



God Creates Adam and Eve

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Key Themes

- God created man in His image.
- God's Word is always our starting point.

Key Passages

- Genesis 2:4, 2:7–8, 2:15–24

Objectives

Students will be able to:

- Compare the biblical view of the origin of man to the evolutionary view.
- Identify the relationship between man and woman.



Lesson Overview



Come On In

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Students will review the books of the Old Testament. (There are many songs online that could make this easier and more fun for your students.)



Studying God's Word

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Genesis 2 gives a much more detailed account of the creation of Adam and Eve. The creation of man in the Bible is much different than the evolutionary view. God's creation of Adam and Eve demonstrates that God's design for marriage is one man and one woman for life.



Activity 1: Adam Finds Eve

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Students will work a maze to help Adam find Eve.



Activity 2: God Creates Adam

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Students will make a person out of play dough or clay.

Lesson Preparation

WHAT YOU WILL DO

WHAT YOU WILL NEED



COME ON IN

- If you haven't already done this, print onto cardstock and cut out sets of the Books of the Old Testament cards from the Resource DVD-ROM, Lesson 1. Make one set for every 4–5 students.

- Books of the Old Testament cards, one set for every 4–5 students



STUDYING GOD'S WORD

- Study the Prepare to Share section.
- Go Before the Throne.
- Print one Monkeys to Man illustration from the Resource DVD-ROM for teacher use and one for each student.
- Print one copy of the Memory Verse Song sheet from the Resource DVD-ROM, Lesson 1.

- Student Take Home Sheets
- Monkeys to Man illustration for teacher and each student
- Memory Verse Song sheet



ADAM FINDS EVE

- Print one Adam Finds Eve maze from the Resource DVD-ROM for each student.

- Adam Finds Eve maze for each student
- Crayons or pencils



GOD CREATES ADAM

- Get a small ball of clay or play dough for each student.

- Clay or play dough
- Plastic bags (optional)
- Hand wipes



Memory Verse

Exodus 20:11 For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.

► This verse can be sung to the tune of the ABC song. See the Memory Verse Song sheet from the Resource DVD-ROM, Lesson 1.

► **Pace your lesson!** You can use the provided clocks to indicate the time each section should be completed to keep the lesson on schedule. While teaching, you can compare your anticipated times with the actual time and shorten or drop sections as necessary.





Prepare to Share

SCRIPTURAL BACKGROUND

To prepare for this lesson, read and meditate on the following Scripture passages: Genesis 1:26–31, 2:4–24; Mark 10:6–9.

Genesis 1:26 records the creation of the first living human—the crowning point and finishing touch of God’s creation. Man, both male and female, were brought to life in the midst of all the good things God had created. Imagine the awesomeness and comfort in the beauty they saw. And Adam would soon know that God’s intention was for him to have dominion over it all.

The creation of Adam and Eve was much different from anything else God created. We know that God commanded everything into existence, “Let there be light” (Genesis 1:3); “Let there be a firmament” (Genesis 1:6); “Let the dry land appear” (Genesis 1:9); “Let the earth bring forth grass” (Genesis 1:11); and so on. But Scripture tells us that man is unique. This part of God’s creation was not commanded into existence as all the others were, but was lovingly overseen by the Triune God, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness” (Genesis 1:26). God’s sovereign plan demanded that this part of His creation be comprised of soul and spirit—created in His image. This creature of God’s would walk with Him, talk with Him, and one day be redeemed by Him.

