

The First Woman
Genesis 2: 18, 21-25

Objective: The students will consider the perfect relationship that Adam and Eve enjoyed.

Introduction:

We are studying the beginning of things in Bible time. We learned about the first human being, who was a ? (man) And we learned that God planted a garden for him, and gave him work to do.

We also learned about God's first command. What was God's first command? (not to eat the fruit from the tree that gives knowledge of good and evil) Could you look at the fruit? (yes) Could you climb the tree? (yes) Could you touch the fruit? (yes) Could you pick the fruit? (yes) Could you eat the fruit? (no!) God's first command was that the man must not eat the fruit from the tree that gives knowledge of good and evil.

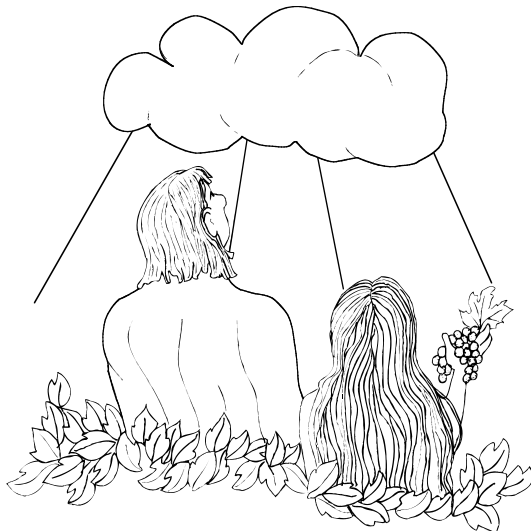
Today we will learn about something else that God did for the man.

Questions:

- How did God make the woman?
- Tell about the man and the woman.
(They were married, they were naked, they were not ashamed.)

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Answer the question. Have students tell about the man and the woman.



Go on. (Three possible threads to follow)

1. Can you imagine being naked and not being ashamed? Most people feel shy, or slightly ashamed, when they are naked. I even know some Japanese who don't like the onsen because they don't like to be naked in front of other people. But the first man and woman, the first married couple, were naked and not ashamed. More than not wearing clothes, they were not afraid of the relationship. They were not afraid of each other. They were not afraid of being laughed at, or being scolded, or being hurt. They were in a perfect, deep relationship. This is what we have been created for. This is what people want. We don't have perfect relationships because of sin. We are afraid of being laughed at, or scolded or hurt. But Jesus wants us to have good relationships. Let's see what He said. (read John 17: 23. Jesus is praying to God. He is praying for the believers. He is praying that they will be completely one. perfect relationship. Also that the world will know that God loves them as much as He loves Jesus. A perfect, loving relationship.)
2. In the story of the creation, over and over God says that 'It is good.' Look quickly with me at chapter 1. vss. 4, 10, 12, 18, 21, 25, 31. Seven times God says that things are good. Now for the first time, He says something is not good. What did He say was not good? (for the man to be alone.) The first thing God says is not good is about the man He has made. God loves the man, and is thinking about what he needs. The man should be completely happy in God, but God gives him the extra joy of a woman. This shows that God was not selfish, but very generous to the man.
3. Do you have any idea why God used a rib from the man to make the woman? (let students speculate. not above the man, or from his foot, but from his side, to be his helper. equality. the rib was near the man's heart. the man would use his arms to protect his ribs, as he would use them to protect the woman.)