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In the name of the  
Father, and the Son, and  
the Holy Spirit, one God.  
Amen.



Begin with the Lord's prayer

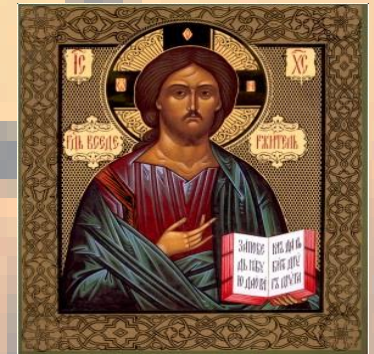
Our Lord and Savior, our King and God, we thank you for gathering us here to stand before you to call on your Holy Name.

Heavenly Father, teach us to trust You in everything we do.

Our God open our eyes, ears, hearts and minds to Your Word today.

Bless all the children and keep them safe. Hear us when we humbly and thankfully pray to you.

Our Father, who art in heaven  
Hallowed be thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done  
On earth as it is in heaven  
Give us this day our daily bread  
And forgive us our trespasses  
As we forgive those who trespass  
against us  
And lead us not into temptation  
But deliver us from the evil one  
For thine is the kingdom, the power,  
and the Glory. Forever, Amen.






O our Lady, as St. Gabriel greeted you,  
"Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with  
you." True Virgin in conscience as well as  
body, blessed are you among women and  
blessed is the fruit of your womb.

Holy Mary, the God-bearer, pray that your  
beloved Son, Jesus Christ, may forgive us  
our sins. Amen.



# Class Covenant

I will keep my  on my teacher,  
my  in control,  
my s on God's Word;  
knowing God is my goal.

# God Created the World



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# Objective

- God made the whole world for us.

This lesson is based on the Scripture found  
in

Genesis 1-5



# Memory Verse

- And God saw that it was good”.  
Genesis 1:25



# Genesis 1:1 illustrated



*"In the beginning God created  
the heaven and the earth."*

Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.



And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and He separated the light from the darkness. God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." **And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.**



And God said, "Let there be an dome between the waters to separate water from water." So God made the dome and separated the water under the dome from the water above it. And it was so. God called the dome "sky." **And there was evening, and there was morning-the second day.**



And God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear." And it was so. God called the dry ground "land," and the gathered waters he called "seas." And God saw that it was good.



Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds." And it was so. The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. **And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day.**



And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark seasons and days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light on the earth." And it was so. God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light on the earth, to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. **And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day.**





And God said, "Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the sky." So God made the great creatures of the sea and every living and moving thing with which the water teems, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth."  
**And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day.**



And God said, "Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: livestock, creatures that move along the ground, and wild animals, each according to its kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.



Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

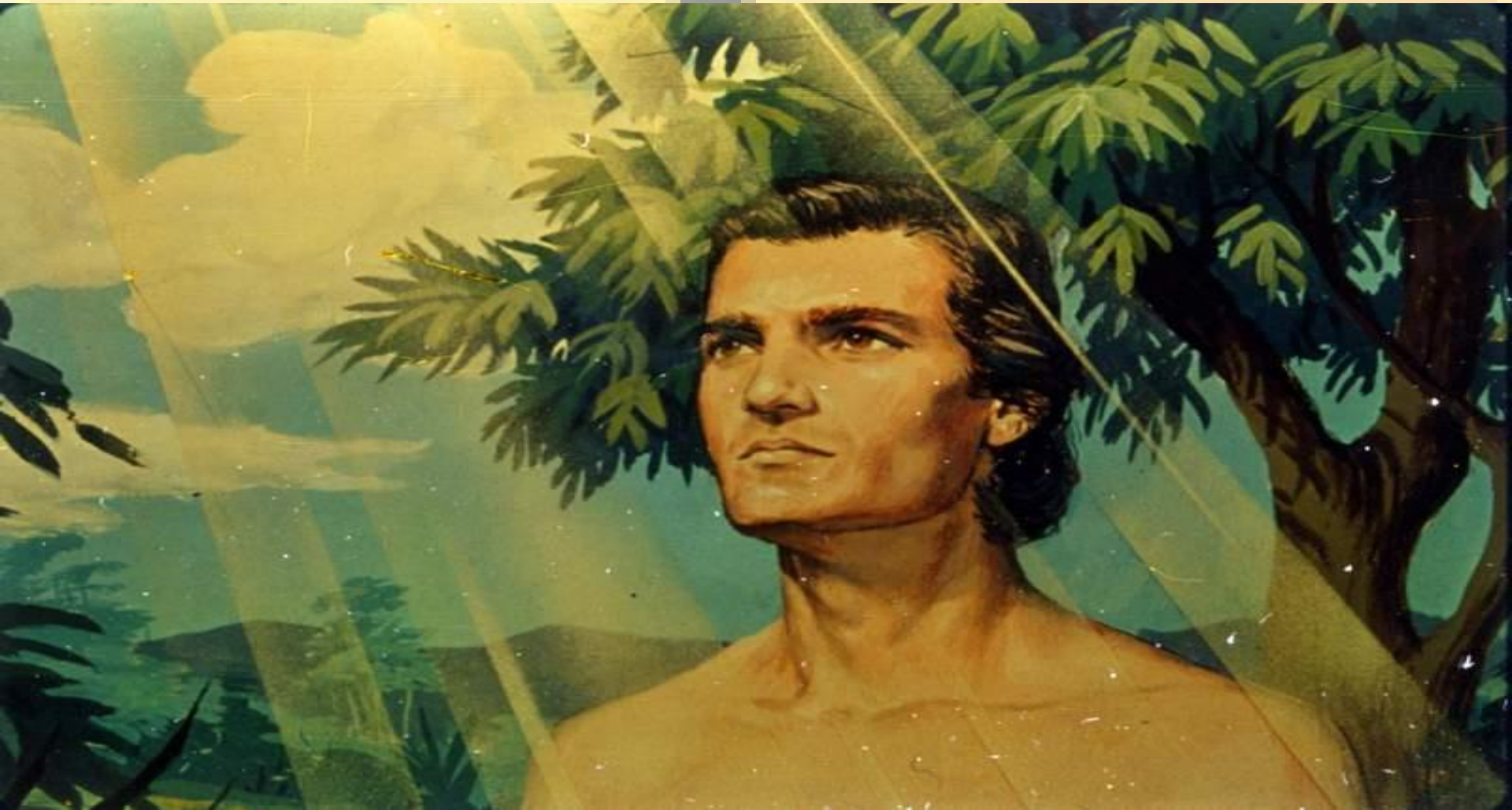


**26a And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness:**

Man was created out of dust.



So God made Adam in his own image, in the image of God he made him. So God made man in his own image, in the image of God he made him. God blessed him and said rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground."



