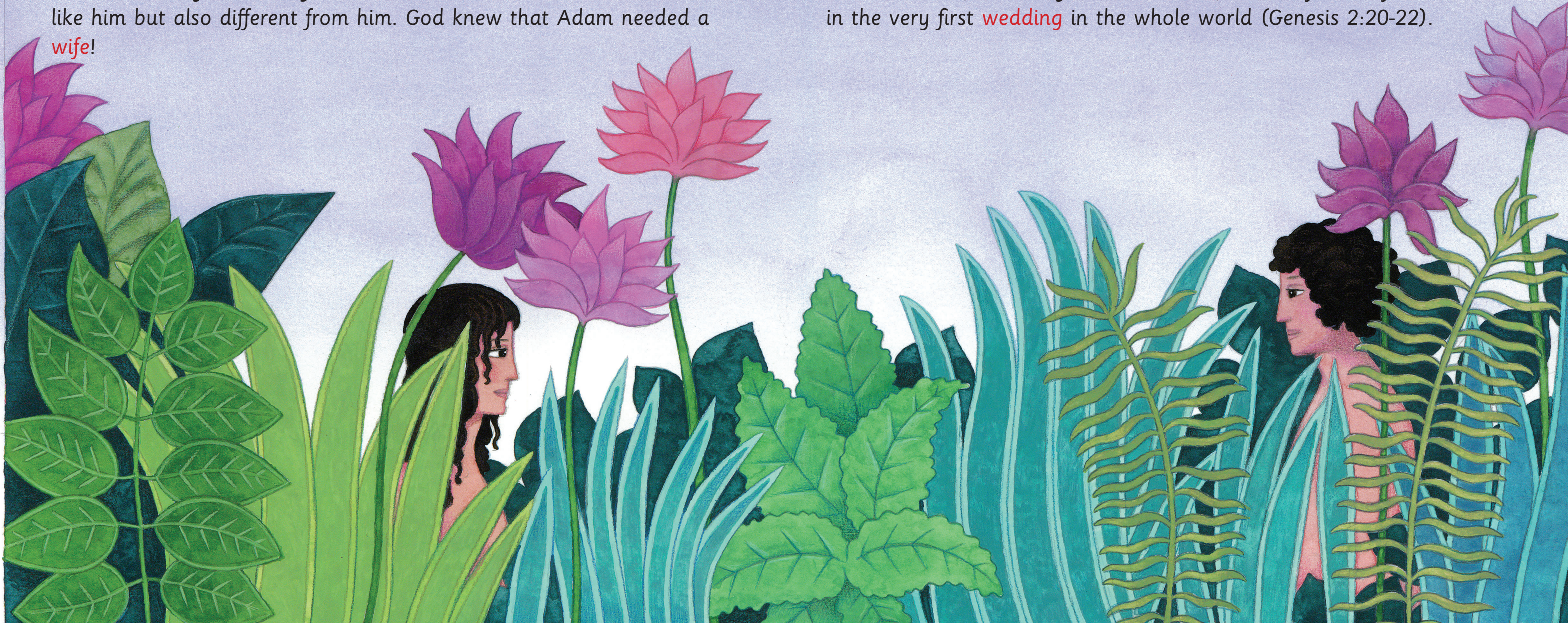
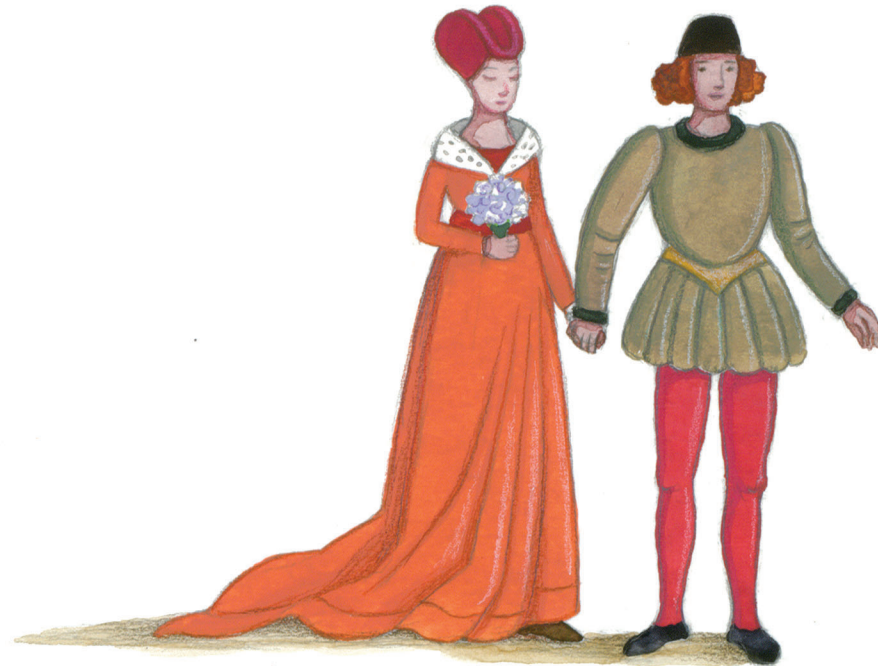


Even in this beautiful garden with all the animals to play with, and even with God to keep Adam company, there was still something missing. God knew that Adam needed someone strong and lovely and smart and kind. He needed someone like him but also different from him. God knew that Adam needed a wife!

