

LESSON 2

THE FIRST GARDEN

Genesis 2:8-25; 3

After God made everything, He made man and called him Adam. God planted a beautiful garden for Adam, called Eden. God said that all the fruit growing in the garden could be eaten except for the fruit on the tree in the middle of the garden.

Adam had animals and birds for company in the garden, but he was still lonely. God made Eve, a woman, to be his helper. Everything was very good, until the serpent tempted Eve, and told her to eat the fruit of the tree which God had said not to touch. The serpent said that it would make her clever.

Eve disobeyed God, and ate the fruit. She gave some to Adam too. Then they tried to hide from God, because they knew He would punish them. God sent them out of the garden, and told them that one day they would die, because they had done the only thing that He had asked them not to do.

ACTIVITY

Decorate the tree using either cork printing with green paint and a different colour for the fruit, or crumpled balls of green, red and yellow crepe paper. Cut a serpent out of black paper (or sandpaper) and paste near the tree. Draw or cut out two figures for Adam and Eve, and add to the picture. Colour the other trees and flowers.

FURTHER SUGGESTIONS

Make a serpent from playdough and place it in a tree. Use a tree twig or playdough and put sultanas in it for fruit. Display on a paper plate.

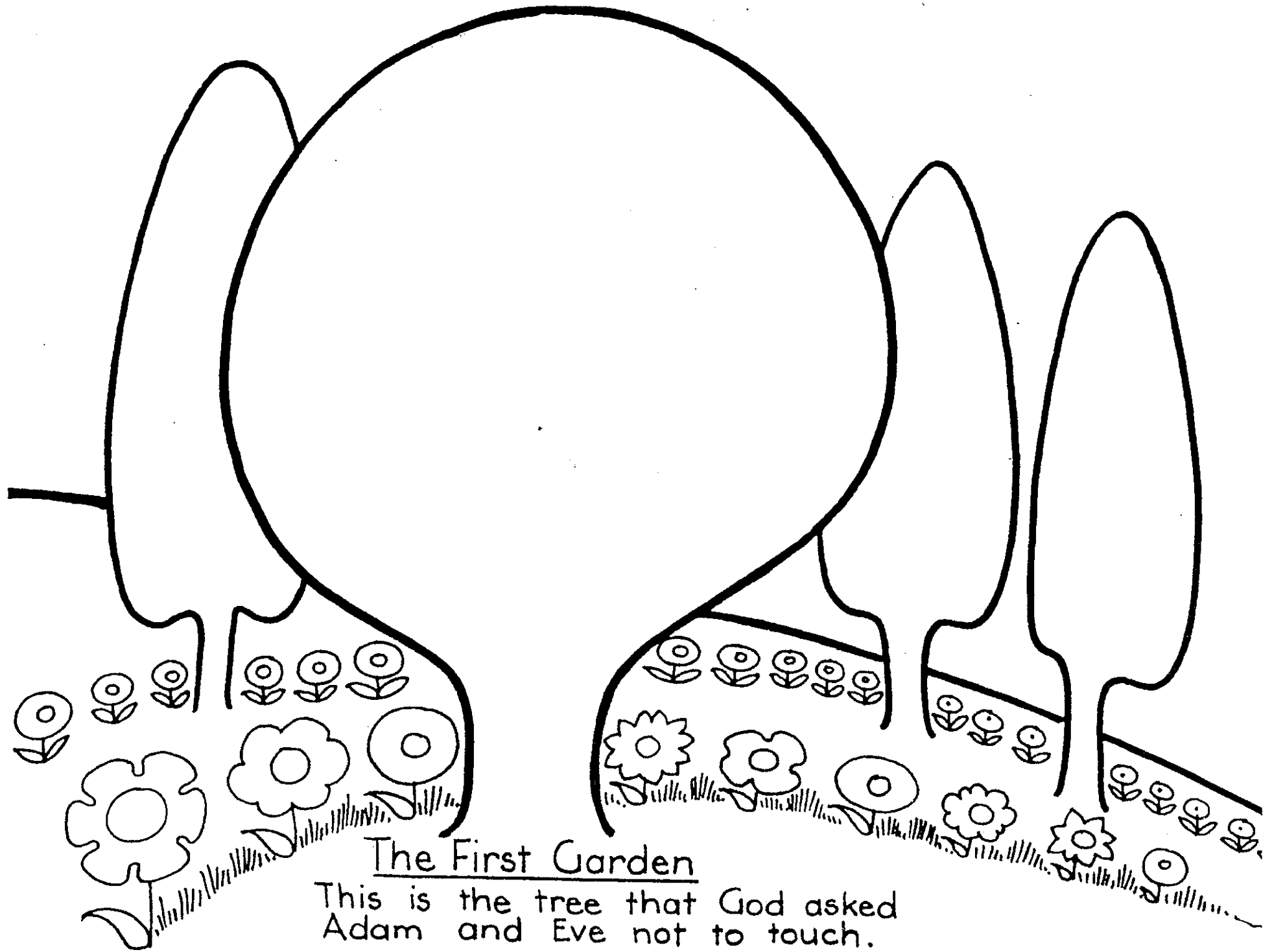
Walk out and view a garden. Discuss its beauty. Act out the story after finding a suitable tree.

On paper, make a large garden. Paste on pictures of flowers, plants and trees, after cutting them from magazines (gardening magazines are ideal). Draw Adam and Eve in the garden.

Discuss the fruits we eat that grow on trees. Draw them.

Make trees and flowers using a variety of materials (crepe paper, cellophane, bark, pipe cleaners, blades of grass, etc).

Fold a piece of paper in half and draw a figure with arm extended to the fold line. Cut out to make two figures holding hands. Colour and/or decorate to be Adam and Eve.



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This is the tree that God asked Adam and Eve not to touch.