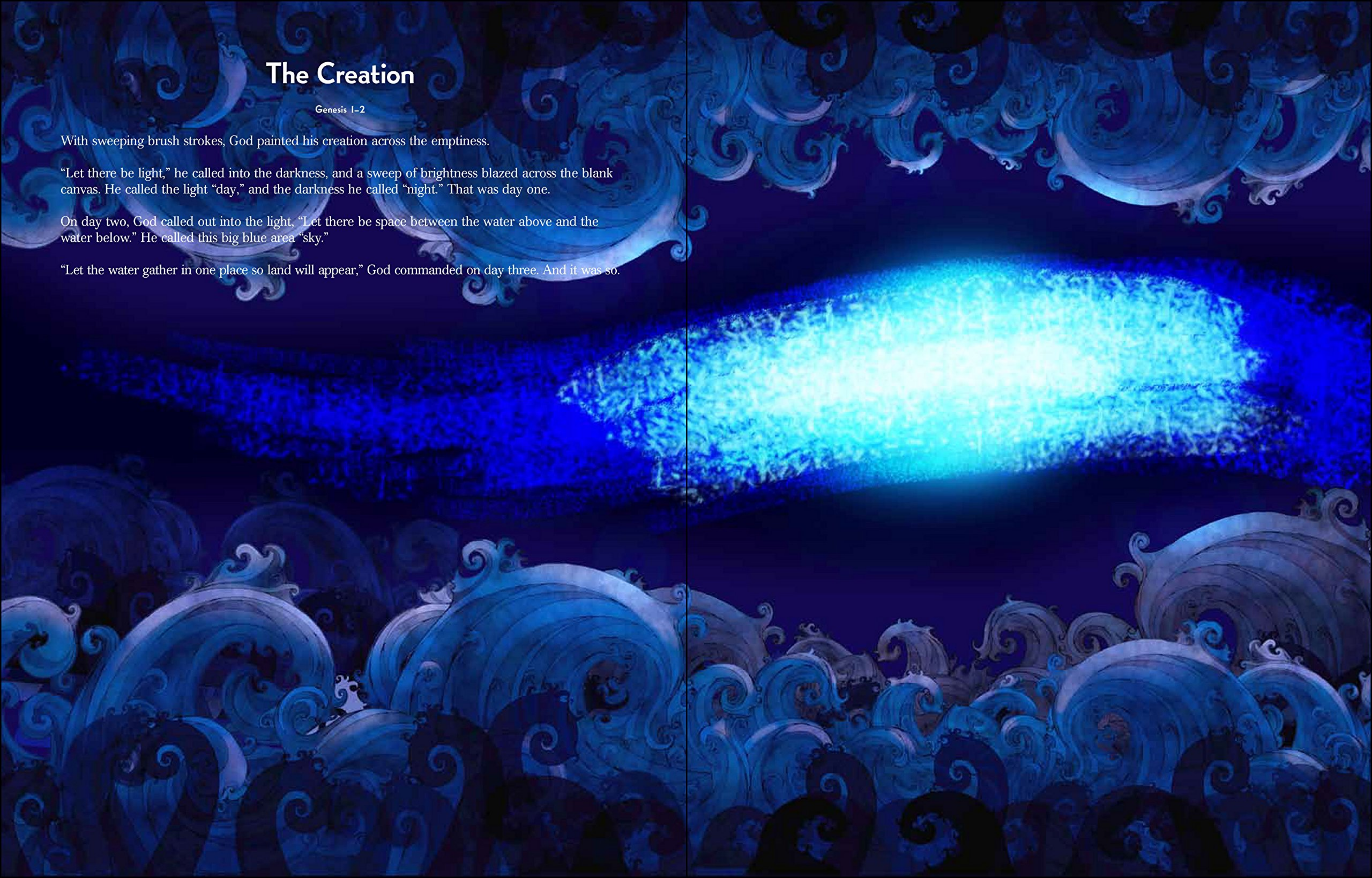
Genesis 1-2

With sweeping brush strokes, God painted his creation across the emptiness.

“Let there be light,” he called into the darkness, and a sweep of brightness blazed across the blank canvas. He called the light “day,” and the darkness he called “night.” That was day one.

On day two, God called out into the light, “Let there be space between the water above and the water below.” He called this big blue area “sky.”

“Let the water gather in one place so land will appear,” God commanded on day three. And it was so.

