

PARENT GUIDE

Lesson 1.1: Adam and Eve

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IDENTITY

► SCRIPTURE READING

- » Genesis 1
- » Reread Genesis 1
- » Genesis 2–3
- » Romans 8:18–25

SUMMARY:

The Bible opens with the account of creation. God created all things, and they were all good. God created the first humans, Adam and Eve, different from the rest of creation. God created birds, fish, trees and livestock in abundance. He spoke, and the seas and skies were filled with animals. God crafted Adam by hand, from the dust of the ground; He personally breathed life into him. Then, He crafted Eve from Adam's rib. Adam and Eve were created in the image of God.

Although Adam and Eve were created perfectly, they disobeyed God. Their sin separated them from Him. They had only known close fellowship with God; but because of their sin, that relationship changed in that they no longer walked with Him. The sin of Adam and Eve passed on to all people, including you and me.

Though we all bear the image of God from creation, sin distorts everything. If we aren't careful, we might listen to the narrative of culture, which twists our understanding of our identity. We should listen to Scripture instead. Our identity is found in Christ. We are all bearers of God's image, the *imago Dei*.

► MEMORY VERSE OPTIONS

- » Hebrews 11:1–3*
- » Genesis 1:26–27
- » Ecclesiastes 12:1

► IDENTITY INSIGHT

God created all things and made me in His image. Sin separates me from God, but I am reconciled by grace through faith in the finished work of the cross.

► IMPORTANT IDEAS:

TRUE IDENTITY: experienced when someone has an encounter with God

IMAGO DEI: Latin for the image of God; the unique nature, status and worth of all human beings as created by God. Scripture does not specifically say what constitutes the image of God. His image cannot be reduced to one attribute or any combination of attributes; the biblical portrait is more holistic. The entire human being images God⁹ (Genesis 1:26, 27).

SIN: anything we think, say or do that disobeys God

ORIGINAL SIN: the doctrine that, as a result of Adam and Eve's disobedience, all people are inherently sinful with an underlying propensity to sin (Romans 5:12)

SANCTIFICATION: the process of believing in, living in and becoming more like Christ (Colossians 2:6–7)