

God's Mirror Image

Genesis 1:26-30; 2:4-23; Psalm 139:1-18; *Patriarchs and Prophets*, pp. 45-62

All week God had been busy creating a lovely world! It was the sixth day, and He had finished creating all the animals. Now He knelt down, pushed and arranged, lifted and molded. Soon He had a strong, smooth body made of the fresh earth. I can imagine that for a moment He just looked at it, smiling at the thought of the wonderful times they would share together. "Oh, my dear Adam," God might have said. "How I love you!"

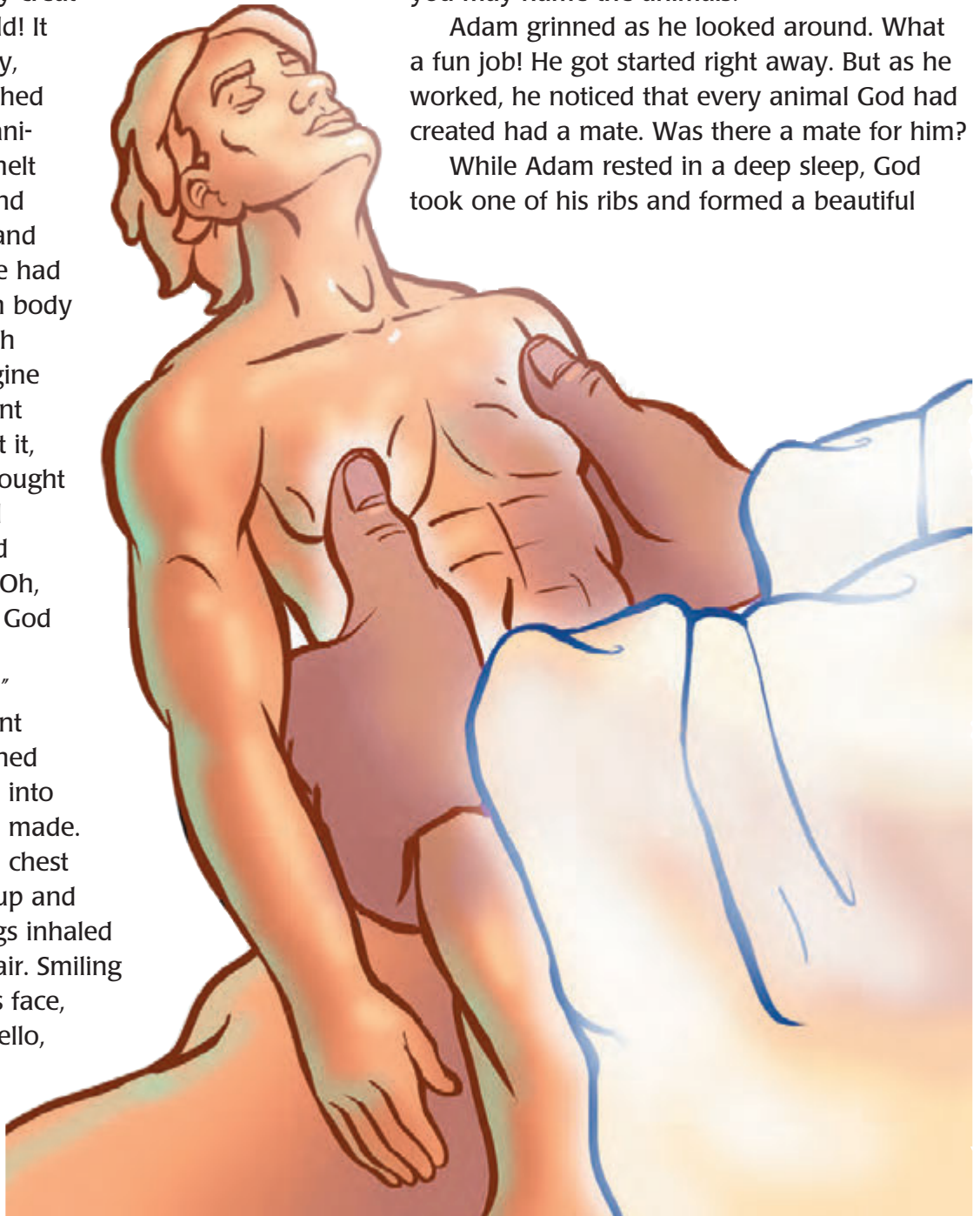
Then God bent down and breathed His breath of life into the form He had made. Instantly Adam's chest began to move up and down as his lungs inhaled the fresh, clean air. Smiling into his Creator's face, Adam sat up! "Hello, Lord," he might have said.

