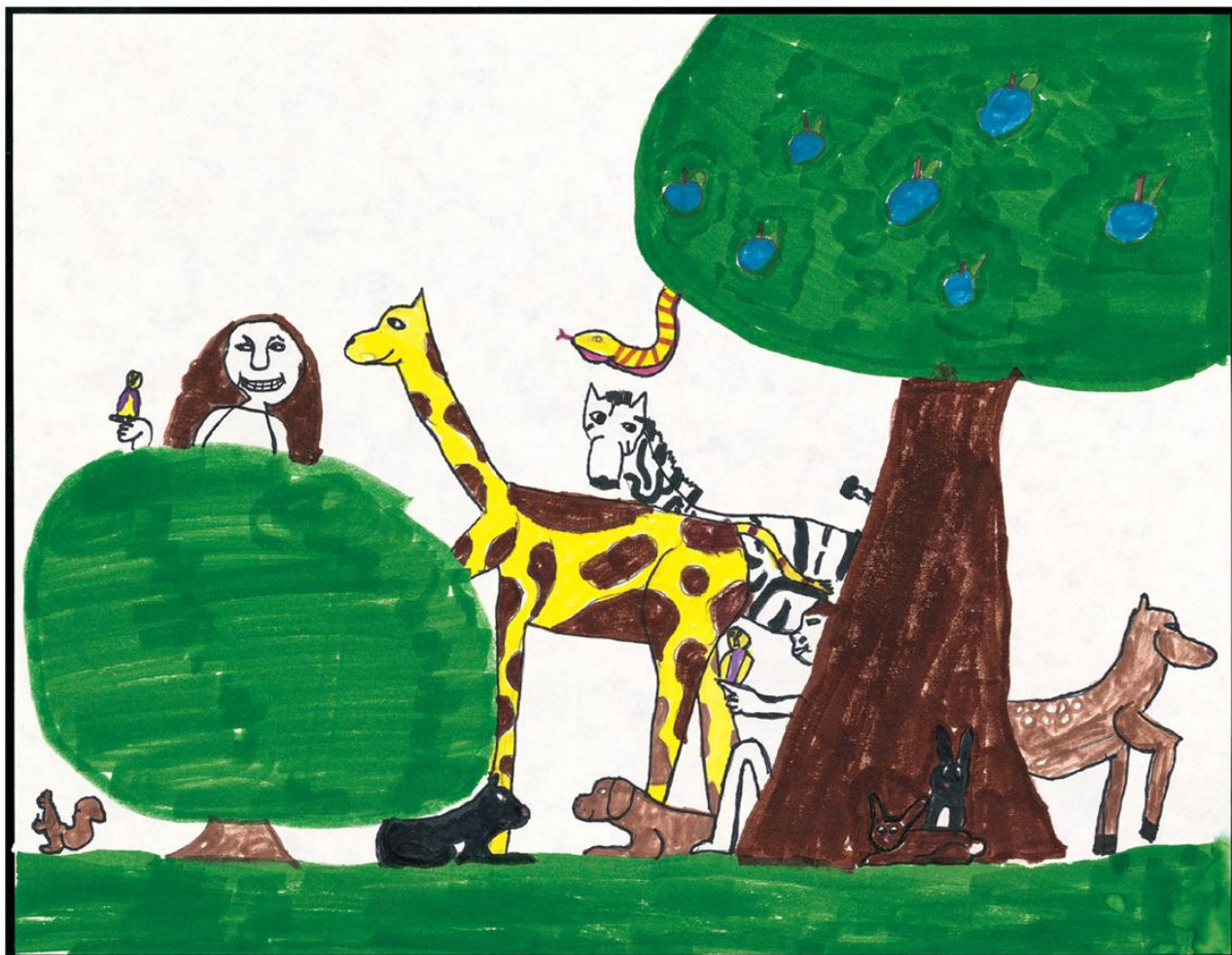


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Genesis 1:24 – 2:4



Anna Whited, age 9

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The Sixth Day—Land Animals and People

²⁴ Then God said, “Let the earth produce many kinds of living things. Let there be many different kinds of animals. Let there be large animals and small crawling animals of every kind. And let all these animals produce more animals.” And all these things happened.

²⁵ So God made every kind of animal. He made the wild animals, the tame animals, and all the small crawling things. And God saw that this was good.

