

Life Group
Created By God
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Icebreaker

What is the best thing you have ever made? —OR—
What is the most amazing thing to you about creation?

Step 1 - GET REAL

What are you thankful for from the past week?
What struggles did you face?
What can you share from your personal Bible reading? (other than the designated reading)
Where did you see God in your daily life?

Step 2: GET FED

God Made Us and Loves Us

Scripture

Genesis 1:26-31 (ESV) ²⁶ 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.”** ²⁷ **So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.** ²⁸ **And God blessed them. 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.”** ²⁹ And God said, **“Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food.** ³⁰ **And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.”** And it was so. ³¹ **And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.**

Genesis 2:8-9 (ESV) ⁸ **And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed.** ⁹ **And out of the ground the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.**

Genesis 2:18-23 (ESV) ¹⁸ Then the LORD God said, **“It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.”** ¹⁹ Now out of the ground the LORD God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰ The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. ²¹ So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²² And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³ Then the man said, **“This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.”**

Genesis 3:8-9 (ESV) ⁸ **And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.** ⁹ **But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?”**

Genesis 3:20-21 (ESV) ²⁰ The man called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. ²¹ **And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.**

Psalms 139:13-16 (ESV) ¹³ **For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother’s womb. ¹⁴ I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. ¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the**

earth. ¹⁶ *Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.*

John 3:16-17 (ESV) ¹⁶ *“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.* ¹⁷ *For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.*

1 John 3:1 (ESV) ¹ *See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.*

Ephesians 2:4-7 (ESV) ⁴ *But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us,* ⁵ *even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—* ⁶ *and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,* ⁷ *so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.*

Questions

Gen 1:26-31. God created male and female. God blessed them. God gave them dominion over all the animals. God gave them everything they needed to eat. How did God describe all of His creation in verse 31?

In Gen 2:8-9 how are the trees described that God cause to grow for man? What does this say about God’s care for man?

Why did God make Eve? (Gen 2:18-23) Again, what does this say about God’s concern for man?

God walked in the garden and called for Adam. (Gen 3:8-9) What does this indicate about God’s relationship with man?

God made clothing for man and woman. (Gen 3:20-21) What does this indicate about God’s relationship with man?

What does Psalm 139:13-16 reveal about how we are made? What does it reveal about God’s knowledge of our life?

What does John 3:16-17 reveal about our relationship with God?

In 1 John 3:1, how does John reveal that God showed the kind/depth of love He has for us? What does it really mean that we are the children of God?

What did God do for us because He loved us? (Eph 2:4-7) How can we describe God’s riches toward us?

Step 3: GET ACTIVE

- Go to the grocery store fruit and vegetable section and browse the tremendous variety available. Think about which are your favorites. Then think how many of these are simply for our pleasure. Marvel at God’s creative ability; its power, knowledge, variety, and suitability for us.
- While thinking about the richness and variety of foods available to us, meditate on the love God showed in the creation and variety of foods he provided. Compare this variety to living off manna for 40 years.