

And it is Good

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Unit Focus: Students understand that by appreciating nature we come to know God and recognise the divine presence in the wonder and work of creation. They will appreciate their responsibility to care for the world and discuss the Genesis creation stories.

Students are challenged to:

- Respond as Christians to the presence of God in the world.
- Pray the Scriptures.

In class: students have brainstormed the wonderful things they have seen in the world. Students then read the "Garden of Eden" Bible story and retold it in their own words and responded by creating their own psalm that gave praise and thanks for the glory of creation.

Family supplement activity: Students keep a prayer journal during the module. The journal focuses on using the scripture story to explore how we help and respect God's gift of the world today.



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Aim: To hear the stories of creation, to recognise everything God creates is 'good' and 'beautiful'.

- **Keep a prayer journal during the next three lessons.**
- **Your prayer journal will be the next three pages so keep them together.**
- **Focus today's journal using the following scripture.**

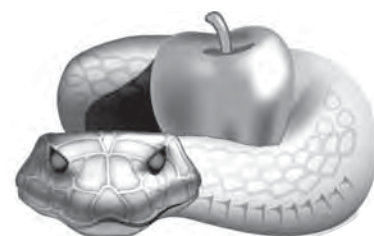


Then the Lord God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to cultivate it and guard it. God told him, "You may eat the fruit of any tree in the garden, except the tree that gives knowledge of what is good and what is bad. You must not eat of the fruit of that tree; if you do, you will die the same day."

Then God said, "It is not good for the man to live alone. So I will make a suitable companion to help him." God took some soil from the ground and formed all the animals and birds. Then God brought them to the man to see what name he would give them; and that is how they got their names. The man named all the birds and all the animals; but not one of them was a suitable companion to help him.

Then the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. While he was sleeping, God took out one of the man's ribs and closed up the flesh. God formed a woman out of the man's rib and brought her to him. Then the man said, "At last, here is one of my own kind, bone taken from my bone, and flesh from my flesh. 'Woman' is her name because she was taken out of man." That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united with his wife and they become one. They were both naked but they were not embarrassed. (Genesis 2:15-25)

1. **What did God want the man to do?**
2. **How did God help the man find a companion and a helper?**
3. **How is God our companion in the world today?**
4. **How do we help God in the world today?**



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REJOICE