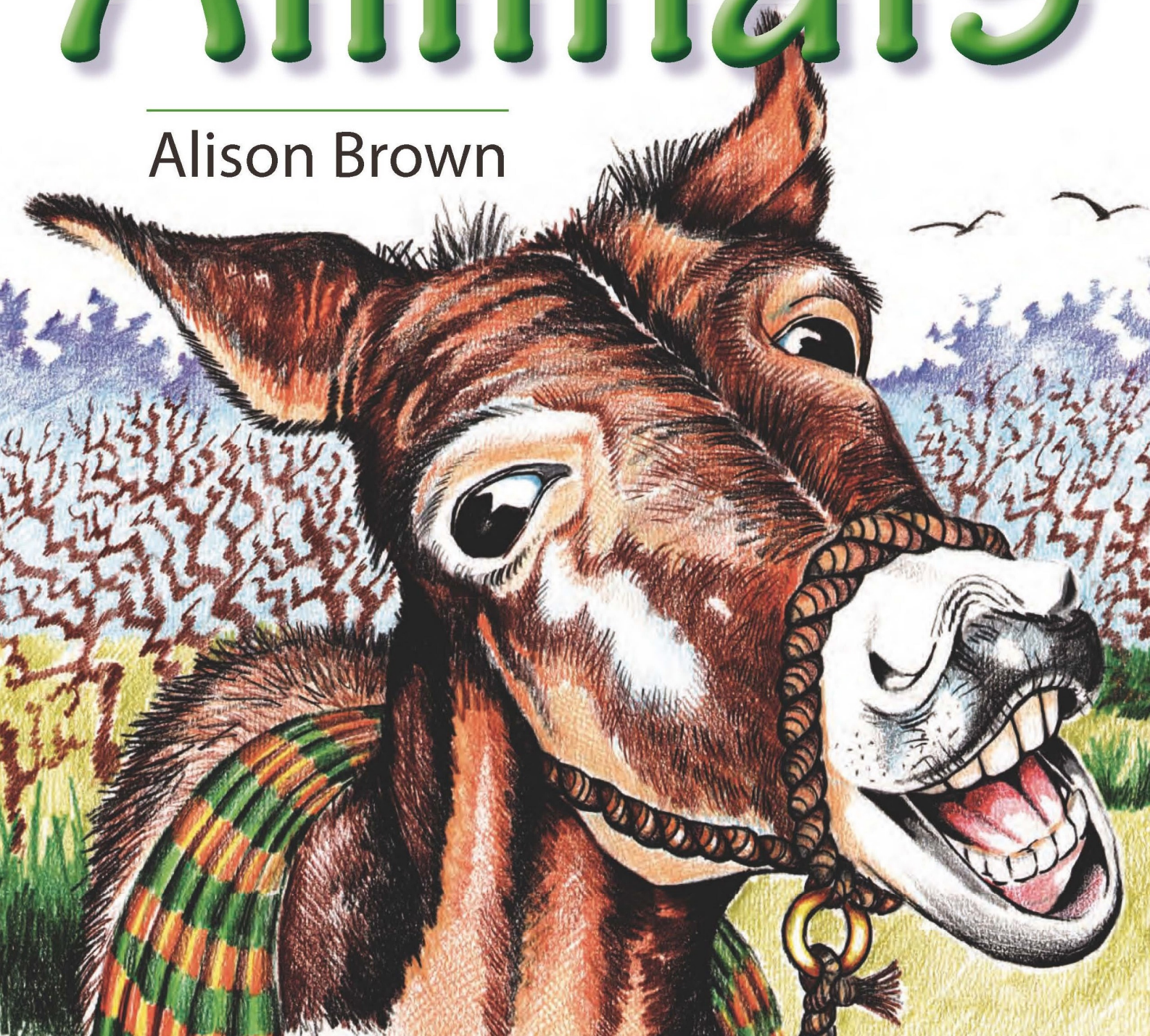


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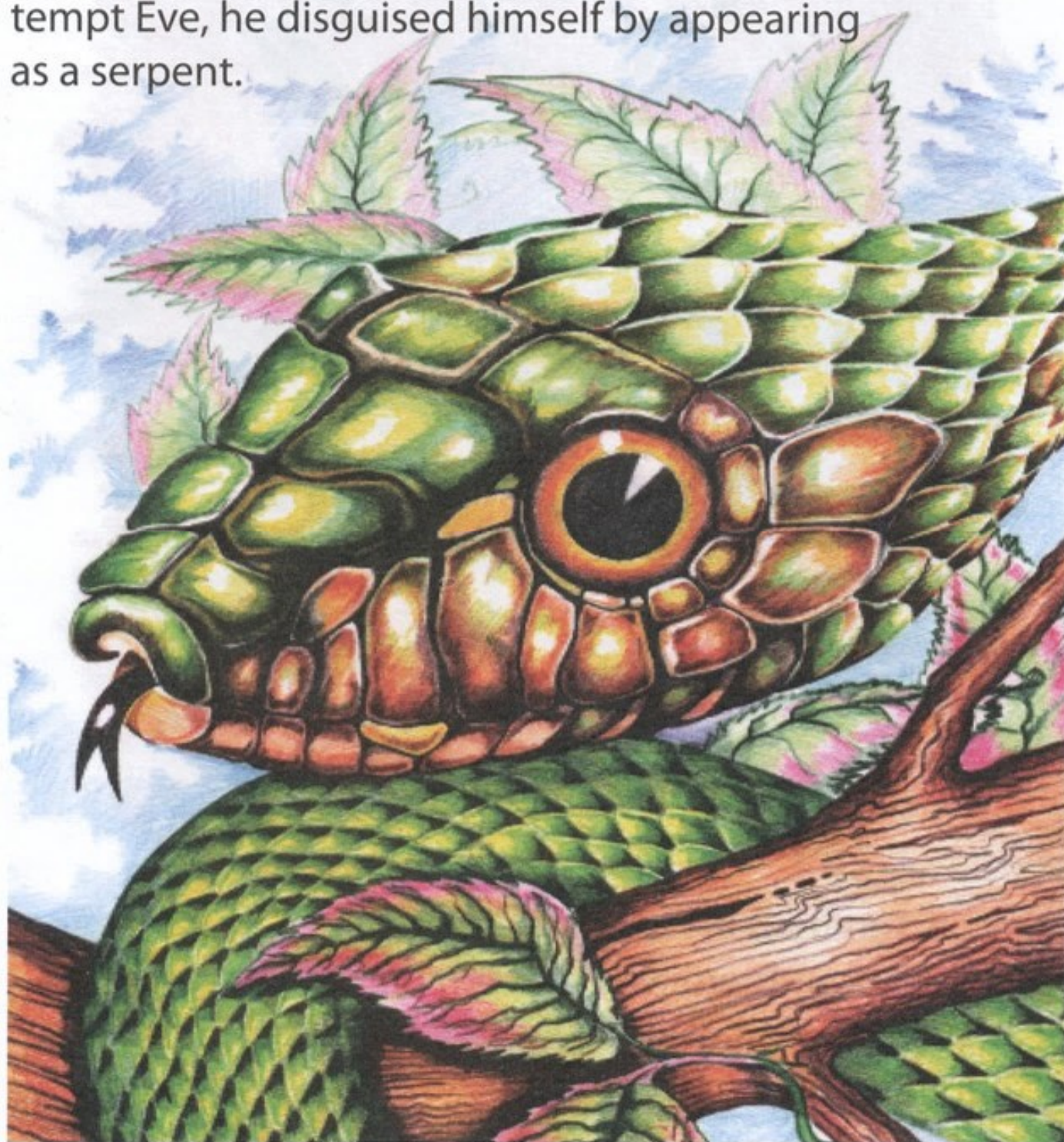




Birds and animals are often mentioned in Scripture. As we think about them we can learn many lessons about being a child of God, and living for him. Let's start at the beginning of the Bible . . .