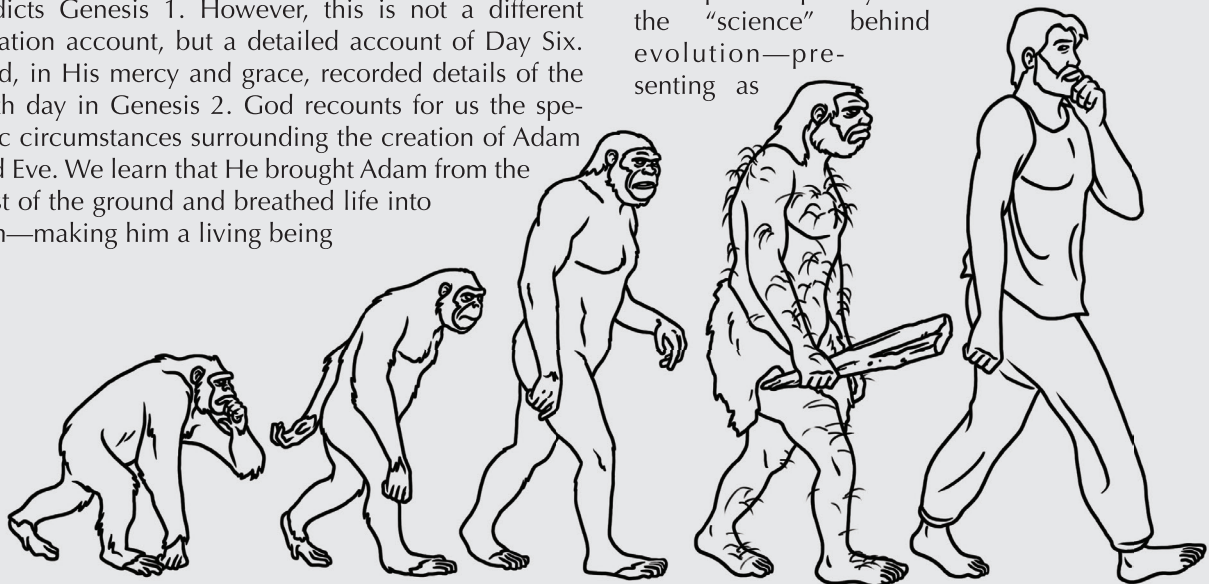
As we move to Genesis 2, we are introduced to more of the history of the Creation Week: “This is the history of the heavens and the earth when they were created . . .” (Genesis 2:4). Claiming that the Bible cannot be trusted, many suggest that Genesis 2 contradicts Genesis 1. However, this is not a different creation account, but a detailed account of Day Six. God, in His mercy and grace, recorded details of the sixth day in Genesis 2. God recounts for us the specific circumstances surrounding the creation of Adam and Eve. We learn that He brought Adam from the dust of the ground and breathed life into him—making him a living being

(Genesis 2:7). God wisely decreed that man should not be alone (Genesis 2:18). This led to Adam naming the animals—the beasts of the field and the birds of the air (Genesis 2:19). After naming the various animals, it was clear there was no helper comparable to him (Genesis 2:20). But God had a solution. He formed Eve from Adam’s side, bone of his bone and flesh of his flesh, to walk with him as a suitable, comparable helper (Genesis 2:21–23). Creating Eve for Adam, God instituted the sacred covenant of marriage, establishing that a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife so that the two shall become one flesh (Genesis 2:24). One man for one woman was God’s plan for marriage from the beginning (Mark 10:6–9).

This exclusive revelation is provided for our edification from our Creator God, given to Moses through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit—that we would know Him and His omnipotence. What a privilege that He would share details that only He could know with us! But in order to appreciate the blessing of God’s Word, we must have faith and believe it is our final authority—our only foundation and our starting point to discern truth from error. He tells us, “By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the Word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible” (Hebrews 11:3).

APOLOGETICS BACKGROUND

We know that the truth of God’s creation and the unique way He made Adam and Eve is in direct opposition to the idea of evolution. The image below is one used quite frequently to illustrate the “science” behind evolution—presenting as



fact the story of human evolution from ape-like creatures over the past several million years. But we can't believe everything we see and despite its iconic status and widespread use, this image is not based on evidence, but on imagination. Actually there are very few fossil remains of men or apes (about 95 percent of the known fossils are marine invertebrates like clams, snails, squid, starfish, worms, corals, etc.)

In fact, many of the fossils of so-called human ancestors consist of little more than fragments of bone, yet they are touted by the science journals and media as "proof" of human evolution. Upon closer examination, all of these finds are either true apes or true humans—not something in between. The chart below presents alleged human relatives and how creation scientists might classify them:

Alleged Human Relative	Creationist Classification
<i>Australopithecus afarensis</i> (such as "Lucy")	extinct ape
<i>Australopithecus africanus</i>	extinct ape
<i>Australopithecus boisei</i>	extinct ape
<i>Australopithecus robustus</i>	extinct ape
<i>Pan troglodytes</i> and <i>Pan paniscus</i> (chimpanzee)	living ape
<i>Gorilla gorilla</i> and <i>Gorilla beringei</i> (gorilla)	living ape
<i>Pongo pygmaeus</i> and <i>Pongo abelii</i> (orangutan)	living ape
Ramapithecus	extinct ape (extinct orangutan)
<i>Homo habilis</i>	false category that mixes some human and some ape fossils
<i>Homo floresiensis</i> (the "hobbit")	human (dwarf, pygmy)
<i>Homo ergaster</i>	human
<i>Homo erectus</i> (e.g., "Peking man" and "Java man")	human
<i>Homo neanderthalensis</i> (Neanderthals)	human
Archaic <i>Homo sapiens</i>	human
Modern <i>Homo sapiens</i>	human

