

Lesson 15 – Creation: Adam and Eve – Weekly Devotions (Week of May 7, 2023)

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Memory Verses:

- "When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?" Psalm 8:3-4
- "Yet You have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. You have given him dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet." Psalm 8:5-6

Day 1

Read: Genesis 2:7-8

We read last week about each day of creation and what God made each day. Today, we read more details of how God created man on the sixth day. How did He make man? The Bible says that first God formed him out of the dust of the ground. We are all made of dirt. All of the elements that are in dirt are also in our bodies. Next, God breathed into his nostrils the breath of life. Remember, we read that man is formed in God's image, so of course God breathed His breath into the man's nose. Then, something amazing happened, the man became a living, breathing being! God named him Adam. God now created someone to talk to and love, and Adam talked to and loved God as well.

Discussion: Picture God forming man in the dirt, breathing into his nostrils and then the man living. What do you think was the first thing Adam said? What do you think was the first thing he did?

Pray: Thank God for making you. Praise Him with the mouth, voice and breath that He made you with.

Day 2

Read: Genesis 2:18-20

God knew that it is not good for us to be alone. He knew we would get lonely and need friends and people to love, laugh and live with. God wanted Adam to find the perfect companion. He brought each animal to Adam. Adam got to give names to all the animals. He got to meet and see all the different animals God made, but he couldn't find a friend that was like him since animals are different from people. The animals that God made can be our friends, we do love them and they make us laugh, but they're very different from people. Animals aren't made in our image or the image of God. They can't know and love God like we do. They can't communicate, talk and love like people. Jesus didn't die for their sins. They are very different from people.

Discussion: Discuss some other ways that animals are different from people. What would it have been like for Adam to not have any other people around him?

Pray: Thank God for knowing that we need other people around us and creating the people that are in our lives. Thank Him for each of your family members and your friends. Thank God that He is our best friend.

Day 3

Read: Genesis 2:21-24

Now we read how God made woman. God made woman different from how God made man. They are different. God had Adam to fall into a deep sleep. While he slept, God opened up Adam's side and took out

one of his ribs. He closed up the flesh and from Adam's rib that God had taken out, He made the woman. God brought the woman to the Adam and he named her. Even though Adam and Eve didn't have a mother or father, God knew that all the rest of humans would. So, God commanded the man and woman, when they want to be married, to leave their mother and father and be one flesh. That doesn't mean that they are now one person. It means that they now live together and are the bestest and closest friends and love each other the most (except not more than they love God). This is where we first learn that God created marriage. One man and one woman together forever.

Discussion: How were the man and woman made differently (man was made from the dirt and woman was made from man's rib)? How else are boys and girls different?

Pray: Thank God for making you like you are. Thank Him for the special things about you. Thank God that you are different and fearfully and wonderfully made.

Day 4

Read: Ephesians 5:24-31

This portion of scripture is where God teaches people how to be a husband or a wife. I know that you are young, and probably not planning on being a husband or wife anytime soon; however, when you grow up, God may bring someone special into your life that loves God and loves you. Here is how you are to live if you get married. The world doesn't teach us the right way. Sometimes on TV it shows a different way that seems funny or silly but doing things God's way is always the best way. The pattern or way that God shows is not of who is more important or better. God's pattern for marriage is a way of order and unity. When each person, man and woman, do their part and obey God, there is unity and peace. Remember, God made each one of us, and He knows what's best. The way God made marriage to be is the man and woman love, obey and follow God. The man is most responsible for the family and his wife. He is to love his wife and take care of her, help and lead her in good things. The Bible says he is to love and care for her like he does his own body and like how Jesus loves us cares for us. The woman is to submit and follow the husband God has given her. She is also to love, respect and honor him. The children are to honor and obey their parents. When everyone does their part, it makes a perfect family who loves and follows Jesus.

Discussion: Think and talk about what your part is right now in your family. Then, think and talk about what your part will be when or if you get married. Will you obey and follow God's way?

Pray: Pray for help to obey and follow God's Word and God's ways. You can also pray for your future spouse.

Day 5

Read: Romans 8:28-39

This portion of scripture is very encouraging and comforting. It reminds us of how much God loves each one of us. He has created us special and in His image. God has a plan and a purpose for each of our lives. He foreknew us which means that He always knew us. God knew us before we were even in our mother's tummy. He knew what color hair we would have, how we would look, and He knew all that we would say, think and do. God knew that He loved us. In fact, He loves us so much that nothing can separate us from His love. Not even the biggest, strongest, scariest person. Not even the biggest, scariest storm or fire. Not even death can separate us from God's love if you have Him in your heart. God has promised you eternal life with Him forever. He made you special, and He loves you very much!

Discussion: Do you know that God loves you and made you special and has a great plan and purpose for your life? Do you love Him? Have you given your life and heart to Him? He wants you to and He wants to bless you and live with you forever in heaven.

Pray: If you haven't asked Jesus to forgive you for your sins and given your life to Him, pray and ask Him. If you have, thank Him for all He has given you and thank Him that he loves you. Tell Him you love Him too.

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