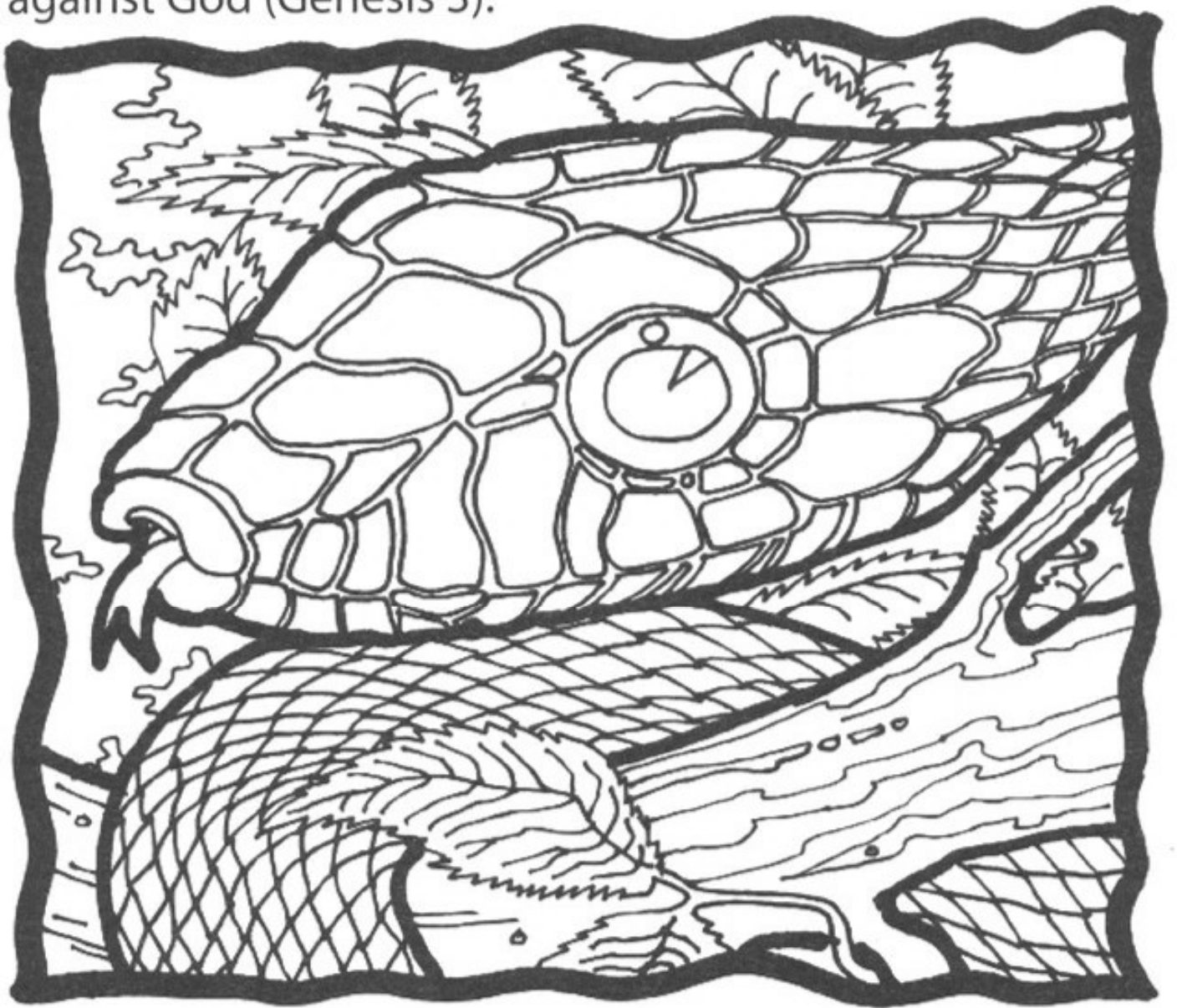
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God punishes Sin

Sadly, Eve listened to the lies of the serpent and sinned against God (Genesis 3).



God always judges sin. He cannot ignore it because he is holy. He punished Eve and he cursed the serpent. God said that from then on it would have to slither over the ground on its belly and eat dust!

A Careful Dove

When the raging flood waters were going down Noah wondered just when he should leave the ark. First he sent out a raven, and later . . . a dove (Genesis 8).