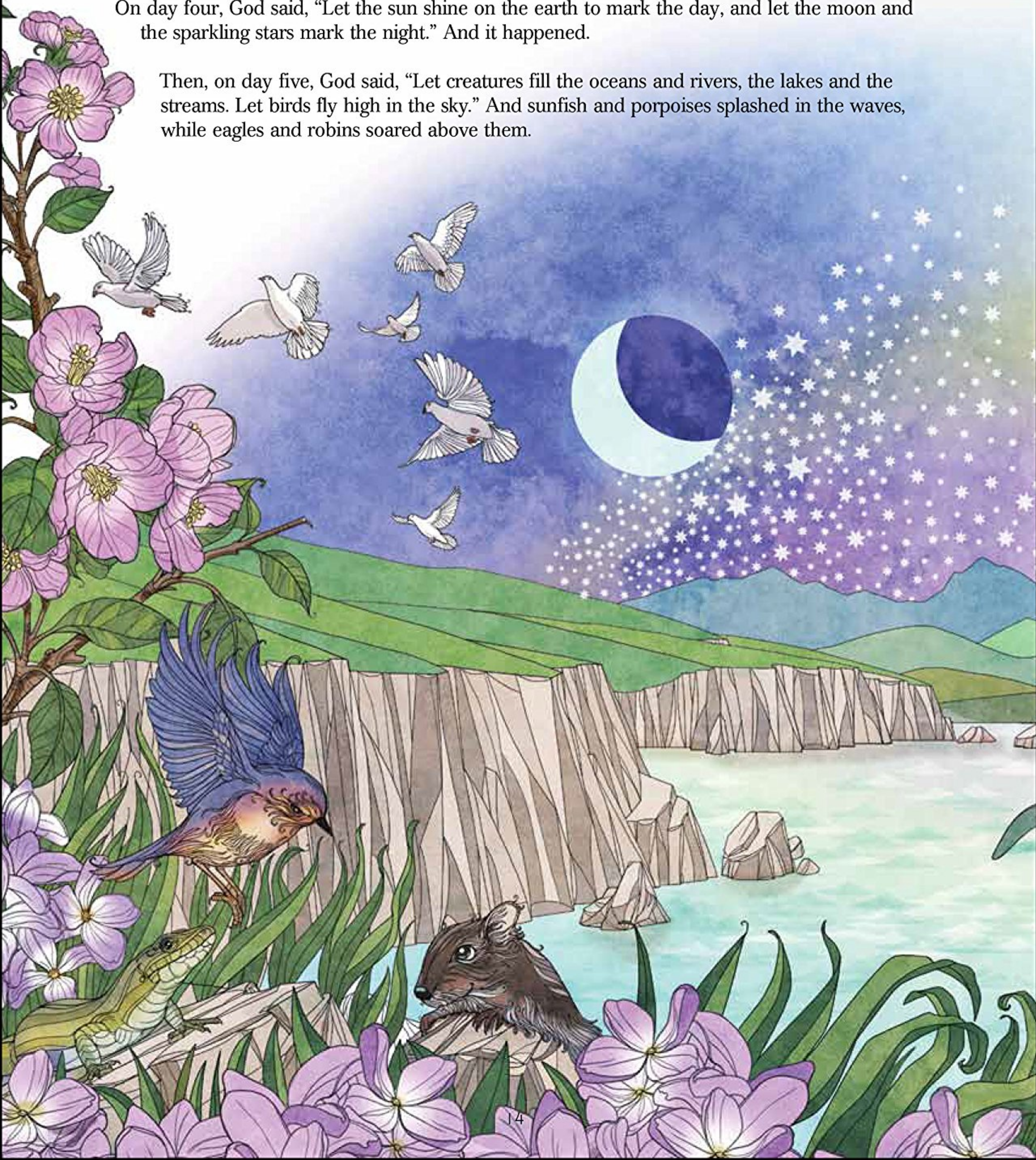




Then God said, "Let the land produce plants and trees bearing fruit." And the sweet smell of lilacs and apple blossoms filled the air.

On day four, God said, "Let the sun shine on the earth to mark the day, and let the moon and the sparkling stars mark the night." And it happened.