Our culture is flooded with evolutionary propaganda. However, when we begin with God's Word as our authority and determine to see the evidence through biblical glasses we will have no trouble recognizing the truth: we were directly created by God in His image to have a relationship with Him.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The moral implications of the evolutionary view that man is merely an animal evolved from an ape are

increasingly evident in our culture today. For example, many contend that because man is an ape, the ape-like or "primal" urges that we have for violence and sexuality can be excused because of our evolutionary history. Permeating every part of our culture, the idea of evolution has made many in our society calloused to social issues like abortion, racism, euthanasia, and genetic engineering. After all, if man is just an animal, a product of random, cosmic accidents, can an absolute moral code even exist? If an absolute moral code does exist, where did it come from? In an evolutionary society, morality is what the majority decides it to be or whatever makes you feel good. Consequently, each person determines his or her own idea of right and wrong. But this thinking is inconsistent and absolute morality cannot be the result of subjective personal choices. We can't all be right and all be wrong. This line of thinking promotes the "might makes right" attitude. The one with the most strength or power will eventually overcome the others in the struggle for survival.

As our society drifts further and further from the authority of God's Word, we will continue to see a decline in moral integrity. If we discount the words of God in the very first book—Genesis—how can we stand on any of it? If we accept that man is an animal and not a created, living being made in the image of God, we won't consider Him worthy of our respect and love. On the other hand, as believers who preach the gospel and stand firmly on God's Word, boldly proclaiming it as our foundation for understanding right and wrong, we can affect a change in individuals that just may bring our society back to a Christian worldview.

For more information on this topic, see the Online Resource Page.



BEFORE THE THRONE

Sovereign God, Creator of all things, grant me understanding about all the aspects of this lesson, so that I may teach others for the benefit of your kingdom. Help me to realize the gravity of instructing immortal souls. Bless each of the students committed to my care. And Lord, bless their parents. Help them to bring up their children in the ways of the Lord so they will come to love your Word, believe it, trust it for all truth, and through it come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.



COME ON IN

As students arrive . . .

- They will work together in groups of 4–5 to put the Books of the Old Testament cards in order. They can use the Books of the Bible poster and their own Bibles.
- They will read (or sing) aloud all the names of the books of the Old Testament.



After all the students arrive, pray with them before beginning the lesson.



REVIEW

Using the Lesson Theme posters from previous weeks, quickly review the lessons with your students. Take 5 to 10 minutes to reinforce the important truths the students have heard so far in your class.

Ask the children questions about the previous lessons as you review the Lesson Theme posters. Reflect briefly on the passages you read, bringing the objectives and themes back into focus. This will refresh the truths in your students' minds, and maintain continuity as you teach through the lessons.

Before we get started today, let's practice our memory verse by singing the song we have been practicing. Everyone stand up and let's sing. Sing the Exodus 20:11 Memory Verse song to the tune of the ABCs. Refer to the song sheet on the DVD-ROM. See if any children can sing it on their own yet.



Studying God's Word

READ THE WORD

Turn in your Bibles to Genesis 2. Genesis is the first history book. It tells us what happened at the beginning. Listen to Genesis 2:4: "This is the *history* of the heavens and the earth when they were created."

Genesis 2:4

The Bible tells us the facts exactly as they happened. God is letting us know that this is true history. We are going to talk a little more today about the creation of man.

? Can anyone remember what makes man different from the animals? Look at this Lesson Theme Poster from Lesson 3. What does it say? *Only mankind is made in God's image.*

That's right. Man was created in God's image. He was created different from the animals. Man can think, reason, create things, write, communicate. And more importantly, God gave man the opportunity to be saved through Jesus Christ.

But how was man created? Guess what? The Bible tells us exactly what God did. Let's find out!

Look in Genesis 2:7–8 while I read it. *Read passage.*

Genesis 2:7–8



EXAMINE THE WORD

Observe the Text

Remind the children that we are asking the Who, What, Where, When, Why questions.

