

The first gardener

A drama about creation

(Genesis 2:4-9)

Characters

Narrator (off stage)

God

Adam

Props

Brown sheet

Garden tools – spade, fork, hoe

At the beginning Adam is lying on the floor covered by a (preferably) brown sheet.

Narr: This is what happened when God made the heavens and the earth

(Enter God)

God: Well even though I say so myself, that is marvellous, marvellous! Just look at it up there, shining so brightly, and the warmth, the warmth! But what shall I call it, err ... It's got to be something grand, and simple. Yes, grand and simple. Ummm.... (thinks, then suddenly) I know! Sun, I'll call it Sun because it will shine on the earth and 'Sun Shine' is quite a clever alliteration! But now for the rest of this place, the rest of the earth. What shall I do next? (Walks around the dais)

Narr: And God made streams come up from the earth. Gurgling, bubbling streams. The water covered the ground and soaked it.

God: (still walking but now picking up feet as if walking through mud) Gosh it's getting a bit sticky. I'll have to remember to get someone to invent the Wellington Boot sometime.

Narr: Then God stopped.

(God still facing congregation)

Narr: and he had an idea.

God: yes, an idea, a brilliant idea! My best ever idea!

Narr: God got down on his knees.

(God kneels on ground by the sheet)

Narr: and he began to work the mud with his fingers.

(God puts his hands on the sheet and tickles the person underneath who laughs and wriggles)