



LESSON 2

REFERENCES: GENESIS 1:24–31; 2:4–23; 3:20; PATRIARCHS AND PROPHETS, PP. 45–47.

God's Friends

Do you have a friend? Do you have someone you like to spend time with? In the beginning of our world, God made two special friends. This is how it happened . . .



God looked happily at the beautiful world He had made. It was perfect! Fresh air! Warm sunshine!

Soft green grass and tall trees that reached into the blue sky. Red and yellow and orange and purple flowers nodded in the gentle breeze. Fishes jumped and splashed in the seas and rivers. Beautiful birds soared overhead as they filled the air with happy sounds. Kangaroos and bunnies hopped, kittens meowed, woolly sheep baaed, roosters crowed, and horses galloped. What a beautiful place!

God's world was perfect. But God wanted to do one more thing. "Let us make man in our image," He said. So God made the shape of a man from the dust of the ground. The man lay very still on the ground. He was not alive.

Memory Verse

"God said,
'Let us make man-
kind in our image.'"

GENESIS 1:26, NIV.

The Message

God made people
to be His friends.

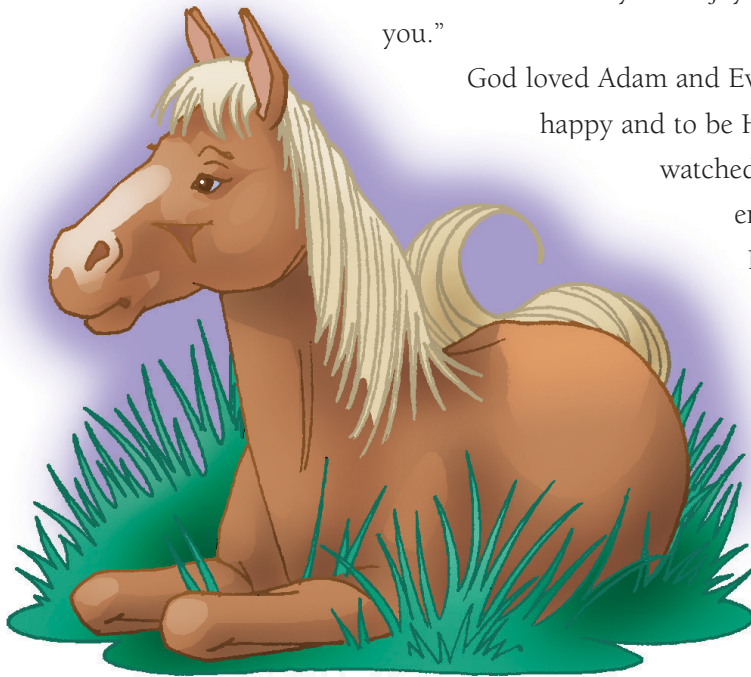
Then God did something that only God can do. He breathed life into the man's nose. The man stretched. He sat up. And the very first thing the man saw was God.

God named the man Adam. He led Adam into a beautiful garden called Eden. "This garden and everything in it is for you, Adam. Take care of it for Me."

God and Adam watched the animals. Adam saw all the animals with their mates. Then God said, "It isn't good for the man to be alone. I will make a mate for him."

So God made Adam fall into a deep sleep. While he was sleeping, God took one of Adam's ribs, and with the rib He formed a woman. When Adam woke up from his sleep, he saw the beautiful woman God had made. Together they would care for everything God had made for them. Adam named the woman Eve because she was the first mother in all the world. Adam and Eve were the first family to live on the new earth.

God blessed Adam and Eve. "Have many children," He told them. "Fill up the beautiful world I have created for you. Enjoy all that I have made for you."



God loved Adam and Eve. He wanted them to be happy and to be His friends forever. God

watched Adam and Eve as they

enjoyed the beautiful earth

He had created that week.

Everything was very good.

It was perfect. He was

satisfied. And God said,

"This is very good!"

And the evening

and the morning made

the earth's sixth day.

Do and Say

SABBATH

If possible, take the Bible lesson story outside and read it to your child.

Use the following actions as you practice saying the memory verse together:

- God** Point upward.
 - said** Put hands up to mouth.
 - “Let us make** Fists “grind” one above the other.
 - mankind** Place hands out in front of body, palms up.
 - in our image.”** Start hands at head on either side of body and sweep down body.
- Genesis 1:26** Palms together, then open.

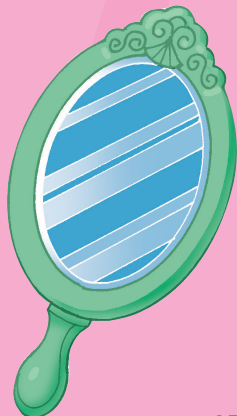
SUNDAY

Ask your child to tell you the Bible story. Try making a flat version of a family member by asking that person to lie down on a big piece of paper and trace around them. Color or decorate it.

Using the actions, say the memory verse together.

MONDAY

Look in the mirror with your child. Do either of you look exactly like anyone else? Why do you think God made each person a little bit different? Thank God for making you both.



TUESDAY

Help your child give the thumbprint people made in Sabbath School to someone. Tell that person how and why God made people.

Ask your child to teach the memory verse to someone else. Help with the actions as needed.

Have your child feed you some food; then you feed them. Ask: How does it feel to help someone? to be helped?



WEDNESDAY

Read the Bible story from Genesis 1:24–31 and 2:4–23 and 3:20.

With your child, name and count at least five of God’s friends you both know.

THURSDAY

Make up a song or clap a rhythm to the words: “God made me to be His friend.”

Say the memory verse together.

FRIDAY

Look at the calendar together. Today is the sixth day. This is the day God created people and animals. What is the next day? Tomorrow we will discover what God did on the seventh day. Act out the Bible story during worship.