



The Beginning

Lesson 2: Adam And Eve In The Garden Of Eden

(Genesis 2:4-25)

In our first lesson, we saw that God created people on the sixth day of creation. Now, in Genesis chapter 2, God is going to help us learn more about the creation of mankind and about the beautiful Garden of Eden.

In our last lesson, we saw that God made mankind in a very special way. He was made in the image of God! Now, we learn about how God created mankind. Genesis 2:7 says, “And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.”

Only God was so powerful that He could create mankind and give him life! Without God, no people would have ever lived on this earth. The first person God made was a man. God used the dust of the ground to create him. This man’s name was Adam.

God planted a special garden in Eden for Adam to live. The garden had everything Adam needed in order to live. It had every tree that was good to look at and that gave him food. Two special trees were also put in this garden. The tree of life made it possible for Adam never to die. And, the tree of the knowledge of good and evil would be used to test whether Adam would obey God or not. A river flowed through this garden and became four rivers (the Pishon, the Gihon, the Hiddekel, and the Euphrates).

What a wonderful place Adam lived in the Garden of Eden! God put Adam in this beautiful garden so that he would take care of it. Then, God gave Adam a commandment. He said, “And the Lord God commanded the man, “And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die” (Genesis 2:16-17).

God's law told Adam not to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil and warned Adam that if he did not listen, Adam would die. Adam could eat of all the other trees in the Garden of Eden. It was only this one that was forbidden.

Then, God saw that it was not good for Adam to be all alone in the garden. He was the only person who was alive. As God brought all of the animals to Adam to see what he would name them, Adam saw that there was nothing else like him.

So, God made Adam go into a very deep sleep. And, while Adam was asleep, God took one of his ribs from his side. Then, God used His great power to make a woman out of Adam's rib. After God made her, He brought her to Adam.

Adam saw that she was special! He saw that she was not like the animals. Instead, she was like him. He said that she was bone of his bones and flesh of his flesh. Then, he named her "Woman" because she was taken out of man.

This man and woman were the first husband and wife ever to live on this earth. In Genesis chapter 3, we learn that this woman's name was Eve (verse 20). So, God created Adam and Eve on the sixth day of creation and placed them in the Garden of Eden. There they were to take care of the Garden and were not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

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Memory Verse:

“Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness. They will rule the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, the livestock, the whole earth, and the creatures that crawl on the earth.” So, God created man in his own image; he created him in the image of God; he created them male and female.

Draw a picture of the lesson you learned about: