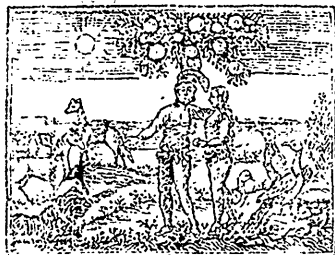


BIBLE STORIES.



OF THE CREATION.

You all know, I suppose, that "in the beginning God created the world." You know also that Adam was the first man; and that God placed him in a delightful spot, called the Garden of Eden, and gave him a woman, called Eve, to be his wife.



Now in this garden was a tree, called "the tree of the knowledge of good and evil," of which the Lord told Adam he was not to eat. But Satan took upon himself the form of a serpent, and tempted Eve to eat some of the fruit of this tree; and she did eat, and gave some to Adam, and he did eat.

Then they were ashamed, and hid themselves among the trees in the garden. "And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said, Where art thou?" He said, "I heard thy voice in the

garden, and was ashamed; and went and hid myself. The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat."

And the Lord God said unto the woman, "What is this thou hast done?" And the woman said, "The serpent beguiled (or tempted) me, and I did eat."

Then was the Almighty much displeased with them, and turned them out of the garden into the wide world, where they were obliged to till the ground, that is, to work hard to get bread to eat. Instead of having fruits growing ready for them, as they had in their beautiful Paradise, they were obliged first to prepare the ground, which had become unfruitful,—thus sharing the displeasure of the Lord,—then sow their seed, and after it had ripened, to make it ready for their food.

Have you not, my young readers, in some instances, disobeyed the commands of your parents when they wished you to deny yourselves anything not proper for you? Have you not said in your hearts, "Where can be the harm of this little thing?" and have you not done it, even when you knew it to be wrong?

I beg you to consider, that the only