

Family Worship Guide

Week 2

Read

Genesis 1:26-2:25

Man was created as a very special being. Man was created in the image of God, after His likeness. It is this image/likeness that distinguishes man from every other created thing. Man alone has the capacity for self consciousness, speech, and moral discernment. Another major factor distinguishing man from the animal kingdom is that man has been given an eternal state. The question is, what is man going to do with it? Being created in the image of God means that man should think the thoughts of God and do His work. Genesis 2 shows the special place of man. Here again, we see the special care of God in the creation of man. The animals, birds, and fish were simply called into existence. Yet God "formed" man—as a potter forms his clay vessels—and breathed His own Spirit into him (Gen. 2:7).

Man is the specially created image-bearer of God.

Man not only was made in the image and likeness of God, but he also was blessed by God. Man was blessed with a home, the garden. It supplied man's food and shelter, and it was perfect.

Man was blessed by God with human relationships in which selflessness and love were to be the guiding principles (Gen. 2:18, 20–25). It was not good for man to be alone, and since the animals could not provide true fellowship for such a unique creature as man, God made an appropriate helper for him.

We now understand that God created man in His own image and blessed man abundantly.

Questions

1. How can we be God's image bearers in our home? Our work place or school? Etc.
2. In Genesis 2:18 God said that it was not good for the man to be alone. What was God's solution to Adam being alone? *God created Eve who became Adam's wife. God doesn't want us to be alone. This is why God has given us our family at home, and our spiritual family at church.*
3. What was the most interesting thing for you in the Scripture that we looked at today? What would you like to learn more about?

Praise

Praise God for giving us:

Himself

Our family

Our church family?

What has God done in our family this week that we can give him praise?

Pray

Use the ACTS model specifically in regards to creation. (Example below.)

*ADORATION – “God we praise you for being made in His image, and giving us the gift of His created things”

*CONFESSION – “God knows all things. Confess where we have fallen short this week”

*THANKSGIVING – Thank you for... (the things God created).

*SUPPLICATION – (Your prayer requests as a family)

*Pray that we will be faithful image bearers.

*Pray for your neighbors by name! Pray that God will bless them!

Memorize

Genesis 1:27- “So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.”

Digging Deeper

(Optional activities)

Kids Fun

The first thing we need to do is think of three different kinds of animals. Who wants to pick the first animal? As the family comes up with three different animals, the leader should write them down on a piece of paper. **OK, now we all need to take our piece of paper and do our best to draw a picture of each of these animals. You can use both sides of the paper if you want to.** You may need to help little ones with their drawings. Wait till everyone is done drawing their three animals. **In our Bible reading today, God gave Adam the assignment of naming all the animals. Can you imagine all the animals coming to you for you to name them? I wonder what names we would give to the animals if it was our job to name them? Let's find out. Each one of us has a picture of the three animals that we chose. If it was your job to name these animals, what would you name them? Let's think about it for a minute, and then write down the**

names you come up with. Do it quietly, because in a minute we will go around and get to hear the names that we all came up with. Wait for everyone to write down their new animal names. Help little ones as needed. Have fun going around and sharing the names that you would have given to the animals.

For Teens

What does it mean to think the thoughts of God? How does this affect our work that we do for him?