- ? Who is God creating? *Genesis 2:7. Man.*
- ? And we know that the man's name is what? *Adam.*
- ? What did God use to create Adam? *Genesis 2:7. Dust of the ground.*
- ? How did Adam come to life? *God breathed into him.*
- ? Where did God put Adam to live? *Genesis 2:8. In the Garden of Eden.*
- ? So God made Adam from the dust and then breathed into his nose and Adam became a living being. That's different from the way He created everything else, isn't it? How did God create everything else we have talked about? *Refer to Lesson 1 Lesson Theme poster. He spoke and it came into being.*

Right! God just spoke and it came into being! But now God is doing something different. That is because man is different from any other creation of God. Man was made in the image of God.

Genesis 2:15–23

► As you proceed with questions about this passage, reread the verses so the students can answer the questions directly from the text.

Great. Now look again in Genesis 2. We'll see what God did with Adam. Listen carefully. I'm going to read Genesis 2:15–23. Follow along. *Read Genesis 2:15–23.*

- ? What was Adam's very first job? *Genesis 2:15. To take care of the garden.*
- ? What was God's very first command to Adam? *Genesis 2:16–17. Do not eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.*

- ? What did God say He would do for Adam? *Genesis 2:18. Make him a helper.*

God placed Adam in the Garden with all the animals. The garden was very good. But God thought it would be best if Adam had a special helper. Hmmm. Let's see what God does next!

- ? God asked Adam to do something else. Listen as I read this and see if you can tell me what God must have asked Adam to do. *Genesis 2:20a. Gave all the animals names.*

- ? But something was missing. Listen to this and tell me what was still missing? *Genesis 2:20b. A helper for Adam.*

Remember earlier (Genesis 2:18) God said, "It is not good that man should be alone." I have the feeling God is going to do something about this!

Listen carefully as I read this next part. It is really exciting! *Reread Genesis 2:21–22.*

- ? First of all, what happened to Adam? *Genesis 2:21. He fell asleep.*

? Then what did God do? *Genesis 2:21. He removed one of Adam's ribs.*

? What did God do with Adam's rib? *Genesis 2:22. He used it to make a woman.*

God made a perfect helper for Adam. The first woman was created by God from the rib of the first man. Adam woke up and God brought Eve to him. Adam was so happy! Now he no longer had to be alone.

I like to think of this as the very first wedding! The first man and woman coming together as husband and wife.

Discover the Truth

Have you ever heard a different account of how the first people came into being? We love God's Word because it is from God! And we know that all of God's Word is true. But I want you to be very careful and pay special attention to this part of God's Word today. What we just read in Genesis 2 is the true account of how man and woman were created. God created them. Man from the dust and woman from the man's rib. You will hear a lot of very different stories about the creation of man and woman as you get older.

How many of you have ever seen a picture like this? *Show the Monkeys to Man illustration from the Resource DVD-ROM. Allow for discussion and answers.*

? What do you think this picture is trying to tell us? *Allow for discussion. Man came from monkeys.*

Yes. This picture makes it look as if man came from monkeys. This is what evolution scientists want you to believe—that monkeys turned into ape-like creatures, which turned into man over millions of years. But this is not true! It is not what we just read from the true history account of God's Word.

God tells us how He created the first man and the first woman. He is the only one who knows because He is the only one who was there!

This is actually a very popular drawing. If you haven't seen it before, I'm sure you will see it again. I have a copy of this for each one of you. *Pass out the Monkeys to Man illustrations.*

Rip up your copy of the Monkeys to Man illustration. This illustration is NOT what God's Word tells us. It is NOT true. So, I want you to rip it up into shreds! Rip it up, pick up all the pieces, and throw them in the trash can! And from now on every time you see this illustration you'll remember that it is NOT true.

God created man from the dust of the ground and created woman from man's rib. And people were the only things God created that were made in His image.



► Dramatically rip up your copy of the Monkeys to Man illustration to model how they should rip their copies up.

READ THE WORD

OK. We are going to look at one more thing today. Turn in your Bibles to Genesis 2:24. I want to read it to you. Listen carefully! *Read the verse.*

EXAMINE THE WORD

Observe the Text

- ? What does this say a man should do? *Leave his father and mother.*
- ? And why does he leave his father and mother? *To be joined with his wife.*
- ? And what happens to them? Look in your Bibles. It is at the very end of Genesis 2:24. *They become one flesh.*

This doesn't mean that they become the same person. But they become so close that it is like they are one person. They become very best friends and promise to honor God by loving and respecting each other the rest of their lives.

