

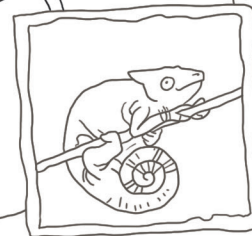
In the Very Beginning

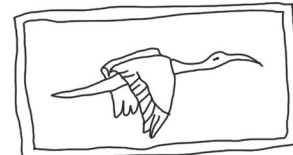
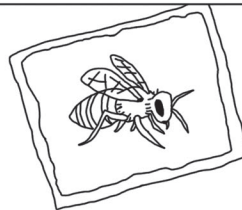
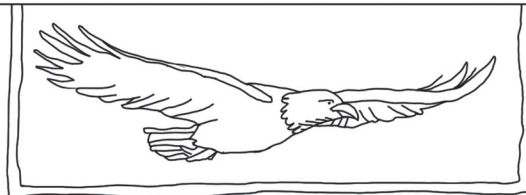
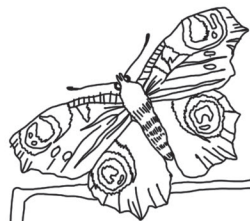
Creation: Genesis 1

Close your eyes. Can you see the darkness? Did you know that thousands and thousands of years ago, in the very beginning, before God made the world, that's what it was like? Just darkness. Then one magical morning, God said, "Let there be light!" And just like that, the light came. Open your eyes. See the bright wonderful world that God made?

He made everything you can see around you. He made mighty mountains and silver seas. He made green grass and tall trees. He made leopards that leap and eagles that soar. He made bees that buzz and lions that roar.

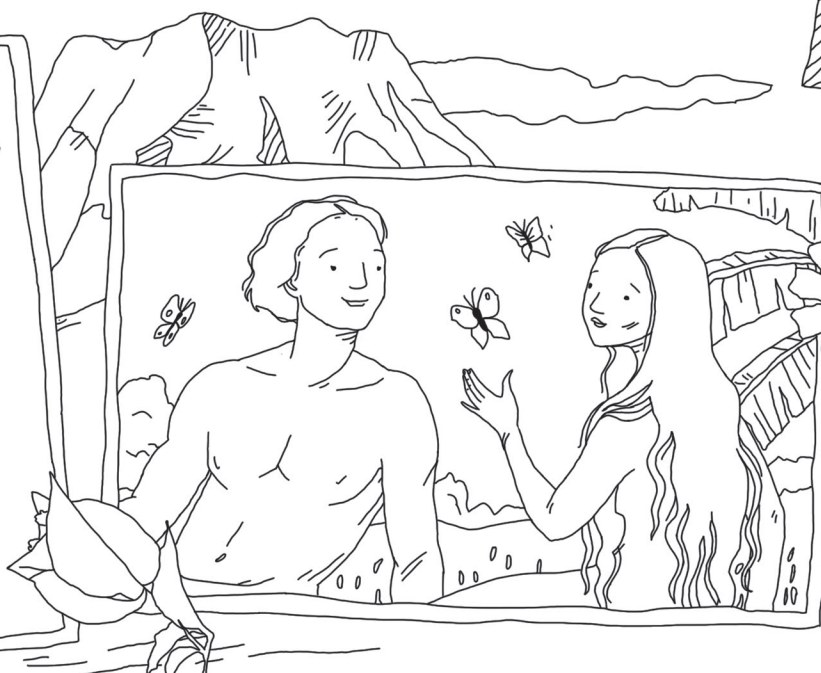
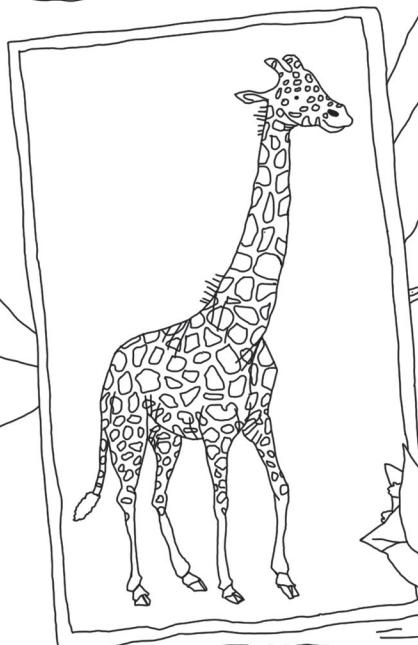
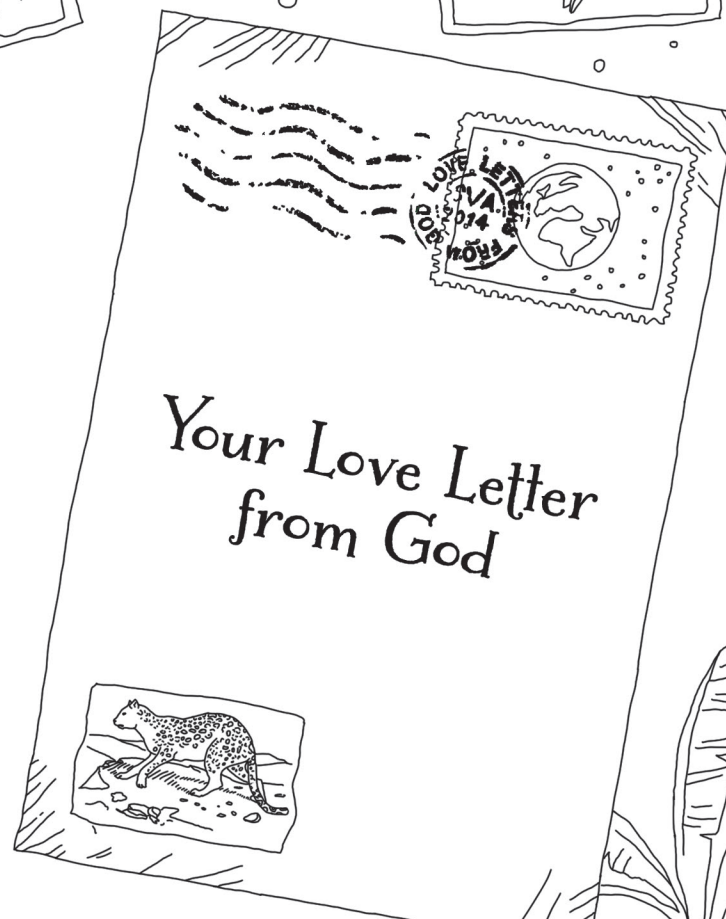
But there was one thing God made that was better than anything else. One day, God made people. People who could run and jump, people who could laugh and play, people just like you and me.





He made a man named Adam and a woman named Eve, and he gave them a beautiful garden in which to live, called Eden.

For six whole days, God worked really hard making our wonderful world. When God saw everything that he had made, a great big smile spread across his face because he knew that it was all really, really good. And can you guess what he did on the seventh day? He took a great big rest.



God's Wonderful Words to You
I know the plans I have for you ...
I will give you hope for the years to come.
(Jeremiah 29:11)