

God saw how good it was. (Genesis 1:12c)

God Creates People – Genesis 1:26–2:4

Prepare to Wonder

This Bible story is not only about creation, but also about the creativity God places in each of us. God creates humanity. God then shares the creative process by giving humanity a part of God's self. "Let us" demonstrates that God is not working alone. God is engaged in relationship of mutuality and shares the creative process with others.

When God creates humans, God does so in God's own image. To be created in the image of God is as if we are mirrors of God in the world. Each of us is a reflection of something greater. We are created to resemble the divine. This is a gift. Everyone has God within, and it is because of this that we are able to embrace our own unique expressions as children of God. Our ability to imagine and be creative is a part of how we are made in the image of God.

On the seventh day God rests, but this does not mean God will not continue to act and interact with God's creation. To rest actually puts things back into motion and calls for humanity to help carry out God's creative process. We are then reminded that all is right, good, and holy, and God honors God's work and all of creation with God's blessing. It was all supremely good.

The Bible story helps children come to know their identity as a child of God. It provides a foundation of self-reflection and self-acceptance. To be known and loved by God is one of the most important messages we can teach our children. Help your children see the reflection of God in themselves and how they can use their creativity to help continue to create a beautiful world.

Spiritual Practice for Adults

This week write positive affirmations on your mirrors or on sticky notes around your home. You can also write messages to others in your family. When you read your messages, stop and pause. Repeat the word or phrase three times and then remember that you are a beautiful child of God.

Welcome to Wonder

- Gather together as a family near your Wonder Table.

WONDER together:

- What does it mean to be a child of God?
- How do you know you are a child of God?

CONTINUE to Wonder:

- Are all people children of God?

PRAY together

- Dear God, thank you for creating me and making me your child. Amen.

SING together

- Use your Annual Music CD or download "Very Good" (<https://www.cokesbury.com/Celebrate-Wonder-Annual-Music>).
- Play "Very Good."
- Sing and celebrate.

Wonder with Me

Supplies: CEB Bible, Celebrate Wonder Bible Storybook, Wonder Cube (Digital Pack) optional

READ the Bible Story

- Read the Bible story, Genesis 1:26–2:45.
- Roll the Wonder Cube. Take time to answer a few of the questions.

WATCH the Bible Story

- Visit (<https://www.cokesbury.com/Celebrate-Wonder-Video>) to download and watch today's Bible story.

SHARE the Faith Word

- Faith Word: CREATIVITY - Creativity is the process of imagining and making something, just like God imagined and created the world.

WONDER: What makes someone creative?

I See God (Art)

Supplies: paper, pencils, colored pencils, crayons and markers

SAY: Close your eyes. God is so big and so creative.

WONDER: What do you think God looks like? What do you imagine God is like?

- Draw and color how you imagine God.
- Share your drawings with one another.

WONDER: What did you learn about God?

Spiritual Practice—Exploring creation through beauty

Supplies: Celebration Chart, Family Activity Book, (optional)

SAY: Look at your hands.

- Place the palm of your hands facing upward.
- Then trace the lines (creases) on the palms of your hands.
- Say this litany together as you continue tracing the lines on your hands.

REPEAT:

God created me just as I am.

God made me from the palm of God's hand.

And if there are days when I am feeling afraid, upset, or down,

I can touch my hand and know that God is always around. Amen.