²⁶ Then God said, “Now let’s make humans^f who will be like us.^g They will rule over all the fish in the sea and the birds in the air. They will rule over all the large animals and all the little things that crawl on the earth.”

²⁷ So God created humans in his own image. He created them to be like himself.^h He created them male and female. ²⁸ God blessed them and said to them, “Have many children. Fill the earth and take control of it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the air. Rule over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

²⁹ God said, “I am giving you all the grain bearing plants and all the fruit trees. These trees make fruit with seeds in it. This grain and fruit will be your food. ³⁰ And I am giving all the green plants to the animals. These green plants will be their food. Every animal on earth, every bird in the air, and all the little things that crawl on the earth will eat that food.” And all these things happened.

³¹ God looked at everything he had made. And he saw that everything was very good.

There was evening, and then there was morning. This was the sixth day.

The Seventh Day—Rest

2 ¹ So the earth, the sky, and everything in them were finished. ² God finished the work he was doing, so on the seventh day he rested from his work. ³ God blessed the seventh day and made it a holy^a day. He made it special because on that day he rested from all the work he did while creating the world.

⁴ This is the story about the creation of the sky and the earth. This is what happened when the LORD God made the earth and the sky.

f 1:26 humans The Hebrew word means “man,” “people,” or the name “Adam.” It is like the word meaning, “earth” or “red clay.”

g 1:26 *Now let's make ... like us* Or "Now let's make humans in our image and in our likeness."

h 1:27 *So God created humans ... himself* Or "So God created them in his image. In the image of God he created them." Compare Gen. 5:1, 3.

a 2:3 *holy* Set apart or chosen for a special use; especially, belonging to God or used only for him. Also, pure or perfect, worthy of God and fit for his service. In the New Testament God's people are holy because they have been made pure through Christ and, with the help of the Holy Spirit, keep themselves from sin and live only for God.

What's The Question?

Why did God make us?

Kids' Answers

"I think God created us because God thought we would be special, and it turns out we are special!"

Chelsea, 8

"God wanted someone to talk and walk with him."

Carri, 9

"God wanted somebody to love him, to trust him, to know about him and he was finding somebody to love. That's why he made us!"

Gina, 7

"God created us to rule the earth. He also wanted us to name the animals. He needed us to take care of the fruit tree. He also wanted us to pray to him and to be with him."

Katharyn, 9

What's Your Answer?

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Carey's Comments!

In the very beginning of the Bible, we learn about one of the things that God does—he creates. God created the earth, the sky and EVERYTHING in the world from nothing! That's pretty amazing. But he's an amazing God. And you know what's even more amazing? This amazing and powerful God loves us more than anything else in his entire creation. In fact, he loves us so much that he sent his only son Jesus to earth to die for our sins.

We can live forever with God in heaven when we're finished living on earth. Yes, God does a lot of things as Hannah, Caleb, Kyle and Trent pointed out. But the greatest thing he does is love us.

Some people say God's creation happened by chance, but how could that be? Did your bicycle come together by itself? No way! That's silly. Someone thought about your bicycle and put it together. Someone had to think a lot about beautiful flowers, singing birds and everything else in creation.

God is very smart. He thought about everything in creation. Look at how everything in creation works together. God thought about air, water, sunlight, plants, animals and people. Then, he spoke with great power, and everything appeared.

Think About This: God created the sun, the moon, the stars and the earth, but you are part of his most important creation.

Memorize This Truth: "God created the sky and the earth" (Genesis 1:1).

Carey's Comments!

God created us because he wanted to have a relationship with us. So I guess he did want someone to walk and talk with him like Carri said. The entire Bible tells us story after story about how God relates to his people.

And as Chelsea said, God created us very special. All of us are special because we are made in God's image. Being created in God's image is as special as it gets.

What does it mean to be created in God's image? Does it mean we look like him? No, God is invisible. Jesus said, "God is spirit. So the people who worship him must worship in spirit and truth" (John 4:24). Just because God is invisible does not mean he is not real. Have you ever seen electricity? All the lights in your house shine because electricity is real, but invisible.

Like God, you have a spirit, and that spirit lives inside your body. When you believe in the Lord Jesus as your savior, God sends the Holy Spirit to live inside of you. God's Spirit will show your spirit how to worship God. In this way, the image of God in you will be complete. God created us so that we could worship him.