God showed Adam all

around his beautiful new garden home. "Adam, you may name the animals."

Adam grinned as he looked around. What a fun job! He got started right away. But as he worked, he noticed that every animal God had created had a mate. Was there a mate for him?

While Adam rested in a deep sleep, God took one of his ribs and formed a beautiful



The Message

We praise God
for creating us.

Memory Verse

“God created man in
his own image . . . male
and female he created
them”

(Genesis 1:27, NIV).

woman out of the soft earth. When Adam woke up and saw his mate, he was filled with love!

God blessed the first bride and groom. They spent their very first whole day together enjoying God’s company. God gave them the Sabbath as a special gift. They loved the garden home God had made for them. Each evening, they would walk together in the Garden and talk with Him. It was such a wonderful time; they couldn’t wait to be with God!

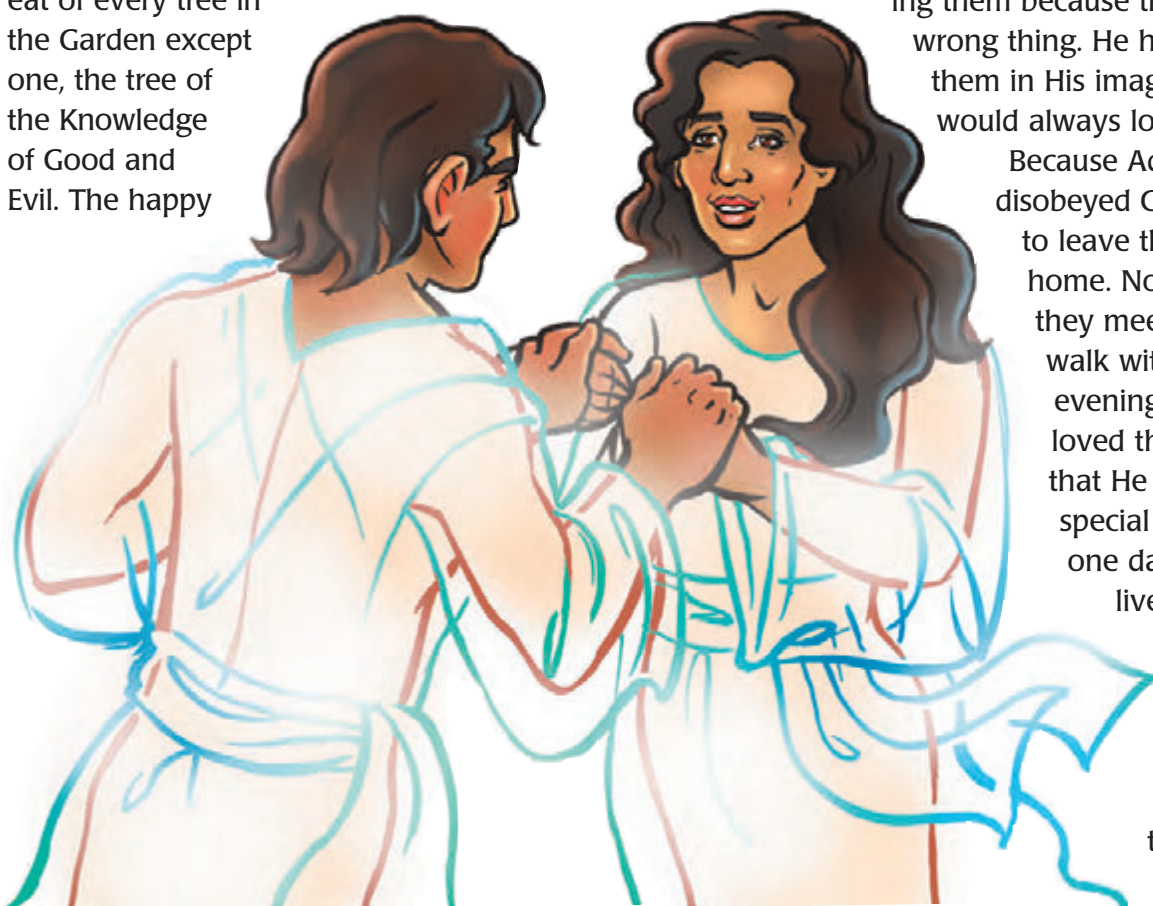
One sad day, however, Adam and Eve made a wrong choice. They chose to listen to Satan. God had told them they could eat of every tree in the Garden except one, the tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. The happy

couple didn’t want any part of that! But unfortunately, Eve left Adam’s side and ate the fruit that the serpent, who was really Satan, offered her. Then she shared it with Adam.

