



 **Alive
in Jesus**

Kinder gärten



My God is Loving

Life In God's Garden

Big Idea: God Is Loving

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Memory Verse

"Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good."

Genesis 1:31. NKJV

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Word of the Week

"Loving"

When you are loving, you care for others and give to them. Loving people make others happy. Who is loving in this story?





M Monday: The Best Creation of All

As the morning went by on the sixth day, God must have smiled as He looked at all the special animals He had just made. They were all so different: different colors, different sizes—they even lived in different places. Some swung up high, and others burrowed underground. Some hid away, and others pranced in the wide-open meadows.

Yes, God was happy with everything He had made. And now it was time to make the best creation of all.

God collected some dust from the ground in His strong, kind hands and made a shape. The shape was bigger than you or me. As God shaped the dirt, He started to make two feet and legs, a chest, two arms, 10 fingers—a nose, eyes, and mouth. (What was God making?)

God was making a person. The very first human ever! The Bible says, “The Lord God took dust from the ground and formed man from it” (Genesis 2:7, ICB). This man was perfect. How amazing to be created with God’s very own hands!

When God made you, He also took special care. There’s not one other person in the whole wide world just like you. What a loving God He is!

I Wonder

- Why do you think God shaped the first person with His own hands instead of just talking, as He did when He made the animals?
- Do you think you could shape a person out of dust with your hands? We can be thankful that nothing is too hard for God!

Prayer Idea

Thank God for making you and your family.

Do

Make a person from some clay, mud or snow. Making a person isn’t easy, but God was very creative when He made Adam!

S Sunday: Good Morning, Friday!

Five whole days had come and gone since God began creating the new world. The bright sun moved high into a clear sky on the sixth day, the leaves on the new trees waved lush and green and the birds tweeted happy songs on this new morning.

As God looked at the beautiful new world, He knew it wasn’t quite finished yet. What did He do next? **Genesis 1:24, 25.**

God spoke, and just by the sound of His powerful voice, it happened. Out from the earth, all different kinds of animals were created. Some had soft, silky fur. Others had tough, rough skin. Some had huge ears, and others had teeny, tiny tails. God gave each animal a different sound.

God made a male and female [boy and girl] of every kind of animal: two barking dogs, two big elephants, two galloping horses, two fast leopards, and two mooing cows. The Bible says that God commanded the animals to “be fruitful and multiply” (Genesis 1:22). He wanted all the pairs of animals to have cute baby animals and for their families to grow bigger. Yes, God thought of everything!

What did God think of all that He had made? **Genesis 1:25.**

Yes, again, God saw that what He created was good, because He is good, and He creates good things for us to enjoy. What a loving God He is!



Prayer Idea

Thank God for being so powerful and creative and for making all the animals in our world.

Do

This week, learn about some animals that you might not have heard of before: Dugong, Aye-Aye, Dumbo Octopus, The Gerenuk.

I Wonder

- What is one animal you have never seen, but would like to see one day?
- What would you like to say to God about the animals He created?



W Wednesday: A Garden Home

Adam was only a few hours old, and what a special first day it was for him on our earth! As he stood there, in the middle of the garden, listening to different birds sing and watching the animals play, there were colorful flowers to smell, and the different fruits to taste. As the sun beamed through the trees onto this most beautiful garden home that God had created, Adam realized just how much he loved God. All of it—everything!—was perfect.

God had a special gift for Adam because He loved him so much. Do you know what it was? **Genesis 2:8.**

God gave Adam the garden as his home, with fields and forests and all the different kinds of trees. A river flowed out through Eden to water the garden. Adam was delighted to care for his new home.

God was so loving to Adam. What a special time they had, walking together in the garden—smiling, talking, and noticing the beautiful things God had made. Then God told Adam that He had something very special for him to do. What was it? **Genesis 2: 19.**

Naming the animals was a very special job for Adam. Imagine him saying: "Penguin." "Horse." "Dolphin." "Koala." "Panda." "Alligator." "Spider." "Sloth." The Bible says that "whatever Adam called each living creature, that was its name" (Genesis 2:19, NKJV).

Prayer Idea

Ask for God to help you to obey your mommy or daddy happily when they ask you to do special jobs for them around the house.

Do

See how quickly you can guess the names of these animals:

- I have soft fur and I hop.
- I have a long nose and big ears.
- I have the longest neck of all the animals.
- I can purr.
- I can jump and kick.

I Wonder

- How can you show that you are happy to help with the jobs you are a given in your home?



I Wonder

- What do you think it will be like when you look into God's face for the first time?

T Tuesday: Hello, Adam

The dust that rested in the shape of a man lay on the ground right where God had formed him.

What did God do next? **Genesis 2:7.**

God bent down and breathed into the nose of the man, and all of a sudden life went into him. The man who had been just a shape on the ground started to breathe and move. His eyes blinked open, and he looked into God's kind, beautiful face.

God gave this man a name. (Do you know what it was?) Adam! This word means "man." Adam was very, very tall—as tall as two men standing on top of each other! He was strong and handsome and very smart. The same God who had so carefully hung the stars in the sky and made turtles and lilies wanted to make someone in His likeness. God gave Adam special clothes to wear made out of light, like the angels wore.

The Bible says that God knew you even before you were born. It says, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you" (Jeremiah 1:5). God knows all the children, the mommies and daddies, and the grandmas and grandpas in the whole wide world, and He knew them even before they were born.

The Bible tells us where everything came from right at the beginning of everything, but more than that, it tells us how wonderful God is to have made it all. What a loving God He is!

