

*Guide your children through the last story. You will probably need to ask guiding questions*

## Tell the Story *(Don't just read it—know it and bring it to life!)*

Then God decided he would create another being, one that was lower than the angels, called a human. So God prepared the earth to be a place for humans to live. His Spirit moved over the surface of the earth and whenever God wanted something to be made, He just said it and it was made...

He made light—and...

**Do you know what he called it?** He called the light day.

**What do you think he called darkness...** He called the darkness night.

Then He made the sky.

He moved the waters back so that land appeared...

**What do you think He called the waters?** He called the waters seas.

He grew plants, flowers, and trees with seeds to reproduce themselves...

He created the sun, the moon and the stars – so that there would be days and different seasons

He filled the seas with fish, the sky with birds, and the earth with all kinds of wild animals!

All of this creating was very important to God! And He was very happy with it. In fact, after he created all these things, He looked at them and said, *"This is good!"*

After he had prepared the earth, God said, *"Let us make humans in our image, to be like us. They will be in charge of the earth and the plants and the animals that live on it."* So God formed man from the dust of the ground. Then He breathed his own breath into him and he became alive. This man would be called Adam.

God placed Adam in a beautiful garden, a place where Adam had everything he needed to live the best kind of life. God planted all kinds of trees in the garden that produced delicious fruit so humans would always have lots to eat. God gave Adam the responsibility to take care of this garden and all of his creatures. God even brought all of the animals to Adam so he could give them names!

In the middle of the garden were two special trees – the *Tree of Life* and the *Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil*. God told Adam he could eat fruit from any tree in the garden—except for one; God warned him, *"If you eat fruit from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, you will die for sure."*

Then God said, *"It is not good for man to be alone. I will make a helper for him."* So God caused Adam to fall into a deep sleep. While Adam was asleep, God took a rib out of Adam and made the rib into a woman. Adam later called this woman Eve, which means "Giver of Life".

When this woman was made Adam said, *She is part of me*. So ever since then, when people get married, they become like one person. At that time, Adam and Eve were naked, but they felt no shame.

So God created both the man and the woman in his own image. God also gave Adam and Eve the ability to continue his creation by having children. God spent time with the humans, walking with them in the cool of the day. He showed them how to live in the best possible way – a life lived close to God and under his protection – a life that is full and complete.

As God looked over all of his creation he thought, *"this is very good!"*

After creating all of this, God rested on the seventh day, and He made it a special day for rest.

## Retell the Story

This may seem redundant, but it helps you remember and own the story. You will want to help them retell the story by giving them leading questions like: *So, where did the story begin? What did God create? What did he put in the middle of the garden?*

## Dialogue

These questions are a good start to draw out observations about the story.

- **What do we learn about God in this story?**
  - » God is powerful and the creator of all things
  - » God showed the humans how to live in the best possible way.
  - » God trusts humans with the care of his creation.
  - » God provides and takes care of humans
  - » God enjoys his creation—he said it was good in every way!
  - » God sets aside time for rest!
- **How did God make humans different than the fish, birds and animals?**
  - » They are created in God’s image. He breathed his own breath into them.
  - » He made man from the dust and woman from man’s rib
  - » He put them in charge of the earth and the animals
  - » God gives humans the ability to continue his creation by having children.
- **What kind of relationship did God have with humans?**
  - » He spent time with Adam and Eve.
  - » He showed them the best possible way to live.
  - » He cared about them very much.
- **What kind of relationship did Adam and Eve have with each other?**
  - » They really knew each other and loved each other
  - » They were very close
- **What do you think God gave them the two trees? What did God want them to do?**
  - » They could choose to obey God or not
  - » God wanted them to choose to obey – to choose Life (the Tree of Life)
- **Why does God rest?**
  - » He is finished with his work – He didn’t need to create anymore
  - » He is very happy with what He made – It was very good

## Application (Optional questions that also work well in smaller groups)

- What’s your favorite part of this story?
- What do you think God wants us to do?

## Scripture Memory Verse

And God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done. Genesis 2: 3

### [For older kids: Psalm 8:3-6]

When I consider your heavens,  
the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars,  
which you have set in place,

what is man that you are mindful of him,  
the son of man that you care for him?

You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings  
and crowned him with glory and honor.

You made him ruler over the works of your hands;  
you put everything under his feet...