



# Parenting

Embracing **God's** Family Values



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### ***Authority***

*The proper and good orientation of all things  
under the perfect rule of God*



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## ***John 1:14***

*<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things were made through him...*

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## Genesis 1:24-31

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

<sup>27</sup> So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. <sup>28</sup> And God blessed them....

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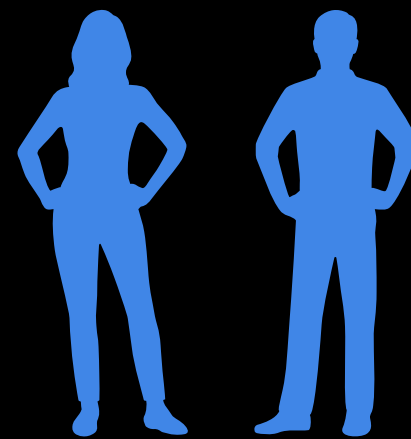
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*Perfect Family*

*The Image*



**Adam & Eve**

*Live In God's  
Perfect Family*

*Image Bearers*



**Offspring**

*Multiply God's  
Perfect Family*

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→ And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it,

and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

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→ <sup>21-25</sup> the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh....Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become **one flesh**....

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**Next Week**

Genesis 3-4