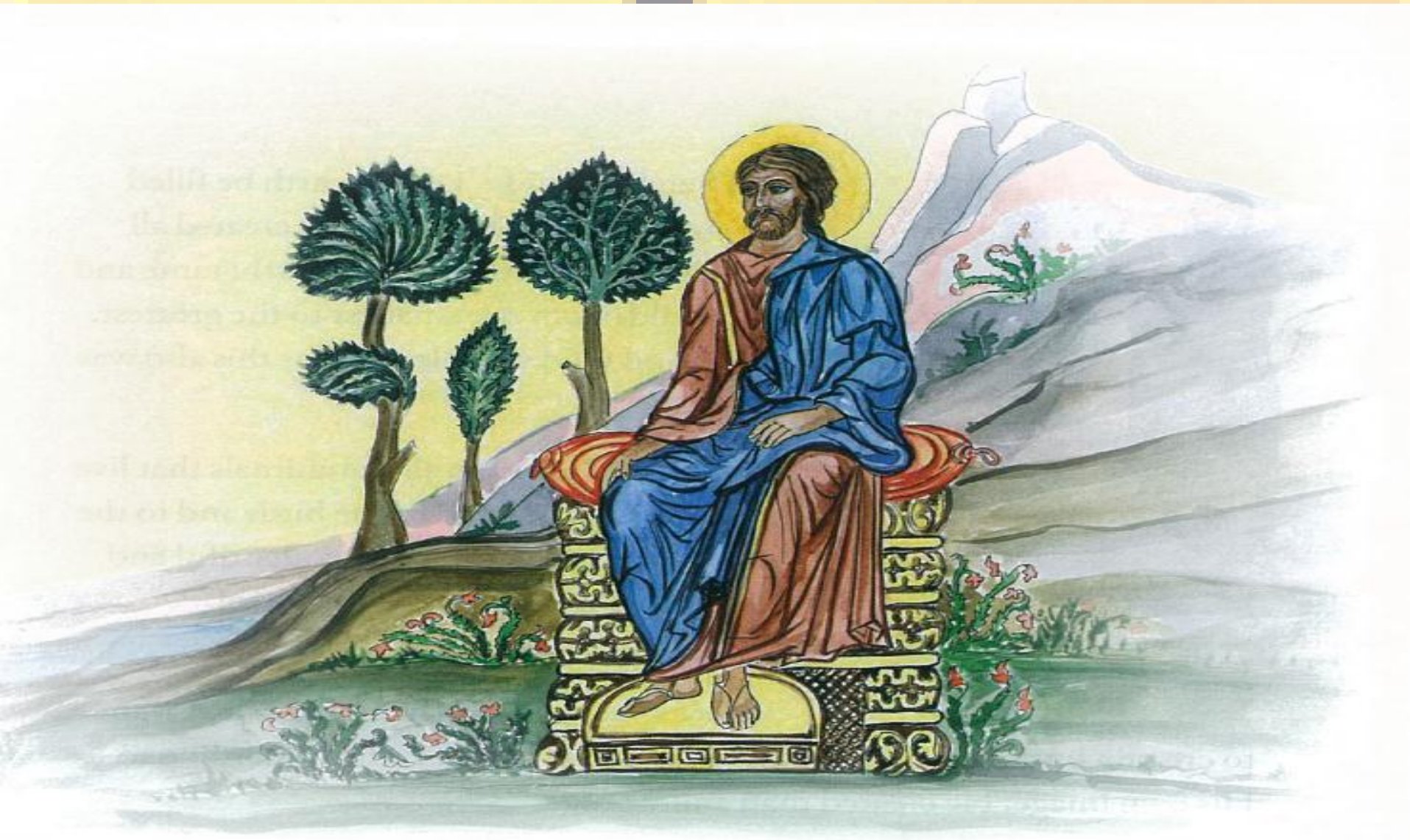
Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds of the air and all the creatures that move on the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food." And it was so.



God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array.



By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. And God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.





Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. And the LORD God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground-trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the **tree of life** ....



and **the tree of the knowledge** of good and evil. And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die."



The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."



Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the beasts of the field and all the birds of the air. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds of the air and all the beasts of the field. But for Adam no suitable helper was found.



So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and closed up the place with flesh. Then the LORD God made a **woman** from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.



The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman, for she was taken out of man.'" For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh. The man and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.



Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. The Serpent speaks to the women, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"



The Woman answers the serpent and said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.





Serpent answers the woman. "You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman. "For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."



When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. The woman was deceived.



She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Adam sins.



Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves. Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden.



But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?"



He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."



And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?"  
The man said, "The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it."



Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

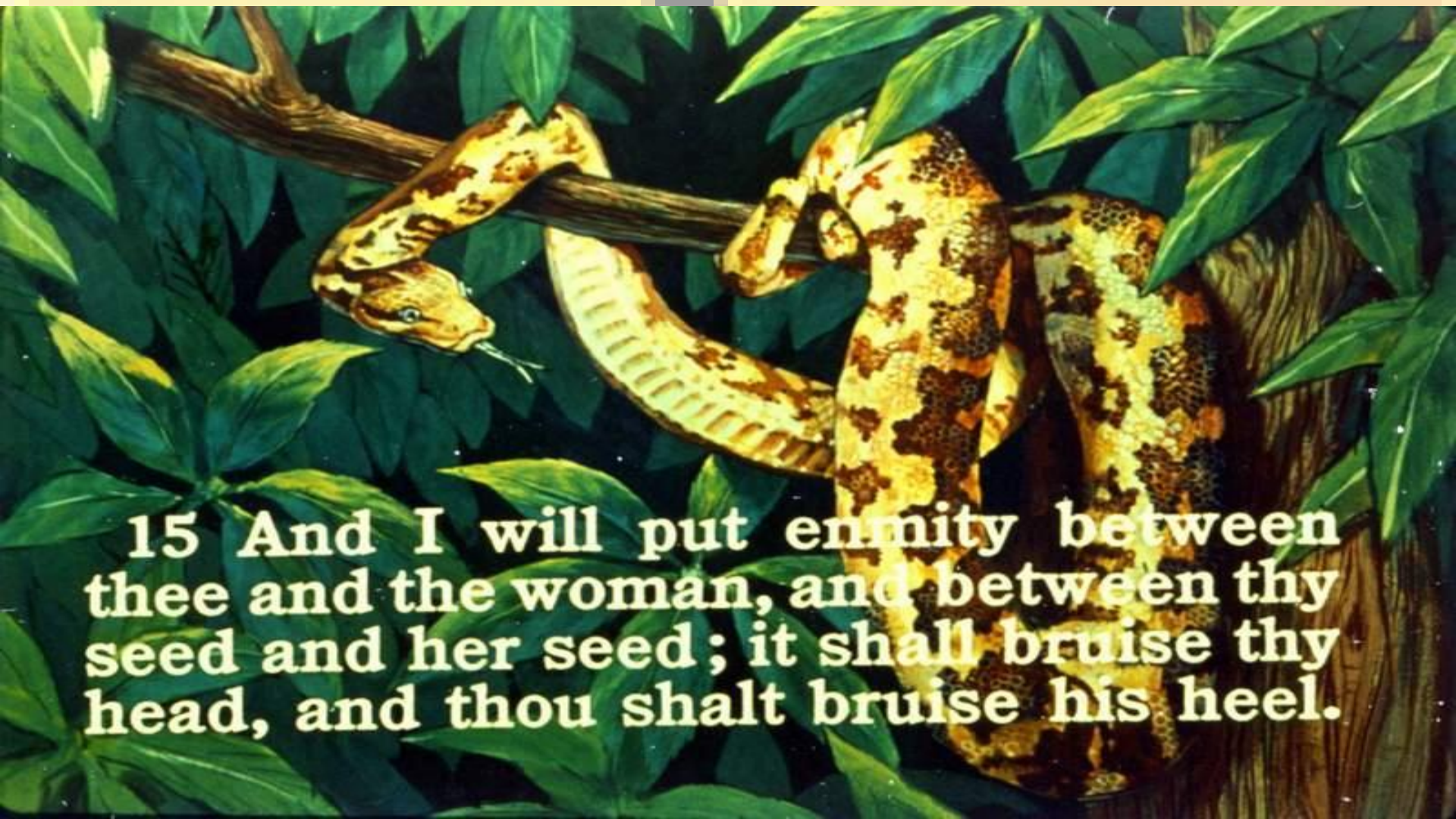




So the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, "Cursed are you above all the livestock and all the wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life.



And I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and hers; he will crush  
your head, and you will strike his heel."



**15 And I will put enmity between  
thee and the woman, and between thy  
seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy  
head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.**

The one that will come from her seed is Jesus and He will be the Savior. Prophecy: death.



To the woman he said, "I will greatly increase your pains in childbearing; with pain you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you." This was the Woman's punishment.



To Adam he said, "Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree about which I commanded you, 'You must not eat of it,' "Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat of it all the days of your life. It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. The ground is cursed.



By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return."



Adam named his wife Eve, because she would become the mother of all the living.

A large crowd of people in a desert landscape, with a woman in a blue dress standing in the foreground. The scene is filled with many people, some in blue robes and others in brown, standing on a dirt path. The background shows a vast, hazy landscape with mountains in the distance.

20 And Ād'ām called his wife's name Ēve; because she was the mother of all-living.

Notice that when God created Eve she was called a woman. It is only after they disobeyed God that she was named Eve by Adam. Eve was called a woman when both her and Adam had perfect relationship with their creator. Some people think that calling someone a woman is a disrespect. “Like get off my back woman!”

As a result some Christians think that Jesus Christ disrespected His holy mother Virgin Mary when he called her woman at the wedding in Cana.



John 2:3 When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine." "Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come." He was actually addressing her with respect. Also Jesus said to his mother, while He hung on the cross, 'Woman, behold your son', 'Son, behold your mother', it was a term of respect.



In Orthodox view point it is not an indication of disrespect. We, Orthodox faithful, cannot even think of Jesus disrespecting His mother. We believe that Jesus repeatedly addresses His mother "woman" in various occasions, because He wants to prove that this woman (Mother Mary) is the woman mentioned in Genesis 3:15 and since He is the Son of this woman, He is the only savior of mankind. When we then look at the New Covenant, Jesus is explicitly referred to as the "New Adam" in 1 Cor. 15:45. And our Lord Jesus Christ Himself indicates that Mary is the prophetic "woman" or "New Eve" of Genesis 3:15. That is His purpose for calling her woman.

