

Lesson 1 – Genesis 1-2

Text: Genesis 1-2

Main Characters: God, Adam, Eve

Key Passages:

- Genesis 1:1 – Until God created the world, nothing else existed.
- Genesis 1:26-31 – Man was created in God’s image.
- Genesis 2:9 – There were two special trees in the garden (life, knowledge of good and evil).

List:

- | <u>Days of Creation</u> | | |
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| 1.) Heavens/ Earth, Light | 4.) Sun, Moon, and Stars | 7.) God Rested |
| 2.) Firmament (Sea/Sky) | 5.) Fish and Birds | |
| 3.) Land and Plants | 6.) Animals and Man | |

Songs: *The Creation Song; Creation*

Main Storyline:

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth (Genesis 1:1). Nothing existed before God created it. Genesis 1 describes the six days in which God created the universe, “and it was good.”

One way of remembering the days of Creation uses verse 2 (that the earth was “formless” and “void”). God gave the earth form (no longer formless) during the first three days of creation (space/light, sea/sky, and land/plants). Over the last three days, he filled each of those forms (no longer void) appropriately (sun/moon/stars, fish/birds, and animals/man).

Genesis 2 describes the creation of Adam and Eve (the first people) in more detail, focusing especially on the place that they were to live (the Garden of Eden). God gave them two special trees in the Garden, the tree of life (which gave eternal life) and the tree of knowledge of good and evil (Genesis 2:9). God told Adam and Eve that they could eat from any tree in the garden except for the tree of knowledge. This tree gave Adam and Eve the chance to decide for themselves if they would obey God.

Lessons/Applications:

- 1.) God created a fully mature, perfect world in six days.
 - a. God simply “spoke” the world into existence (in Genesis 1, “...and it was so”). God is all-powerful and all-knowing as our Maker and Creator, and thus He deserves our respect.
 - b. Children are being bombarded with scientific “fact” regarding evolution and the origin of man. The truth of the creation story must be emphasized and re-emphasized. We can make no compromises on the truth of the Bible (such as “theistic evolution”). See Exodus 20:11, Acts 14:15, and Acts 17:24 for arguments against theistic evolution, etc.
 - c. Before sin entered the world and corrupted it, God created things that were “good.”
Remember that God only works for the good of His people (Deut. 6:24-25, James 1:13ff).
- 2.) Man can be like God if he makes the right decisions in his life. Man was created in His image in Genesis 1:26-27 and called to imitate God in Ephesians 5:1. Let us not waste our potential.
- 3.) God may tell us to obey in ways which do not make sense to us (as the law against eating from the tree of knowledge may not have made sense to man); we still must trust God and obey Him.
- 4.) We must understand our roles as men and women; women were created as “helpers” to men.
- 5.) God had a plan for marriage (one man/woman for life) from the beginning (see Matthew 19:1ff).