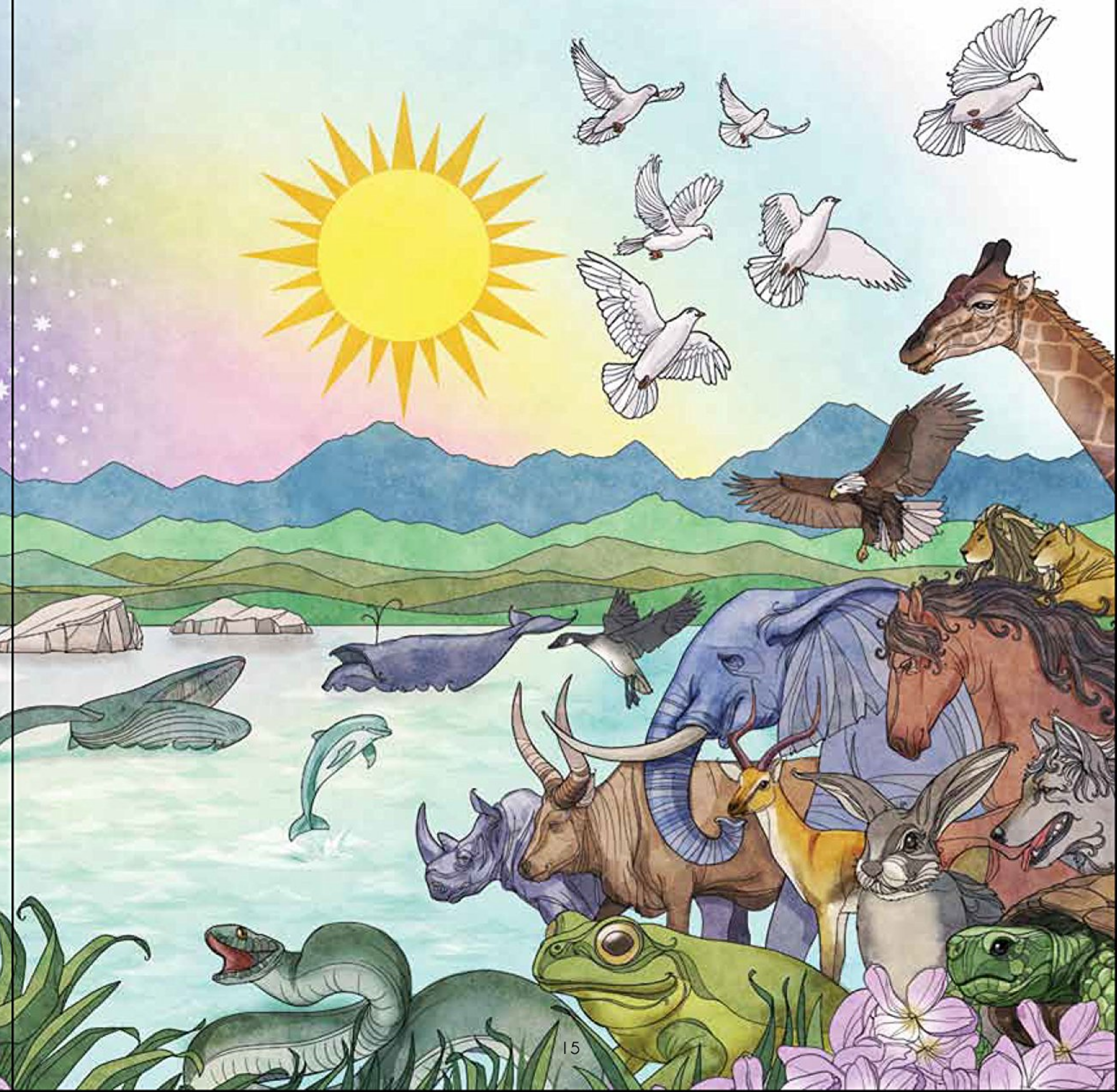
Then, on day five, God said, "Let creatures fill the oceans and rivers, the lakes and the streams. Let birds fly high in the sky." And sunfish and porpoises splashed in the waves, while eagles and robins soared above them.



On the sixth day, God said, "Let living creatures roam the earth." And animals of every shape and size and color appeared.

Then God stepped back, pleased with his creation. And it was all very good.

But something was missing. God made the earth, the sky, and everything in it, but this was not God's entire plan. He was not finished. The best was yet to come.



