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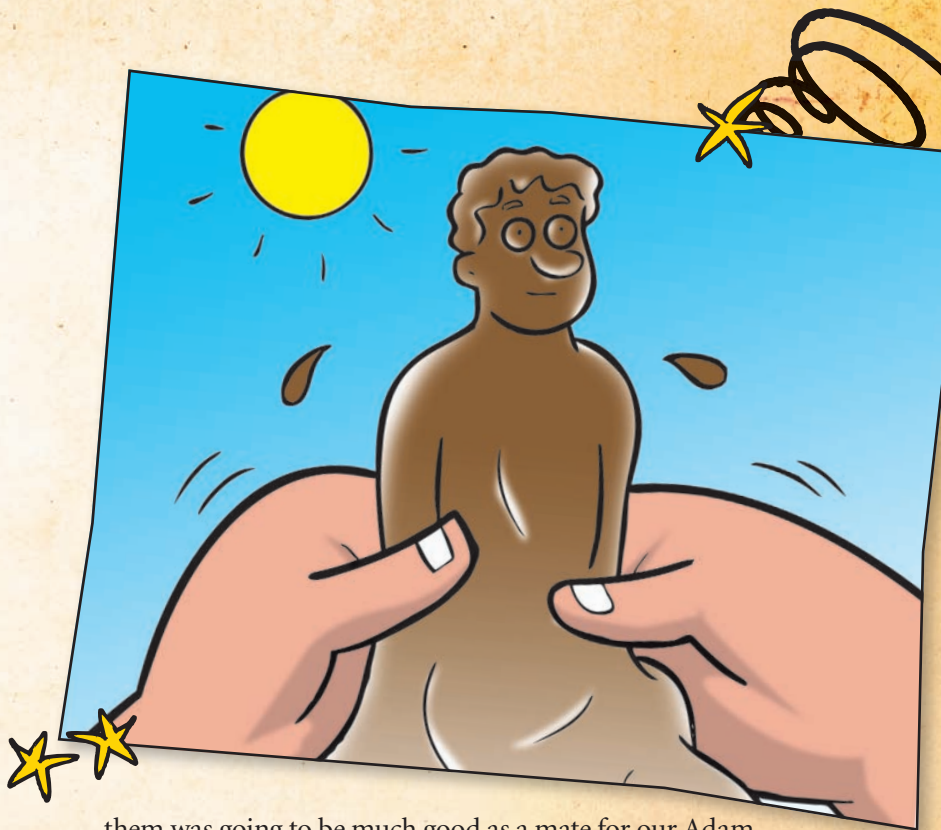
1 MUD MAN

God's just finished creating the universe, paying particular attention to a rather tiddy planet called Earth. This place was going to be the apple of God's eye, so He'd filled it full to bursting with plants and vegetation and stuff. As His finishing touch, God made a creature that had exactly the same character traits as He did. Can you guess what it was called ...? Yep, you've got it! Man. Just one itty-bitty problem. How do you make one? Good question.

Here's how God did it. He scooped up a handful of dirt from the ground and made a man out of it. Weird, perhaps, but you'll just have to take my word for it. But a lump of man-shaped clay, however good it might look, isn't much use to anybody, so God breathed into the man's nostrils and, kerbam! – the man came to life. Wow! Just in case you hadn't worked it out already, the world's first man was none other than Adam.

The Bible says that God thought that it would be a good idea if Adam had a best buddy, so God set His hand to doing a bit more clay modelling.

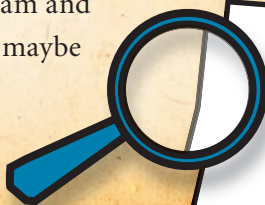
God made animals and birds of all shapes and sizes, but when push came to shove it soon became pretty obvious that none of



them was going to be much good as a mate for our Adam.

So God set about His final creation and the icing on the cake. Woman. And here's the recipe God used. First take one man, preferably called Adam. Put him into a deep sleep. Take out one of his ribs (now you can see why he needed to be asleep). Last, but not least, use the rib to make a woman. Easy, huh? You'll no doubt have guessed who the world's first woman was. Yep, it was Eve.

One last thing. Can you think of something that God hasn't made for Adam and Eve that you think maybe they should have?



Hmm! Have a think about it then look up Bible book Genesis, chapter 2 and verse 25 for your answer.

GOD'S GRAFITTI

King Belshazzar of Babylon had got a bit too big for his boots and his great power had rather gone to his head. Never one to do things by halves, the king threw the mother of all parties for a thousand of his noblemen and their wives. As the finishing touch to his excesses, he gave orders for the wine to be served up in the gold cups and bowls that his dad (King Nebuchadnezzar) had nicked from God's Temple in Jerusalem. Bad move! As far as God was concerned, these things were special and most definitely not to be used in such a casual, couldn't-care-less sort of way. To make matters even worse, the revellers started to praise gods made of gold, silver, bronze, iron, wood and stone as they drank from the special cups and bowls. God was having none of that. To everyone's horror, a hand suddenly appeared (it was God) and began to write on the palace's plaster wall. The colour drained from the king's face and his knees began to knock. He tentatively squinted through the half light to see what was written on the wall, but it made absolutely no sense to him whatsoever.

Belshazzar went into panic mode and shouted for his magicians, wizards and astrologers to tell him what the

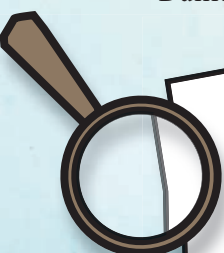


writing meant. One by one, the royal advisers scratched their heads and tried to work out what on earth the scrawl on the wall said – but nothing doing. They were completely bamboozled.


Just in the nick of time, the queen mother turned up and said that she knew of a guy called Daniel who might just be able to help. From what she knew of Daniel, God seemed to have given him the ability to interpret dreams and understand mysterious stuff, such as strange writing on walls, so they fetched him, pronto.

Daniel said that God was telling Belshazzar He was

calling time on his reign as a king because of his proud heart and his lack of respect for God.



Want to find out how long it took for Daniel's prediction to come true, then look up Bible book Daniel, chapter 5 and verses 30 and 31.



3 GOD'S GRUB

The Israelites were headed for a brand-new homeland (Canaan). After suffering at the hands of Egyptian slave masters for centuries you'd think that the Israelites would be a bit upbeat about being free. Not so! They were mega miffed about the meagre diet of food available to them in the desert they were crossing, and gave their leader (Moses) a right old ear-bashing about it.

God wasn't too happy about the way they were behaving and all it did was demonstrate their complete lack of trust in Him. Being the kind and generous God that He is, God gave Moses and his brother Aaron the lowdown on what He was going to do to fill the Israelites' bellies. First off, that very evening, the most ginormous flock of quails (nice, meaty birds) you've ever seen flew in and covered the camp. Let's hope the Israelites didn't stuff themselves silly because, next morning, breakfast turned up in the form of a thin, flaky substance which covered the desert floor like dew. It was as delicate as frost and sweet to taste. God had come good for them once again.

'What is it?' they asked, which is why it ended up getting called 'manna' which means, yes, you guessed it, 'What is it?'



God wanted to see if the grumbling Israelites really trusted Him so He told them that each person could collect up to two litres of manna a day, max, but nobody was allowed to stash any of the manna away until the next day. Some of them stupidly ignored this command, but tough luck – by the next day their manna was full of worms. Yuk! God had given the Israelites orders that, on the sixth day of the week, they were to collect twice as much manna so that it would last for the whole of the next day. Want to find out whether the manna that was kept over to the seventh day was full of worms?



Check it out in Bible book Exodus, chapter 16 and verse 24.