God made the first woman, Eve, out of Adam's very body. She was so special that God formed her in a different way than anything else He had ever made! And after God made her, He brought her to Adam, like the father of the bride in the very first wedding in the whole world (Genesis 2:20-22).

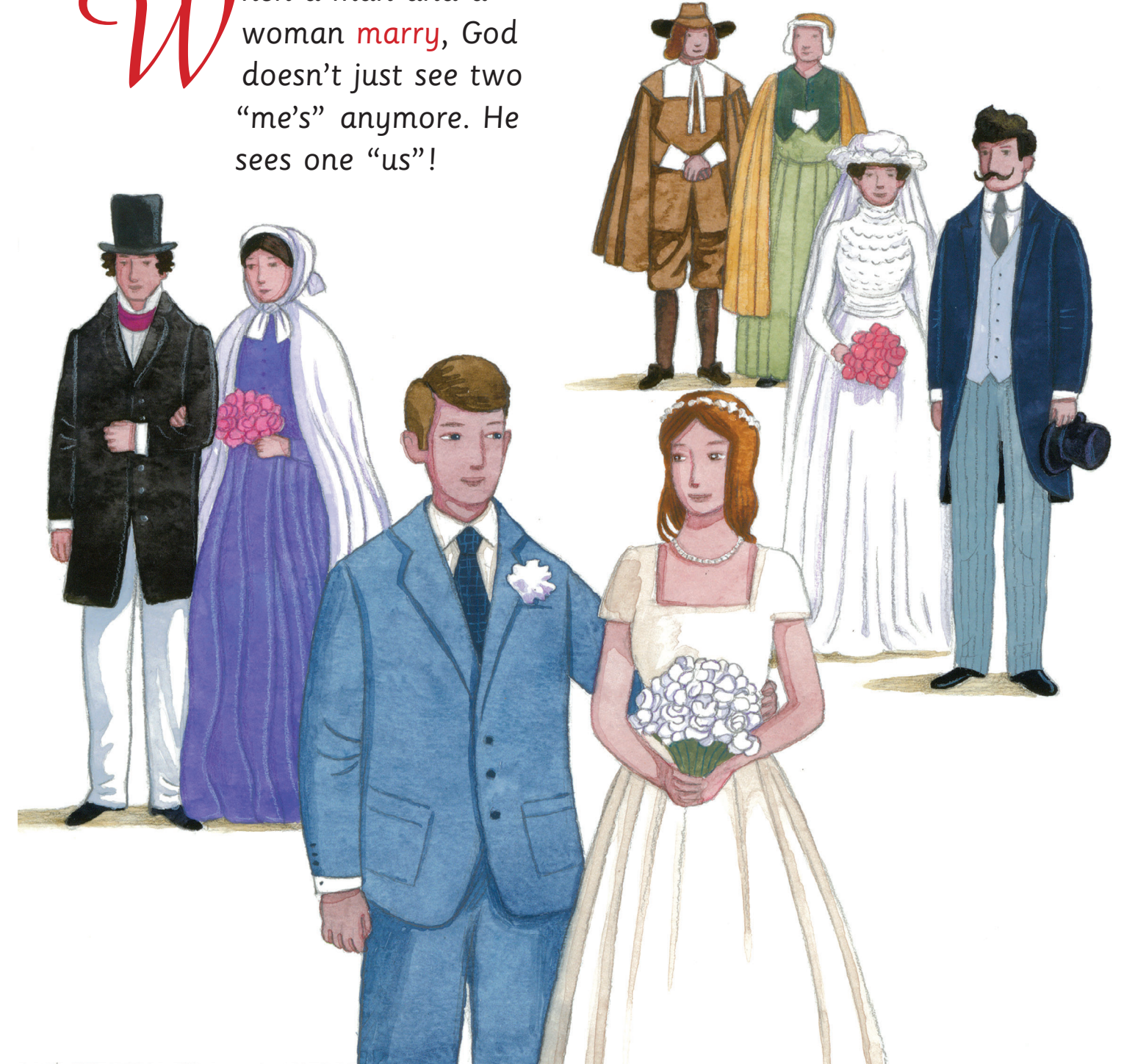


Ever since that first **wedding**, people have been getting **married**. Just like everything that comes from the heart of God, **marriage** is beautiful and good.



God tells us that **marriage** is one man and one woman giving all of themselves to each other for their whole lives (Genesis 2:21-25; Matthew 19:56; Ephesians 5:31).

When a man and a woman **marry**, God doesn't just see two "me's" anymore. He sees one "us"!





Jesus says that when a man and woman get **married**, God joins them together in the most special of all relationships here on earth. God looks at the two of them as one, and no one should ever separate them (Matthew 19:6).

When a man and a woman **marry**, they share their hearts, their thoughts, even their bodies! (Do you ever see your mom and dad kiss? **Married** people do that!) They share the same name, the same money, the same house—even the same bed!