

CREATOR GOD MAKES PEOPLE SPECIAL (on the 6th day)

Genesis 1:26-2:3

1:26 Then God said, “We will make people in our image. People will be like us. And people will rule over the fish, the birds, the farm animals, and all living things on the earth. People will rule over all the earth.”

27 So God made people – God made people in his image – he made them male and female.

28 God blessed people – and God said, “Have many children, fill the earth, and control the earth.

29 Then God said to people, “I give you every plant with seeds and every fruit tree for food – plants and fruit are your food. 30 And every green plant is food for the animals and the birds and the bugs.” And that is what happened. 31 God saw everything that he made – and everything was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning – it was the sixth day.

2:1 God finished making the heavens and the earth – and all the many, many things in the heavens and the earth. 2 So God rested on the seventh day. 3 God blessed the seventh day – and God said: The seventh day is special. It is special because God rested from all his work on the seventh day.

HOW GOD MAKES A MAN

Genesis 2:7-15

2:7 (First) God took dirt – and God made a man from the dirt. God breathed into the man’s nose – and the man became alive. 8 God planted a garden – the Garden of Eden. And God put the man in the garden. 15 God gave the man a job. The man had to work the garden – and the man had to take care of the garden.

GOD SAYS “NO” TO ONLY ONE THING

Genesis 2:9-18

9 And God made many kinds of trees in the Garden of Eden – and the trees were beautiful, and the fruit tasted good. In the middle of the Garden of Eden were two trees: (1) the Tree of Life; and (2) the Tree of Knowing Good & Evil.

16 God commanded the man, “You can eat fruit from any tree in the garden. 17 But you must not eat fruit from the Tree of Knowing Good & Evil – because, if you eat it, you will certainly die.”

18 And God said, “The man is alone – it is not good to be alone. I will make a helper for the man – the helper will fit him.

[Next story: God will make a woman.]

CONTENT QUESTIONS

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Who made people? (Genesis 1:26)

Who are “we” in verse 26?

[God = God the Father & God the Son (Jesus) & God the Holy Spirit]

Are people God?



How are we like animals, birds, the sun, stars, mountains, rivers, oceans, etc.?

Did we make the heavens and the earth?

- But what is special about people? (The first half of verse 26)

What do you think this means: We are made in God's image?

How are we like God? What do you think?



6 **God is your Father? ...28 We are God's children.**

Deuteronomy 32:6 ...Acts 17:28

So, how are we different from the animals?

What can we do that animals cannot do?

- What kind of people are made in God's image? (Genesis 1:27)

Why are both men & women necessary to show God's image?

Do you think men & women show God's image differently?

For example, do fathers & mothers show God's image differently?

- How did God honor people? (The last half of Genesis 1:26)

- What did God do for people? (Genesis 1:28)

- What did God tell people to do? (verse 28)

Do you think God is happy that people are on his earth?

- We are God's managers.

What 5 things did God tell people to do? (1:26 & 1:28 & 2:15)

What good ways do we rule, control, work and take care of things on the earth?

- After God made people, what did he think about what he had made? (verse 31)

[God made the world with no evil, no sin, and no death]

- What did God do on the seventh day? (Genesis 2:2-3) Why?

Jesus said, "The Rest Day was made for people."

Mark 2:27

8Remember the Rest Day – it is very special. 9Six days you can work. 10But the seventh day is a Rest Day – so do not work on the seventh day – it is a special day to remember God.

Exodus 20:8-10

Who is the Rest Day for?

What are 2 purposes of the Rest Day?

- What did God put in the middle of the Garden of Eden? (Genesis 2:9)

- What did God tell the man that he could do? (verse 16)

Was God stingy?

God generously gives us everything to enjoy.

I Timothy 6:17

- What one thing did God say: Do not do? (verse 17)
 - If the man disobeyed God what would happen? (verse 17)
- What one thing was not good in the Garden of Eden? (verse 18)
 - So what will God do? (verses 18)