

GOD CREATES ADAM AND EVE

Scripture: Genesis 2, Psalm 8

Materials Needed:

Visuals of creation/Adam and Eve

Objectives: As a result of this lesson, I want my students

To Know—Although God made a dazzling creation, He provided the beautiful Garden of Eden for Adam, put him in charge of it all, gave him freedom to eat from every tree except the knowledge of good and evil, and then created woman from his rib.

To Realize—God demonstrated great love for mankind by creating a special place for him to be in, and He wants that great love returned as it is expressed in choosing to obey Him and loving others.

To Respond by—thankfully loving God back by choosing a life of obedience to Him.

Setting up the Story:

What is the VERY best gift you have ever received? What made it so good? (was it because it was expensive or made with love or what?)

Imagine if someone had 100 acres of land and they had built a brand new house on it with all the favorite things you wanted to do, and then they gave it to your family as a present. They just said, all this land is yours! What would you think? Yesterday we went over what God made in His amazing Creation.

Scripture
Genesis
2:1-7

Telling the story:

- I. God Creates Adam
 - A. Six Days=Good!
 - B. Created Man
 1. after garden of Eden
 2. out of dust of

As you tell the story:

Quickly review what God created on each of the six days of creation. What was God's final evaluation? "It's VERY good!!"

Read 2:4. Wait a minute—I thought we just read yesterday how God created the earth. Why is this giving another account? Very common in Hebrew literature for there to be a general telling and then going back to fill in the details. Chapter two fills in some of the details that we didn't get from chapter one.

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2:8-15

- II. God Puts Adam in Charge
- A. After all that amazing and dazzling creation—Adam is put in charge of it all. He is the crowning creation.

This is amazing what God does with this beautiful world. He gives it to Adam!

In fact, in chapter one we find that God gives Adam authority over all the animals, but He does something even more—He makes a special place that Adam can make things grow and God will come and see what Adam has done. What kind of present is this?!

- B. Garden of Eden
 - 1. Trees: good for food and pleasing to the eye
 - 2. watered by rivers
 - 3. rich

Student reads Psalm 8:3-9!
Why would God do that? It's in His nature, and he wants to give this beautiful world to someone who will love and enjoy it with Him! God doesn't just want pets! He wants people!

Genesis 2:16-17

- III. God Wants Adam to Love Him
- A. Rule: You may eat from any tree
- B. Don't eat from one tree
- C. The day you eat of it, you will die

Storytell about two trees in Garden. Does that bring any question to mind?? WHY does God put something so dangerous in the Garden? How much does God love Adam?

And in order for Adam to love Him, he must choose to love Him more than anything else.

Question: Can I make you love me? What if I said, "If you don't love me, I'm going to beat you up"? Would that make you love me? What if you suddenly started doing nice things for me and buying me things? Would that be because you love me? It would be because you

were afraid of me—not because love was in your heart for me. In order to love someone, **it must be your choice to love** them.

God was being honest by telling Adam what would happen if Adam chose to break his law of love. Was God being mean?

Example: small child with electrical outlet. “Don’t touch”

“if you touch this, you will get hurt.” Is the mother being mean to her child when she says that? Is that the same thing as if I say, “If you don’t love me, I’m going to have someone beat you up!”? The mother isn’t forcing the child to love her; she is telling the child what it needs to be safe. God was telling Adam and the consequences of breaking His law.

IV. God Wants Adam to Love Others: Helper for Adam

A. Had made animals out of the ground

1. Brings all the animals
2. Adam names them
3. No one for Adam

B. Lord causes a deep sleep

1. takes one of Adam’s ribs
2. makes woman from rib

Now if God had made this wonderful vacation spot for you—and you had everything there: there would be only one thing missing—your best friend! There is no one like Adam! There is God. That is wonderful! But Adam isn’t God.

There are animals. That is wonderful! But Adam is not an animal.

3. brings
her to
Adam

Concluding the Story:

Why did God give Adam such a wonderful world? That is His nature to give. What did God want from Adam? Love! God wanted Adam to love HIM as much as He loved Adam. And God wanted Adam to love others, too—He made Eve so that Adam could love her and take care of her. May I ask you a question? Will you accept the great love God has for you and love him back?