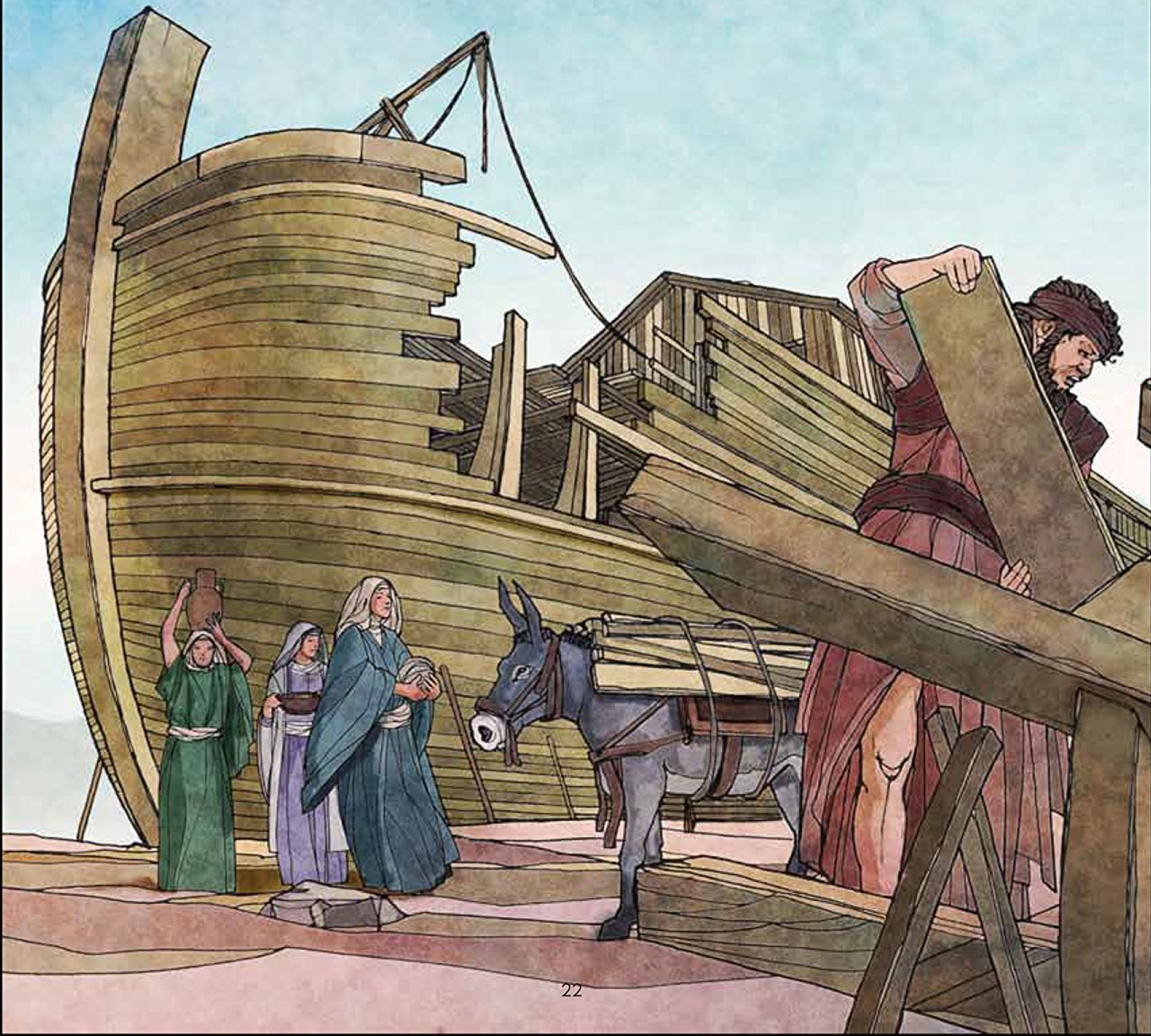


# One Good Man Deserves a Fresh Start

Genesis 6-9

Many years passed. Adam and Eve had children who had more children who had more children. Soon, there were people all over the world. But they turned into selfish and greedy people. None of them cared about God. No one, that is, except Noah. Noah was a good man who loved God.

God made a plan to start all over with Noah.



"Noah, because you love me, I will save you and your family. But you have to do your part. Go and build an ark—a huge boat. Collect animals of every kind and food to feed them all. Take your wife, your sons, and their wives too. Then watch and wait. I will send water from heaven and water from the deep parts of the earth to cover the entire world. The flood will wipe out everything, but you will be safe inside the ark."

