

# LOVE AND FAMILY

## The First Family

Genesis Chapter 1

**1** In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. **2** The earth was without form, and void; and darkness <sup>[a]</sup>was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

**26** Then God said, “**Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness**; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over <sup>[a]</sup>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** Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that <sup>[a]</sup>moves on the earth.”

## The Perichoresis

God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit perfectly interact with each other in a holy dance of completion. We were made in their image; why don't we enjoy our families the way they enjoy Theirs?

## The Story of Ruth

**1:2** The name of the man *was* Elimelech, the name of his wife *was* Naomi, and the names of his two sons *were* Mahlon and Chilion—Ephrathites of Bethlehem, Judah. And they went to the country of Moab and remained there.

**16** But Ruth said:

“Entreat<sup>[a]</sup> me not to leave you,  
*Or to* turn back from following after you;  
For wherever you go, I will go;  
And wherever you lodge, I will lodge;  
Your people *shall be* my people,  
And your God, my God.  
**17** Where you die, I will die,  
And there will I be buried.  
The LORD do so to me, and more also,  
If *anything but* death parts you and me.”

The Story of a family's redemption

A boy and his grandmother.

A woman in the prime of her life takes responsibility for her estranged grandchild and the child grows old and takes care of the woman, the child's grandmother.