

Here are some activities you could do together as a family. Begin with the story and then do as many or as few as you like, in any order.



Bible Passage

Today we will be exploring together how God created people.

You can find it in your Bible in:

Genesis 1-2:23

Read the story together – choose a Bible translation or children's story version which best suits your family.



A prayer to say together

Dear God,

We are so thankful for the amazing and beautiful world that You have created for us to live in!

Thank you also for creating us, and for not only giving us the gift of life, but also the opportunity to spend eternal life with You through Jesus. Help us each day to better understand what it means to be created in Your image so that we might share the Good News of Your love with others.

Amen.

Discussion

Question for adults to ask children

How was God's creation of people different from how God created almost everything else?

Unlike much of God's creation, God did not speak people into existence; He gathered dust and formed the man (2:7). In addition to creating animals with His words (1:20, 24), God also formed animals out of the ground (2:19). Yet man was and is unique. The word "formed" is used of a potter working with his clay (Jer. 18:1-6). A potter shapes with care and tenderness, and it was with love and care that God shaped man from earth's soil (Isa. 44:24). Yet the man was not just of the earth. God breathed into him the very breath of life--which connected him to the divine--for it created the man in His image.

A question for children to ask adults

What does it mean to you to be made in the image or likeness (Gen. 1:26) of God?

Family Activity 1

"Family Pictures"

- Look at family pictures in an album or on a computer. Look at photos of relatives. Talk about how God didn't just make people, God made families as well. You could also look at pictures of people not related to you, but whom you consider to be family to you. Remember, we are all a part of God's family.
- Make a "My Family" page. Print pictures of your family. Cut them out and glue them to make a collage on a single page. Leave room to write individual names under each picture.



A verse to remember

Psalm 139:14a



The God of the universe has crafted each of us with intention and purpose. When you feel down or have problems, how amazing it is to know that God carefully made each one of us!

To learn this verse, you could come up with some actions to help you remember it or decorate the verse on a piece of paper or card together and put it up somewhere to remind you of it through the week.

Family Activity 2

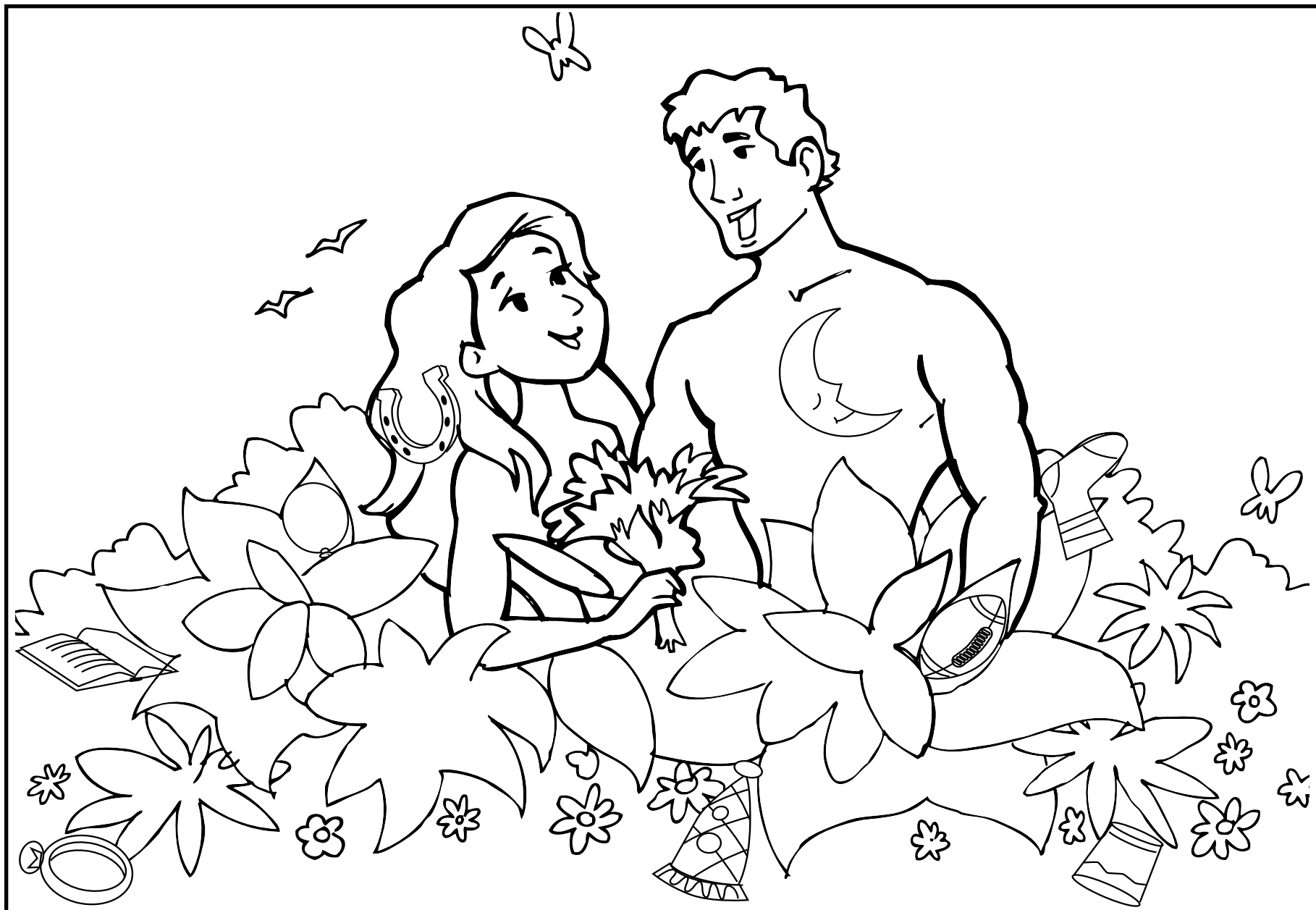
"Nature Self-Portraits"



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Hidden Pictures: God Made People

Find these objects hidden in the picture below:
balloon, book, football, glass, hat, horseshoe, moon, ring, sock



Word Search for God Made People

Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle. The words can be left to right, up and down, or diagonally.



ADAM
BIRDS
BREATHED

DUST
EDEN
EVE

FISH
GARDEN
IMAGE

LIFE
MAN
WOMAN