

Creator of Humankind

Read Genesis 1:26-31 and 2:18-22, then briefly consider the questions below.

This week in Sunday School, the kids are learning that God created humankind without sin, and placed them in a garden. Through the story of how the world came into existence, we see that God is purposeful in His creation, and that He has lovingly initiated a relationship with humankind. From the beginning, God has shown his tender care for that which He has created, and is in tune to the needs of His creation.

Genesis 1:26-29 gives a beautiful example of God's awareness of the needs of His creation. After creating man and woman, God placed them both in a beautiful garden and gave them everything to meet their physical, emotional, and relational needs. Much like a mother knows the needs of her children, God knows what we need.

- In what ways did God meet your needs this week?

- How did you *respond* to God meeting this need?

Genesis 2 tells us that God is aware of our need for community and relationship (2:18) both with Him, and with each other.

- Take a moment to think of the most intimate relationship you have. How does your relationship with God compare? Is it growing and obvious to those around you, or perhaps you feel more distant?

- Secondly, what type of relationships are you surrounding yourself with? How is your community pointing you towards a deeper relationship with God?

Let's pray:

Father, thank you for being aware of the needs of your creation. Thank you for intentionally being in relationship with humankind and for giving us the need for relationship with others. Please help us to be wise in the community we surround ourselves with, and to always be growing in intimacy with You.

In Your Name we pray,

Amen.