Garden of Eden

Genesis 2:4-25

Bible Memory Verse

Genesis 2:7 NIV

The Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

Bible Story

God has just created a beautiful world in six days. A world with light, water, land, sun, moon, stars, trees, plants, birds, fish, animals, and man. God created a lot of stuff! He also made a special place called the Garden of Eden in the East.

> *"...there [in the garden] he put the man he had formed. And the Lord God make all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. A river watering the garden flowed from Eden" (Genesis 2:8-10).*

The man, Adam, was told to eat from any tree in the garden except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Adam's main job was to name all the creatures of the earth. While he was naming the birds and animals and fish, Adam was looking for a suitable helper for himself. But none was found.

> *"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 closed up the place with flesh. Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man" (Genesis 2:21-22).*

The Garden of Eden now held man and woman, made in the likeness of God himself, along with all the creatures of the earth and plants and trees. God enjoyed intimate fellowship

and communion with Adam and Eve. They were the apple of God's eye. Mankind was special and unique in all of creation. Life was good.

Life Application

God absolutely loves it when we spend time with Him. You see, God created us for relationships—with each other and with Him. So He gets really excited when we want to "walk" with Him in our lives. "Walking with God" looks like:

- Praying / Talking with God
- Listening to God
- Reading God's Word – the Bible stories
- Thanking God for creation (like last week)
- Loving and helping and serving the people
    - in your family
    - in your friendships
    - in your school
    - in your church
    - in your community

God is always available to go on "walks" with His people!!

Review Questions

1. What special place did God place Adam? Garden of Eden.
2. What was one of Adam's duties with all the other animals? Adam gave names to all the livestock, birds, and beasts.
3. What did God tell Adam NOT to do? Eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.
4. What did God create from Adam's rib? A woman named Eve.
5. What do you think daily life was like for Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden?

Coloring Sheet

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