



Week 1: God's Beautiful Garden
Genesis: Ch 1 and 2

Today's story is about God's creation of a beautiful garden on earth where plants and animals and a man and a woman can live and grow together.

The story of God creating the world and creating this garden comes from the first and second chapters of the Book of Genesis, which is the first book of the Bible. The word Genesis even means "beginning". So in the Beginning, God brings light and order to the earth. He forms plants and animals to enjoy the clean new water and the clear new sun and moon. He makes the first man, Adam.

And God chooses to create a special garden in a place called Eden- a place where water comes up from the ground to water the garden and where all kinds of trees love to grow.

And God puts the man Adam into this special garden, to care for the plants and help them thrive. God loves the man Adam and he doesn't want him to be lonely, so God brings the wild animals of the earth and the birds of the sky into the garden to be with the man. God wants the man to know all of the animals, so God brings the animals one by one to Adam to name each one. If Adam calls a creature "elephant", it is named an elephant. If Adam calls a creature "mouse", it is named a mouse. The man meets and names every animal and bird.

So the garden is full of life. But God thinks the man is still lonely, so God creates a woman named Eve to be with the man Adam. Together, they will live in and enjoy God's beautiful garden, as long as they remember to listen to God.

We live in God's beautiful world too. We also try to remember to enjoy our world, to take care of it, and to listen to God.

Adam and Eve

Genesis 1-2

God made everything. From "light," which God called day to "darkness," which God called "night." God created the heavens and the earth. God said everything He created was good. On the sixth day God made all kinds of interesting animals. Then God decided to make a man that He called Adam. Adam's job was to rule over all the animals and to give them each a name.

Draw a path from Adam to the animals that he named.

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