

Family Worship Guide –Week 2
(September 7-13)
Genesis 2:4-25

READ

Day 1

- ❖ **Genesis 2:4-7**
- ❖ The first chapter of Genesis is a general account of creation. Beginning in Chapter 2 verse 4, we get the specifics of human history. The Lord God obviously had a purpose in mind for mankind. The New Century Version translation of the last part of verse 5 reads “...there was no person to care for the ground.” Mankind also has a special relationship with the Lord God that is not shared by the rest of creation. Only mankind was created in God’s own image and had the breath of life breathed into him by God Himself!
- ❖ **The Bottom Line:** ALL people are created in the image of God.
- ❖ **Questions:** What is the difference between the image of something and the thing itself? How can you apply this idea to the differences and similarities of God and people?

Day 2

- ❖ **Genesis 2:8-15**
- ❖ The Lord God created a place specifically to meet every need of mankind. The Garden was perfect and beautiful and delicious. Just think: every single thing in it had been created by God’s own hand specifically for the delight of the people who would inhabit it! It had everything people needed for life and health and purpose. Man was not created to be idle, but to work and take care of the Garden.
- ❖ **The Bottom Line:** God has a place and purpose for every person.
- ❖ **Questions:** Why do we think work is a bad thing? What responsibilities does each member of your family have? What work do you think God has particularly suited you to do?

Day 3

- ❖ **Genesis 2:16-17**
- ❖ The Lord God, as the Creator and Master, had the right to give any command. He only gave one: you can eat from any tree except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. He started with the positive: any tree, including the tree of Life, except one. He ended with the consequences: if you eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil, you will surely die.
- ❖ **The Bottom Line:** God expects certain things from us, but He gives us the choice.
- ❖ **Questions:** Does your family know what is expected from them? Do you talk about what it means to be a member of your family? Does each member of the family understand what happens when they don’t take care of their responsibilities?

Day 4❖ **Genesis 2:18-20**

- ❖ God knew from the beginning that the man shouldn't be alone. God knew that He was going to make the perfect companion for the man. So that the man would know which of God's creations was meant just for him, God brought EVERY creature to the man to see what he would call it. (Remember that God Himself had given names to day, night, sky, earth and seas.) Nowhere among all of creation could the man find his complement, because God hadn't made her yet. God wanted the man to know that there was something still missing in the world.
- ❖ **The Bottom Line:** Even though they have the same Creator and have life in them, people and other living creatures are not created equally.
- ❖ **Questions:** How did God show that people were not the same as other living creatures? Does that mean that other living creatures have no value at all?

Day 5❖ **Genesis 2:21-25**

- ❖ Now that the man understood that there was not a suitable companion for him among all the other creatures, God made one final creation. Instead of making the woman from the dust of the ground, like He had done with the man, He created her from the man himself. Then, as her Father, He presented her to the man, who instantly recognized her for who she was. She was part of the man and at the same time separate from him. God created them together to be one. The bond between husband and wife was meant to be the strongest of all human bonds. They were completely at ease in each other's presence: shame and embarrassment were unknown to them.
- ❖ **The Bottom Line:** God made men and women for each other to complete each other.
- ❖ **Questions:** What made the woman different from all the other creatures? What are clothes for and why didn't the man and woman need them?

PRAY

- ❖ Pray for your husband or wife to be the man or woman God created them to be. It is never too early (or too late!) to pray for your child's spouse. Pray for the people you work or go to school with, those that you see and interact with on a daily basis. Ask the Lord God to use you in being a blessing to them.

MEMORIZE

- ❖ Gen. 2:15 The Lord God took the man and placed him in the Garden of Eden to work it and watch over it.