God also made us in order to have someone take care of his creation. But before Adam sinned, God told him to take care of the garden in a beautiful place called Eden. God wanted people created in his image to "rule over all the earth" in perfect harmony with his will, but sin messed things up.

Think About This: God created all the animals and plants, but only people are created in his image.

Memorize This Truth: "So God created humans in his own image. He created them to be like himself. He created them male and female" (Genesis 1:27).



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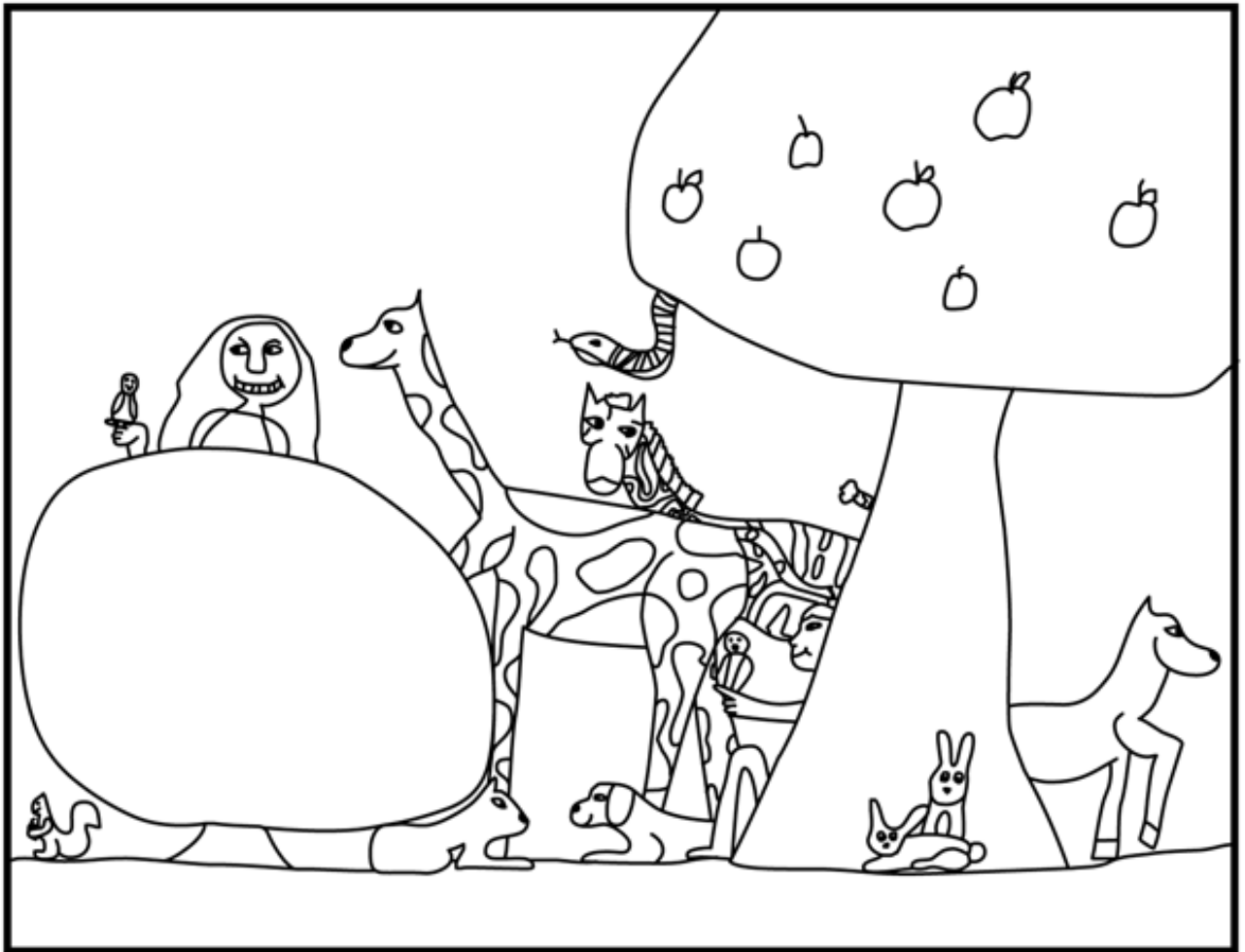
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