

1. The Beginning of the World

When the universe had nothing, no sky, no land, God already existed. (Genesis 1:2)

God used His words to create this world and everything in it: the living things that swim in the water, fly in the air, or walk on the land, and also the space above the earth: the sun, the moon and the stars. (Genesis 1:3–30)

God said, “I will create a man in my image, and give him this world to manage.” Then, He used dust on earth to create a man. After the work was done, God breathed into the man’s nose, and then this man had life. God gave this man the name, Adam. (Genesis 1:26; 2:7)

God created a beautiful garden for Adam to take care of and live in. (Genesis 2:8, 15) Then God told Adam, “Adam, you can eat of any of the fruit in this garden. But the fruit of the tree of Knowing Good and Evil you cannot eat, because if you eat it, you will die.” (Genesis 2:16–17)

God saw that it was not good for Adam to live alone. So He decided to create a wife to help him. (Genesis 2:18)

God put Adam into a deep sleep, so that he did not know what was going on. Then He took a piece of bone from inside Adam’s body near the waist. God used this piece of bone to create a woman. When Adam woke up and saw someone that looked like him, he liked her. Later he gave her the name, Eve. At that time, the couple did not wear any clothes and they were not ashamed. (Genesis 2:21–22, 25; 3:20)

At that time men and God had a very good, close relationship. God blessed them, and always talked to them. God said to them, “You should give birth to children to help you in managing the world.” (Genesis 1:28–29)

God took six days to create everything, and He saw everything was good. On the seventh day, God stopped His work of creation. He blessed this day and made it the Sabbath day. (Genesis 2:2–3)