



Then God said, "Let us make people in our own image." Genesis 1:26

Bible Study:



Read Genesis 1:24-31, and Genesis 2:7-25. Consider how God had a special relationship with Adam and Eve, unique from the rest of creation. And ponder that whereas ALL of creation is a display of God's power, creativity and beauty, PEOPLE are all that AND meant to display GOD's GOOD CHARACTER – Love, Mercy, Peace, Kindness, Goodness, Righteousness...

The gospel in the story:



The central truth of the gospel is that it is **all about God**. The purpose of all of creation is to glorify Him (Soli Deo Gloria) because He is glorious. And we (humans) have been given the special ability not only to glorify Him in our being (like the rest of creation), but also, having been created in His image, to reflect Him and love Him. We also have the unique ability to love God and be in relationship with Him. Though sin entered the world which caused separation from God and disfigured His image in all humans, God had a salvation plan in place through His son, Jesus.

Application

Head: What did we learn?

Q: What was created on the 6th day? A: land animals and man

Q: What is different about the way God created man vs animals

A: God spoke the animals into being, but tenderly created Adam and Eve by His own hand

A: God breathed the breath of life into his nostrils

A: God created man and woman **in His own image**

Q: What is man's relationship to creation? A: to be a steward and care for it

Q: What is man's relationship to God? A: to love and worship Him, and to display His Good Nature to all of creation.

Heart : Memory verse

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Genesis 1:26a

Hands: How does this affect the way we live our lives?

- Consider the close and personal relationship Adam and Eve had with God, that has been restored for those who put their faith in Jesus. The fruit of Jesus' work through the Spirit should bring an increasing desire to spend quality time with God.
- We also are called to take care of creation, that should affect how we look at the world and its resources. It all belongs to God, and He's given us the responsibility to take care of it.

Home: How does this affect our households?

- Think about ways we reflect God's image to our family members.

Heaven: How can we be intentional about sharing our faith?

- Think about practical ways we can reflect God's image to friends and neighbors.