God tells us the way a man and a woman who are in love should act. They should leave their fathers and mothers, get married, and start a new life together. And the Bible tells us they should stay married for life. What God has joined together in marriage, no one should ever separate.

Discover the Truth

This is a very important lesson for all of us. It is clear that when God created Eve for Adam—from his rib—He was showing us the very first marriage. God's plan for marriage is that one man and one woman would come together—as though they were one person.

Jesus said the same thing when He talked about marriage. God created Eve for Adam. She was to be his helper. And Jesus tells us that when one man and one woman get married, no one should separate them or try to come between them.

God wants a spouse to stay married to the same person for life. But sometimes men and women get divorced. Divorce is not an easy thing for any family to go through. We know from God's Word that He wants the best for us, but because we live in a fallen world, corrupted by sin, we sometimes experience hurt, pain, and even divorce.

The important thing for us is to remember that God's perfect plan for marriage is one man and one woman for life.



► Be sensitive to any students in your class who have divorced parents. Be sure they understand it is not their fault; these things happen in our sin-cursed world.



Adam Finds Eve

MATERIALS

- Adam Finds Eve maze for each student
- Crayons or pencils

INSTRUCTIONS

Pass out the Adam Finds Eve maze and the crayons or pencils.

God has created the perfect companion for Adam. Do you see her on the other side? See if you can find which line will bring

Adam to Eve and trace it with your crayon or pencil.

CONNECT TO THE TRUTH

Adam named all the animals but knew there was no one who could be his companion. God made him a perfect companion and Adam got to name her also! He named her Eve. They were the very first married couple.



God Creates Adam

MATERIALS

- Ball of clay or play dough for each student
- Plastic bags if you are going to let students take home the clay figure
- Hand wipes if you don't have a sink to wash hands

INSTRUCTIONS

Pass out a ball of clay or play dough to each student. Let each child make a person out of the clay or play dough.

CONNECT TO THE TRUTH

God's Word tells us very specifically how He created Adam. He didn't just speak Adam into existence, like He did the animals. The

Bible says God formed Adam from the dust, or dirt, or clay of the ground. He wanted man to be His special creation.

If we just left the clay on our desks, would it ever turn into a person? No! Things don't come alive and grow into people. There needs to be a creator. Just like you are shaping a little person from the clay, God formed Adam from the ground. Then God breathed life into him!

Collect the clay or play dough to use another time, or, if desired, allow children to take their people home. Allow time for the children to clean their hands at the sink or with hand wipes.





Applying God's Word

WHAT YOU HEARD IN THE WORD

OK. What a packed lesson today! I want you to remember these important facts. The Bible tells us how God created man and then woman. Because Genesis is true history—and the Bible is God's history book of the universe—we know that everything He tells us is right.

God created Adam from the dust of the earth and then He created Eve from Adam's rib. They were created on Day Six of Creation Week—only about 6,000 years ago—not millions of years ago like some evolutionists would have us believe. We did not evolve from monkeys! We are not animals. We are human beings made uniquely by God in His image!

When God created Eve, He brought her to Adam. This was the first marriage. And God said a man would be best friends with his wife, so close they would be like one person, and nothing should separate them until one of them dies.

So with Adam and Eve, we learn an important lesson about marriage. It is one man and one woman for life! *Show the Lesson Theme Poster.*

GOD'S WORD IN THE REAL WORLD

Not everyone believes some of the things we learned today. Many people believe in evolution, that men came from monkeys. Remember our Monkeys to Man picture? You ripped it up!

Some people don't believe that marriage is important or that marriage is for one man and one woman for life.

Don't ever be afraid to say you believe the Bible. God has made us so we are happiest when we follow His commands and obey what He says. God knows what is best for us!



► Pass out the Student Take Home Sheets and remind the children to practice the memory verse this week.



MEMORY VERSE

Exodus 20:11 For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.

The verse can be sung to the tune of the "ABC" song. See the Memory Verse Song sheet on the DVD-ROM, Lesson 1.



GROUP PRAYER TIME

Be sure to pray with your class before you dismiss them.

- Praise God for creating man in His image.
- Pray that God will help us stay true to His Word and what it teaches.