

## **Character Breakdown**

**Adam**: The first man, made by God on the sixth day of creation. Adam is thoroughly opposed to God's insistence that he needs a mate and is distant and cold when Eve appears. As the play progresses, however, Adam begins to like and eventually falls in love with her. He proves his love by taking full responsibility for eating from the Tree of Knowledge (thus shielding her from God's wrath), and forgives her entirely as they are forced to leave the Garden of Eden and enter the real world.

**Eve**: The first woman created by God from one of Adam's ribs. Eve is eager to be part of Adam's life despite Adam's resistance. She persists and, little by little, melts Adam's icy demeanor. She is seduced by the snake's wiles which entices her to eat from the forbidden Tree of Knowledge. This act leads to Adam and Eve's banishment from the Garden of Eden.

**God**: The Creator of the universe. At times God is frivolous but at other times serious. He sternly warns Adam and Eve never to eat from the Tree of Knowledge and later banishes them from the Garden of Eden as punishment for their disobedience.

**Snake**: A crafty and cunning creature who tricks Eve into eating from the Tree of Knowledge.