

# In the Image of God

Genesis 1:26-2:23; Patriarchs and Prophets, pp. 45-47



**T**hink of all the things you do when you have someone special coming to visit. How do you make sure everything is ready?

When God created this world, He was creating it for someone special—for Adam and Eve, their children, and for you. It was six days before their home was ready. Let's read about it.

**G**od had created the sun and the moon. He had created the plants, fish, birds, and animals. He looked at everything and saw that it was good. But His creation was incomplete.

It was time to create people.

Making people would be different from making the creatures and the plants. People were to be made in God's own image. And they were to rule over the animals.

So God formed a man out of the dust of the ground. He carefully made the man's fingers and toes, his eyes, ears, and mouth. When God

finished modeling the man, He bent over and blew into the man's nose. And the man began to breathe! He opened his eyes, sat up, and looked around.

God smiled at the first man and called him Adam. There was a lot to do that day. God told Adam that he was in charge of all the animals. His first job was to name them. Adam probably laughed when he saw the monkeys hanging from the trees chattering to each other. He grinned when he saw the elephants with

their long trunks and big flapping ears. He stopped to pet the shy fawn and play with the bear cub.

When Adam had named all the animals, he looked thoughtful. All the animals had a mate.

They had creatures like themselves to keep them company. They could communicate and share things. But there was no one for Adam.

God said, "It is not good for Adam to be by himself. I will make a mate for him." God made Adam fall into a deep sleep. Then He



## The Message

God surrounds me with His gifts of love.

## Memory Verse

"God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them"

(Genesis 1:27, NIV).

took one of Adam's ribs and created a woman.

When Adam woke up, God brought the woman to him. Adam was pleased. He said, "She was made from my bones and my flesh. She will be called woman because she was taken out of man." And Adam called the first woman Eve.

God walked with Adam and Eve around the garden home He had created for them. He smiled as Adam showed Eve the animals and told her their names.

At the end of the day God looked at everything that He had created. He saw the plants, the trees, the fish, the animals, and Adam and Eve. It had been a good day! And God said, "This is very good."







## S A B B A T H

**DO** God created the animals and people on the sixth day. If possible, go for a walk with your family and count the animals you see. Ask each person to name their favorite animal.

**SING** Sing "All Things Bright and Beautiful" (Sing for Joy, No. 51) and thank God for the beauty you enjoyed today.

## S U N D A Y

**READ** During family worship read and discuss Genesis 1:26-31. What does it mean to be made in the image of God? Look in a mirror and say, "I am made in the image of God." Use the mirror to try to draw a picture of yourself.

**DO** Review your memory verse. Think of a way to illustrate it for the rest of your family, then teach it to them.

**PRAY** Ask God to help you reflect His love to the people you meet today.

## M O N D A Y

**READ** Read and discuss Genesis 2:4-7 during worship today. What was so special about the weather when God created the earth? (See verse 5.)

**DO** Take a balloon and see how many breaths it takes to blow it up.

**DO** If possible, put a glass jar in an open space outside. Put something around it so it will not fall over. When it rains, measure the amount of water in the jar.

**MAKE** Keep a weather chart this week.

**PRAY** Review the memory verse, then thank God for all kinds of weather.

## T U E S D A Y

**READ** With your family, read and discuss Genesis 2:8-17. How was the Garden of Eden watered? Where is your nearest river?

**DO** Fill a small box with dirt. Collect leaves or small plants and make a miniature Garden of Eden. Ask if you can water the plants inside or outside the house.

**READ** Use an encyclopedia to discover how much of your body is made of water.

**PRAY** Thank God for the gift of water.

## W E D N E S D A Y

**READ** With your family read and discuss Genesis 2:19, 20. Name some Old Testament stories about animals. Make up a poem or song about all the animals Adam named on the sixth day of Creation.

**MAKE** Model or draw an animal and give it a name. Show it to your family. Ask two people to tell an animal story.

**PRAY** Thank God for all the animals you enjoy.

Being created in God's image means we are very much like God, but we are not God.





# THURSDAY

**READ** Read and discuss Genesis 2:20-23 during family worship. Be sure to review your memory verse together.

**MAKE** Fan fold a piece of paper. Draw half a person and cut around it, leaving the hands and feet attached. On one side write the names of people in your family. On the other side write "Jesus loves us all."

**MAKE** Ask if you can help make some cookies and cut them into people shapes. Save them to share with your family tomorrow.

**PRAY** Thank God for surrounding us with people who care for us.

# FRIDAY

**DO** Read Genesis 1:26-2:23 during family worship and act it out together. Play Alphabet Creation with your family. Call out a letter and have your family name some wonderful things God has made that begin with that letter.

**DO** God prepared a beautiful world before He made people. Today, see what you can do to help Mom prepare to meet Jesus on His special day, the Sabbath.

**SHARE** At supper time, share the people cookies you made yesterday.

**DO** Sing praise songs, then thank God for all the things He has created.

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# PUZZLE

**Directions:** On the sixth day, God wanted all the animals named. Use the picture code to find out the names of God's first two children.

