

THE STORY @ HOME

KIDS 3RD-6TH NL

Living the Word: Teaching Kids God's Story
Narrative Lectionary, Year 2 (2023-2024)

Lesson #2-1
Genesis 2:4b-25

THIS WEEK

In a second creation story, God creates the first human from dust and God's own breath. To create a suitable partner, God forms the second human out of the first, creating the first family and community (Genesis 1:1-2:4a).

STORY SUMMARY

There are two different accounts of the creation story in Genesis. In both of them, God creates the world and everything in it. In the second account, God begins by forming the earth, and then God forms the first human. God also creates a garden, filled with animals. In the story, God creates the first human and instructs him to take care of the garden and all of the animals within. He is charged with naming the animals and caring for them. God realizes one person cannot do this job alone. God creates the first woman—someone who can be a partner to the man and help him care for the earth. God created humans to be in community with all of creation.

PRACTICE: PRAYER

As Christians, we praise and worship God for creating all of the beautiful earth. One of the ways in which we do this is through prayer. In today's Living the Story activity, students used a simple litany of praise and thanksgiving to thank God for creating all of the wonders of creation—including each other. Pray this or a similar prayer together.

THE POINT

We are created to be partners in God's work.

BIBLE NUTS & BOLTS

What Is the Bible? (Old Testament)

The Bible is a well-known book that has been read and interpreted throughout history. The biblical narrative contains many different stories that have different characters and plot lines. Though these stories may be different, they all have one theme in common—these stories tell us about God and about our lives as humans. The Bible is a collection of stories that tell us more about the relationship humanity has with God, and about the relationships that we have with each other. The creation story is the first story in this great narrative.

NEXT WEEK

God promises that the elderly Sarah and Abraham will have a son, to which Sarah laughs in disbelief. God's promise comes true, and with joyous laughter they name their child Isaac (Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7).

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Family Discussions

Use the questions below or other questions you think of to discuss today's Scripture reading (listed above) with your family.

- In what way does this text teach about the theme, God Creates Family?
- What does this scripture have to do with our lives today?
- What part of this scripture is the most interesting to you? Why?

Family Devotions

As you hear and study these stories each week, consider what God has to say to you and your family. What is God's message to us? How should we respond?

Sunday—Read Genesis 2:4b-25 God creates humans. Take turns talking about your favorite things that God created.
Monday—Read Genesis 3:1-21 The first sin. Make and eat a fruit salad together. How can these different fruits remind us of our different sins and God's forgiveness?
Tuesday—Read Genesis 11:27-32 Introducing Abram and Sarai. Share stories and pictures of your ancestors.
Wednesday—Read Genesis 12:1-9 God's promise to Abram. Take your most important possession and "travel" as you read this story. Walk through your yard, neighborhood, or house.
Thursday—Read Genesis 14:14-20 Battle and blessing. Share the blessing in verses 19-20 with each other as you end a meal or before bed, replacing Abram's name with yours.
Friday—Read Genesis 17:1-8 A new name. If God were to change your name, what do you think your new name should be? Why?
Saturday—Read Genesis 17:15-22 The promise of a child. What things have happened to you that you once thought were impossible?

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