

CREATION

God created the world and it was good, but sin distorted God's design. But God promised to send One to crush the enemy and restore His creation.



GOD'S STORY
THE TRANSFORMATION FOR ADULT LIFEGROUPS

Genesis 1-3

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(Gen. 1:1-2) ¹ In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ² Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

(Gen. 1:26-31) ²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." ²⁷ So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. ²⁸ God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground." ²⁹ Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. ³⁰ And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food." And it was so. ³¹ God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

(Gen. 2:18-25) ¹⁸ The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him." ¹⁹ Now the Lord God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. ²⁰ So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals. But for Adam no suitable helper was found. ²¹ So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. ²² Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. ²³ The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man." ²⁴ That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh. ²⁵ Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

(Gen. 3:1-7) ¹ Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden?'" ² The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden,³ but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'" ⁴ "You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman. ⁵ "For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶ When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. ⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

(Gen. 3:15; 20-21) ¹⁵ And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel." ... ²⁰ Adam named his wife Eve, because she would become the mother of all the living. ²¹ The Lord God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them.

COMMUNITY – CONNECTING WITH ONE ANOTHER

- What are some of your favorite stories? What is it about them that you like?
- Why do you think people are fascinated by stories?

CONTENT – EXPLORING GOD'S STORY

Ask a volunteer to read Genesis 1:1-2

- Who is the first character, the hero, in the story?
- What does this story tell us about God?
- Why do you think the Bible tells us that God created but does not tell us exactly how He created?
- Why is it important for us to remember God's power and glory? What happens when we forget these aspects of His nature and character?

Ask a volunteer to read Genesis 1:26-27

- In what ways were humans set apart from the rest of God's creation? What comes to mind when you hear the word image or likeness?
- What does it mean to be made in God's image or likeness?
- How do these verses reflect the unique relationship between God and man?
- How should knowing that we are made in God's image affect your relationship with God and with other people?

Ask a volunteer to read Genesis 1:28-31; 2:18-25

- What responsibilities did God give to men and women?
- What might the blessing and responsibilities God gave man and woman tell us about His view of them?
- What specific command did He give both men and women?

Ask a volunteer to read Genesis 3:1-7

- Eve knew the command to not eat of the tree's fruit, so why do you think she was there?
- What are some of the ways sin continues to tempt us to go our own way?
- What do we tell ourselves when we face temptation?

COMMISSION – ENGAGING IN GOD'S STORY

Ask a volunteer to read Genesis 3:15 and Genesis 3:20-21

- What promises do these two passages point to?
- Think about your own life. Where do you see Satan trying to convince you to taste the fruit of sin? How does this promise strengthen you to resist sin?
- How does this promise bring you joy?

CONTINUE TO JOURNEY THROUGH GOD'S STORY

Bible Reading Plan:

DAY 1 – Job 38-39
 DAY 2 – Job 40-42
 DAY 3 – Genesis 11-12
 DAY 4 – Genesis 15
 DAY 5 – Genesis 16-17

KEY VERSE: Genesis 15:6

H.E.A.R. Method:

Highlight a verse or two.
 Explain what the text means.
 Apply the verse to your life.
 Respond to God.

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