Prayer Idea

Thank God that He cares for us and that He knows us by name.

Do

Sing "God Is So Good" or another of your favorite songs about how much you love Jesus.

I Wonder

- Can you feel where your ribs are? Are your ribs ticklish? (How truly amazing God is to use Adam's rib to make Eve.)
- Who is your special friend? What kind of things do you like to do together?

Prayer Idea

Thank God for making your family and your friends.

Do

Think of someone you can tell this story to in your own words, along with some of the ways you see that God is generous.

Thursday: Something Missing?

Adam had a wonderful time meeting and naming all the animals. But after a while, he noticed something was missing. What was it? **Genesis 2:20.**

Adam started to notice that there was a male and female [boy and girl] penguin; and there was a male and female horse; and a male and female koala—but there was only one human man.

Adam began to wonder where he would find a companion, another human to love and someone who would love him. But God already knew that Adam would need a helper—someone to share creation with, someone he could spend time talking and laughing with. God knew that creation was not finished without this special someone for Adam.

"So the Lord God caused the man to sleep very deeply" (Genesis 2:21 ICB). God then did something very, amazing with one of Adam's ribs. He took a rib and from that one bone God created something beautiful. What was it? **Genesis 2:22.**

Adam's eyelids fluttered open. Then God led Adam to a beautiful human that He had created from Adam's rib! Who was this? Adam didn't remember seeing anyone like this in the garden. *Oh!* he must have thought, *This is another human, but a lady. She's my match.* God took her to Adam and introduced them to each other 'She's my match!'

Adam called her "woman" because she wasn't like any of the animals, but she was like him. Later, Adam called her Eve, because "she is the mother of everyone who ever lived" (Gen 3:20 ICB). God made Eve from Adam's side, so that she could always stand next to him as his helper and friend.



Friday: The First Wedding

God had created a beautiful world filled with birds, creatures, lovely smells, and delicious food. Most of all, God Himself was there! Adam and Eve had everything they would ever need to stay happy forever.

On that first day, right there in the beautiful, peaceful garden, Adam and Eve had a wedding. They were married by God. They loved each other purely and were very, very happy. What does God Himself tell us about getting married? **Genesis 2:24.**

The rest of that Friday was such a delight! Imagine exploring the Garden of Eden and finding new things God had created for them to take care of. There were raspberries to eat, and peaches and pineapple, grapes and tomatoes. Imagine chasing a tiger or running right into a field of golden buttercups.

The sun bent low at the end of the sixth day. The sky changed color, and Adam and Eve stood beside God in wonder. As the orange and purple light slowly faded and the twinkling stars poked their way through the darkness, their hearts were full of thanks to God for all the love He had given to them.

All was perfect. All was peaceful. All of creation sang thank you songs to God (Job 38:7). God was very happy too—His work was now done. The Bible says that "the sky, the earth and all that filled them were finished" (Genesis 2:1 ICB), and it was "very good."

I Wonder

- Have you ever been to a wedding? What was it like?
- Why do you think God said His creation on day six was very good?

Do

Go outside to welcome in the Sabbath together as a family. Watch the sun set, sing, and thank God for all the wonderful nature gifts and love gifts He gave you this week. (Invite your child to remember this moment in order to draw a picture of it on Sabbath afternoon.)

Prayer Idea

Go on a hunt to find things in your home that remind you how much God loves you, or of the things He has given to you. Praise God for being so generous with His great love.

Family Challenge

Reflect and record your learning this week in your Family Journal. Then say your memory verse out loud. Invite each family member to think about how God has been generous this week, or an example of when someone in your family has been generous. Write these examples in your Family Journal. Then pray and praise God for His generous love for you.

Parent Faith Talk

Share with your child about your wedding, or a wedding you have been to, and the blessing of a God-centered marriage. Alternatively, share about a time you told someone about God and how loving He is.

Sabbath Celebration

Our Creative, Loving God!

Close your eyes and have Daddy or Mommy lead you out to the middle of your yard, or a park nearby. Then sit down. Be quiet. What sounds do you hear? Do you hear different bird songs?

Now open your eyes! Look at all the wonderful things God has made for you!

Lie down and look up into the sky. What do you see? Do you see any birds? Count them! When you see two-of-a-kind, think about how much God loves to make animals and people to be together.

Now roll over onto your tummy. Look very, very closely in the grass, and you may be able to watch a whole new world! What do you see? Can you see any little bugs? Maybe an ant colony? Watch how the bugs climb all over the grass!

Go for a walk. Look around you at everything that God has made for you! All of creation tells us more about God and His love for you! He knew that some kids would like to collect leaves of all different colors and shapes. He knew others would like to pick up interesting bugs. He knew that some would love to climb trees, and that many would love to explore! He thought of YOU when He created all the wonderful things you see!

Every time you go outside, or see beautiful pictures of nature, remember that God created the earth as a gift for you! What a creative, loving God He is!

Parents

Use the following as a guide to spend time with your child outside in awe of God's nature.

This week's lesson is based on the story of creation, as found in Genesis 1:25-31, 2:7-9, 15-24. It is also found in

The Bible Story, Vol. 1, p. 35-56.

Some insights have also been drawn from *Patriarchs and Prophets*, pp. 44-47 to enhance this lesson.

The things of nature are the Lord's silent ministers, given to us to teach us spiritual truths. They speak to us of the love of God and declare the wisdom of the great Master Artist.
The Adventist Home,
p. 146



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