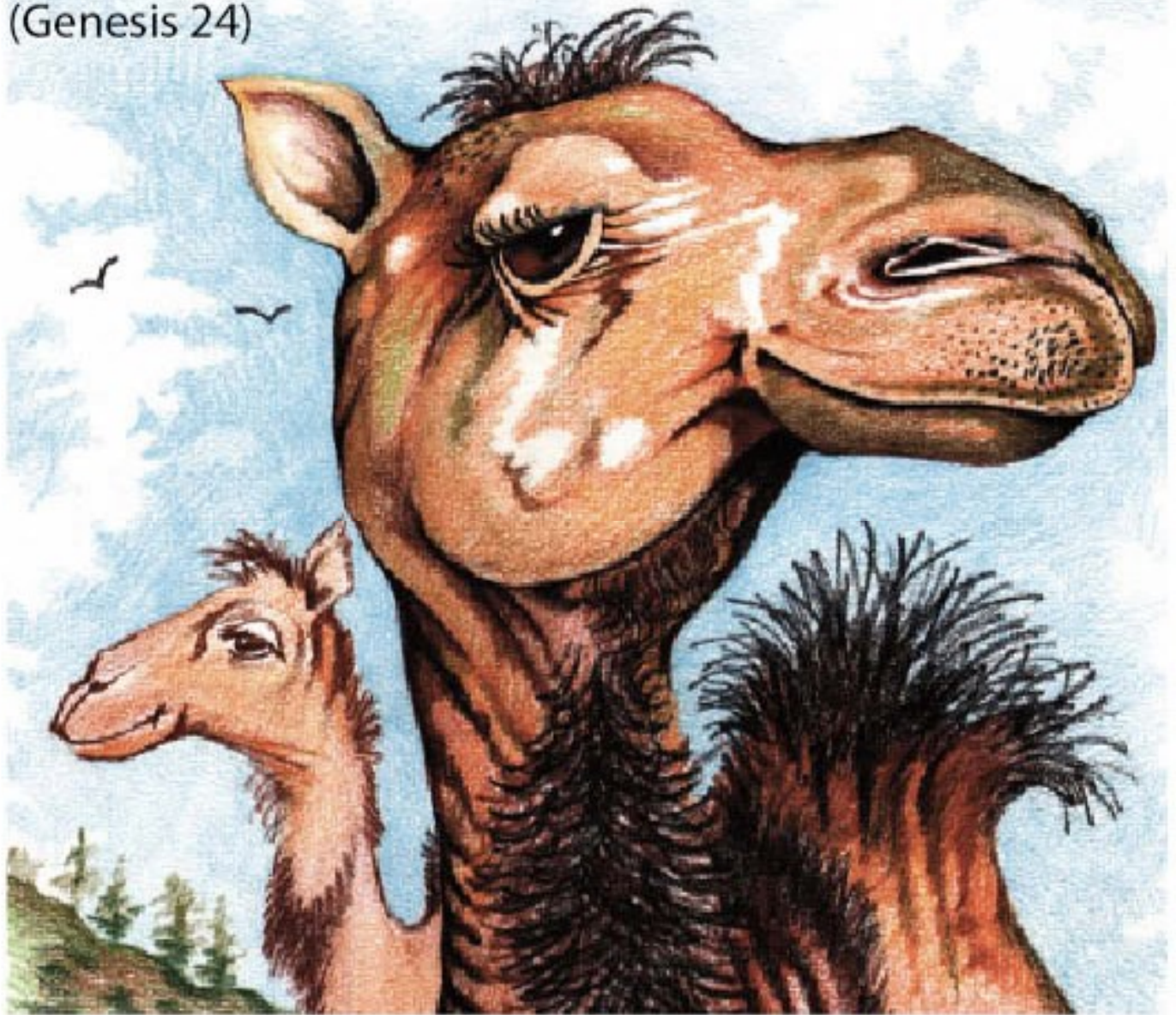
During the flood there may have been animal bodies floating in the water, and ravens are happy to feed on rotting meat.

But the gentle dove came back to the safety of the ark to find a clean place to rest.



Thirsty Camels

Rebekah was a kind and thoughtful girl. She met a stranger at the well who had ten thirsty camels. They had all travelled many, many miles. So Rebekah drew enough water from the well to give the tired man and all his camels a drink. She knew that after walking through a dusty desert nothing else would satisfy their thirst! (Genesis 24)



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Hopping Frogs

In Exodus 8:1-15 we read about frogs hopping through the homes of the Egyptians. Thousands of frogs came up from the River Nile and hopped through the bedrooms and kitchens! God caused it to happen.



He was showing that people of Egypt that he was much more powerful than all their magicians. God alone has power over all that he has created.

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Few children can ignore an inquisitive donkey looking over a gate or the wriggling puppy they meet in the street.

Animal stories also capture their attention, and are usually those with which younger children identify most readily. The description of the animals in Noah's Ark is surely the one least likely to be forgotten!

Bible Animals (for ages 5+) goes one step further; it uses a collection of animal stories drawn from Scripture, to present important, basic Bible truths. What is sin? Why did Jesus die? Why do bad things sometimes happen? Why is obedience important? These are issues about which positive God-honouring attitudes can be formed in the early years.

Sharing the pages of this original book with your child provides an opportunity to begin laying these vital foundations. An animal picture to colour is provided with each lesson.

Hungry Lions



The lions must have roared with delight just before Daniel was thrown into their den. But then God sent an angel to close their mouths. God protected Daniel because Daniel had faithfully continued to pray to him, even though he knew he could lose his life (Daniel 6).

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A Crowing Rooster

The day before Jesus, the Son of God, was crucified, he spoke with his disciple Peter (Luke 22:54-72).



He told Peter that before the cock would crow in the morning, he would say that he was not a friend of Jesus. And that is just what happened. Peter said that he knew nothing at all about the prisoner who had been arrested in Gethsemane. He did not want anyone to know that he was a friend of Jesus in case he would be put in chains too!

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