

Man: Creation (Gen 2:7-9, 18-25)

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How would you form man out of the dust?

Where did God breathe life into man?

Of all the trees and plants God created, He named just two. What are their names?

2. Then the Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper corresponding to him." The Lord God formed out of the ground every wild animal and every bird of the sky, and brought each to the man to see what he would call it. And whatever the man called a living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all the livestock, to the birds of the sky, and to every wild animal; but for the man no helper was found corresponding to him. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to come over the man, and he slept. God took one of his ribs and closed the flesh at that place. Then the Lord God made the rib he had taken from the man into a woman and brought her to the man. And the man said:

This one, at last, is bone of my bone
and flesh of my flesh;
this one will be called "woman,"
for she was taken from man.

This is why a man leaves his father and mother and bonds with his wife, and they become one flesh. Both the man and his wife were naked, yet felt no shame. (Gen 2:18-25, CSB)

God says that it is not good for man to be alone. If God made man in His image, is God alone?

What was Man made from?

What was Woman made from?

What are animals made from? What's the difference from how Man was made?

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Teacher Notes

The objective of this lesson is to observe how Man was made, and note God's first recorded interaction with Man. This is a guideline on how this lesson may be taught. Adapt it to how you see fit for your children's attention span.

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How would you form man out of the dust?

Purchase Play-Doh or follow an online recipe and make playdough, and give the students an opportunity to make a man from "dust."

Where did God breathe life into man?

Re-read the relevant passage if necessary. Have fun with the Play-Doh.

Of all the trees and plants God created, He named just two. What are their names?

Re-read Genesis 2:9 ("The Lord God caused to grow out of the ground every tree pleasing in appearance and good for food, including the tree of life in the middle of the garden, as well as the tree of the knowledge of good and evil").

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Re-read: Then God said, "**Let us** make man in our image, according to our likeness. They will rule the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, the livestock, the whole earth, and the creatures that crawl on the earth." (Gen 1:26, CSB)

Help the student understand that "us" means more than one so that they can perceive that God is not alone.

This observation introduces the moral basis for the Trinity. While this topic may be conceptually above the students being taught, it implies that there is a moral basis for defining a marriage as between a man and woman and the role each plays in that relationship to live together as a single entity.

What was Man made from?

Refer the students to their Play-Doh. Man was made from dust and the breath of God.

What was Woman made from?

Re-Read dramatically: So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to come over the man, and he slept. God took one of his ribs and closed the flesh at that place. Then the Lord God made the rib he had taken from the man into a woman and brought her to the man. (Gen 2:21-22, CSB)

In asking the questions, "What was Woman made from?" and "What are animals made from?", students can be directed to their sculpted playdough and create a woman as God did.

Woman was made from Man's rib but without the breath of God.

Animals were made from dust but without the breath of God.