Immediately, instead of wanting to be with God, they felt afraid and hid from Him! But God still loved them. He did not stop loving them because they did the wrong thing. He had made them in His image, and He would always love them.

Because Adam and Eve disobeyed God, they had to leave their garden home. No longer could they meet God and walk with Him in the evenings. But God loved them so much that He had made a special plan so that one day they could live with Him

again. God loves us, and He wants us to live with Him too.



S A B B A T H

DO If possible, go for a walk with your family and enjoy all the things God has made. Read your lesson together. Tell your family members that they were created in God's image, and how they remind you of Him.

DO Find someone who is about your height. Stand face to face about 18 inches (45 cm) apart. Mirror each other's actions. If they move their left hand, you move your right, etc.

SING Sing songs of praise. Then thank God for creating you in His image.

S U N D A Y

READ Read Genesis 1:26-30 for family worship.

DRAW Draw a line on a piece of paper. Above the line write your memory verse. Then try to write it again as a reflection beneath the line. Put a mirror on the line to see if you can read your "reflection."

ASK Ask your mom or dad if they have any old family photos. Look through them together and see if there are any people who look similar. The more time we spend with God, the more like Him we become.

PRAY Thank God for being with you every day.

M O N D A Y

READ Read and discuss Genesis 2:4-23 for family worship.

DO Look in an encyclopedia to find out what our bodies are made of. Share your findings with your family at worship. Was there anything that surprised you?

DO Look around your house. In how many shiny surfaces can you see your reflection?

PRAY Pray that you will always reflect God's love to others.

T U E S D A Y

READ During family worship, ask an adult to help you smear a small amount of soap on a mirror. Can you see yourself? Wash it off. Now can you see yourself? When we sin, God's image gets blurred, and we need to ask Him to wash away our sins. Read 1 John 1:9 together. Then thank God for forgiving your sins.

DO Review your memory verse. Do the actions as you say the verse.

MAKE Adam named all the animals. Create an animal, either by drawing or modeling it, and give it a name. Show it at family worship and explain its name.

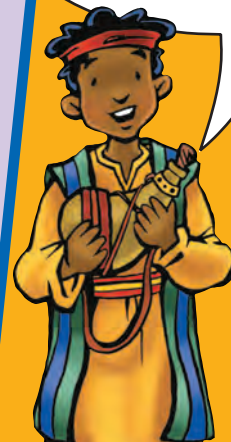
We do not know how long Adam and Eve lived in Eden before they sinned.

W E D N E S D A Y

DO If possible, visit a petting zoo where you can see some of the animals that Adam named. Or visit a friend who has an animal and find out how they take care of it. Read Psalm 139:1-16 for family worship. Choose one thing from those verses that tells YOU that YOU are special to God. Use it to make a poster.

SING Sing "Wonderful, Wonderful" (Sing for Joy, No. 39) together before prayer.

PRAY Ask God to help you make good choices today.



T H U R S D A Y

READ Read Genesis 2 together at family worship. Act out the story as someone reads it.

PRAY Praise God for your family.

DO Adam was about 12 feet tall.* Ask an adult to help you measure Adam's height. Measure the people in your family. How do you all compare with Adam?

DO Find three things that are about 12 feet tall.

*See *The Story of Redemption*, p. 21.

F R I D A Y

DO Adam and Eve celebrated the very first Sabbath with God. Plan something special with your family that you can do together tomorrow.

SHARE Pass around a mirror. Have each person look in the mirror and say, "I am made in the image of God." Tell something about each person that makes them special.

DO Mime some of the animals that Adam named. See how quickly your family can guess what you are.

PRAY Thank God for giving you and your family the Sabbath.

Creation of Humans

PUZZLE

Directions: Trace each line from the letter to a box. Fill in the letter for that box.

