

## A Wife for Adam

*Genesis 2:1-3, 20-25*

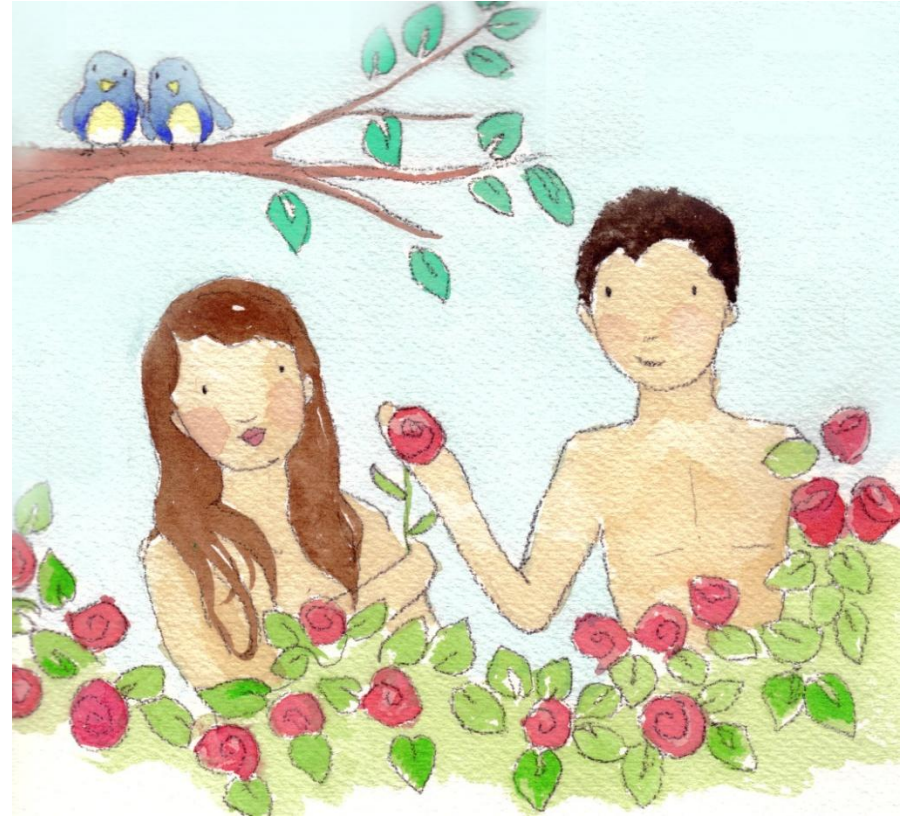
At last Adam has met every animal and given it a name, but he looks a little sad. The animals are friendly, clever, and even funny, but among all the animals, none can be a friend for Adam. There is no one to talk with him, no one for him to love, and no one to help him in his work.

The Lord God sees this too. "It is not good for the man to be alone," He says. "I will make him a helper perfectly suited for him." This time God does not shape a person from the dust. No, instead He makes Adam fall soundly asleep and, then, while Adam is sleeping, He takes a rib—a bone—from Adam's side. He uses the rib to make a woman.

When Adam wakes up, the Lord brings the woman to him. How happy Adam is! "She is part of me," he says. "She will be called woman." This is the beginning of the first family.

God blesses these two people, and tells them that the wonderful earth He has created is for them! They can use it and they must also take care of it.

Adam and Eve are not afraid to speak to God. They have never sinned; they have never done anything wrong. They can stand before the Lord with no clothes on, with no covering for their bodies, because their souls are perfect. How happy they are in obeying their Creator.



The sun goes down and the sixth day ends: creation is finished. Everything is perfect and complete. God looks at everything He has made, and, yes, it is very good!

The next day is the seventh day, and what do you think God does on this day? He is finished making the whole world... Yes, the Lord rests on the seventh day; He blesses this day and makes it a special day for rest and worship.

1. God made Adam out of the dust of the ground. How did God make Eve? (First, He made Adam fall asleep, and then...)

2. Were Adam and Eve afraid to speak to God? Why not?
3. God rested on the seventh day. Which day of the week do we rest on? What are we resting from? (Our work, Exodus 31:15-17; our own pleasure, Isaiah 58:13.)
4. What else should we do on that special day (Matthew 12:9-13)? Read of three things in 1 Chronicles 16:29.
5. God made the seventh day to give us a picture of another special place where his people will rest one day (Hebrews 4:1). What is that place called? Read John 14:1-3 and tell what Jesus is doing in heaven. (Getting a place ready for his people.)