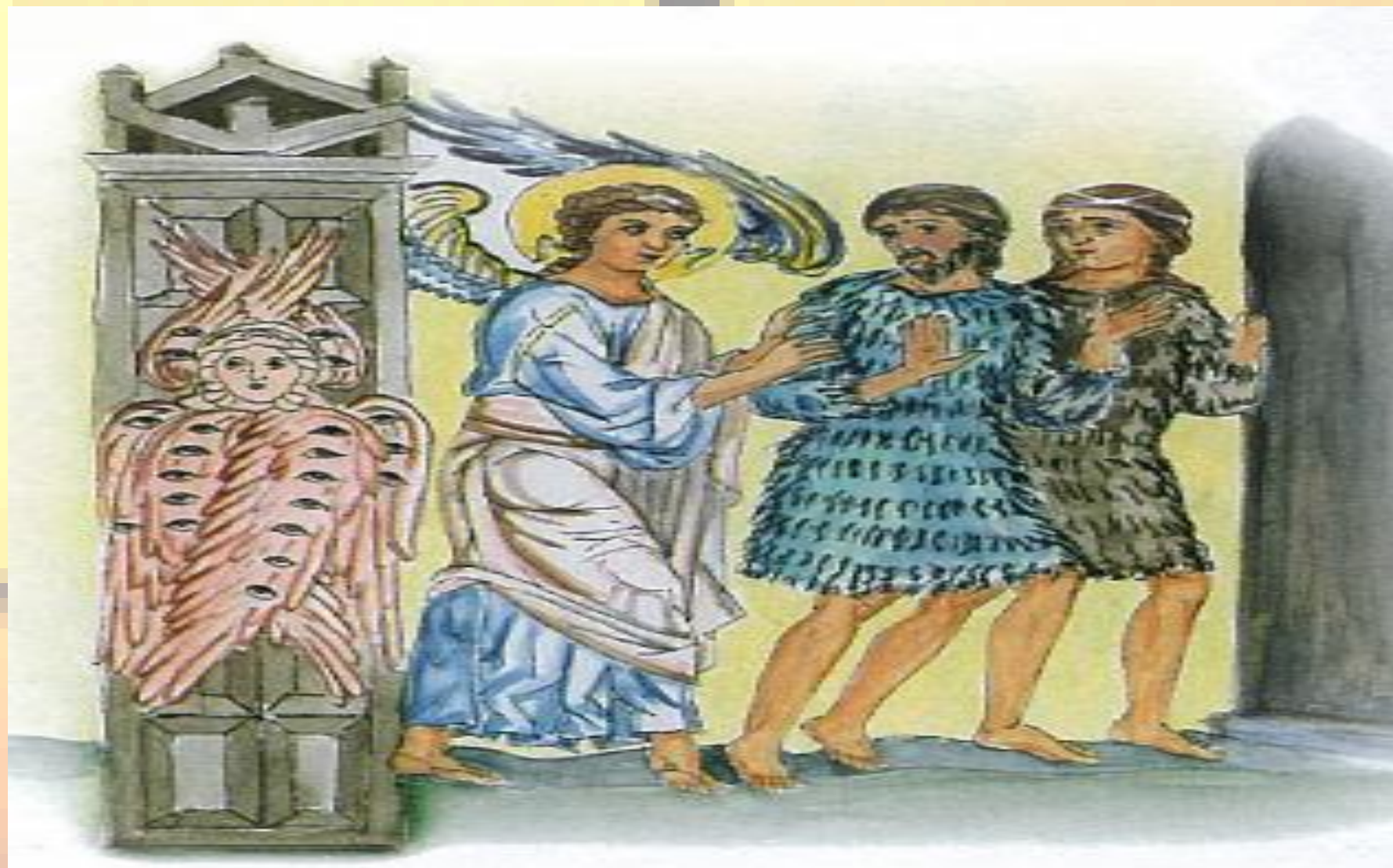
The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them. And the LORD God said, "The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever."



Man driven out. So the LORD God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken



After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.



Eve became pregnant and gave birth to Cain. She said, "With the help of the LORD I have brought forth a man." Later she gave birth to his brother Abel. Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil.



In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the LORD. But Abel brought fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The LORD looked with favor on Abel and his offering, but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor.

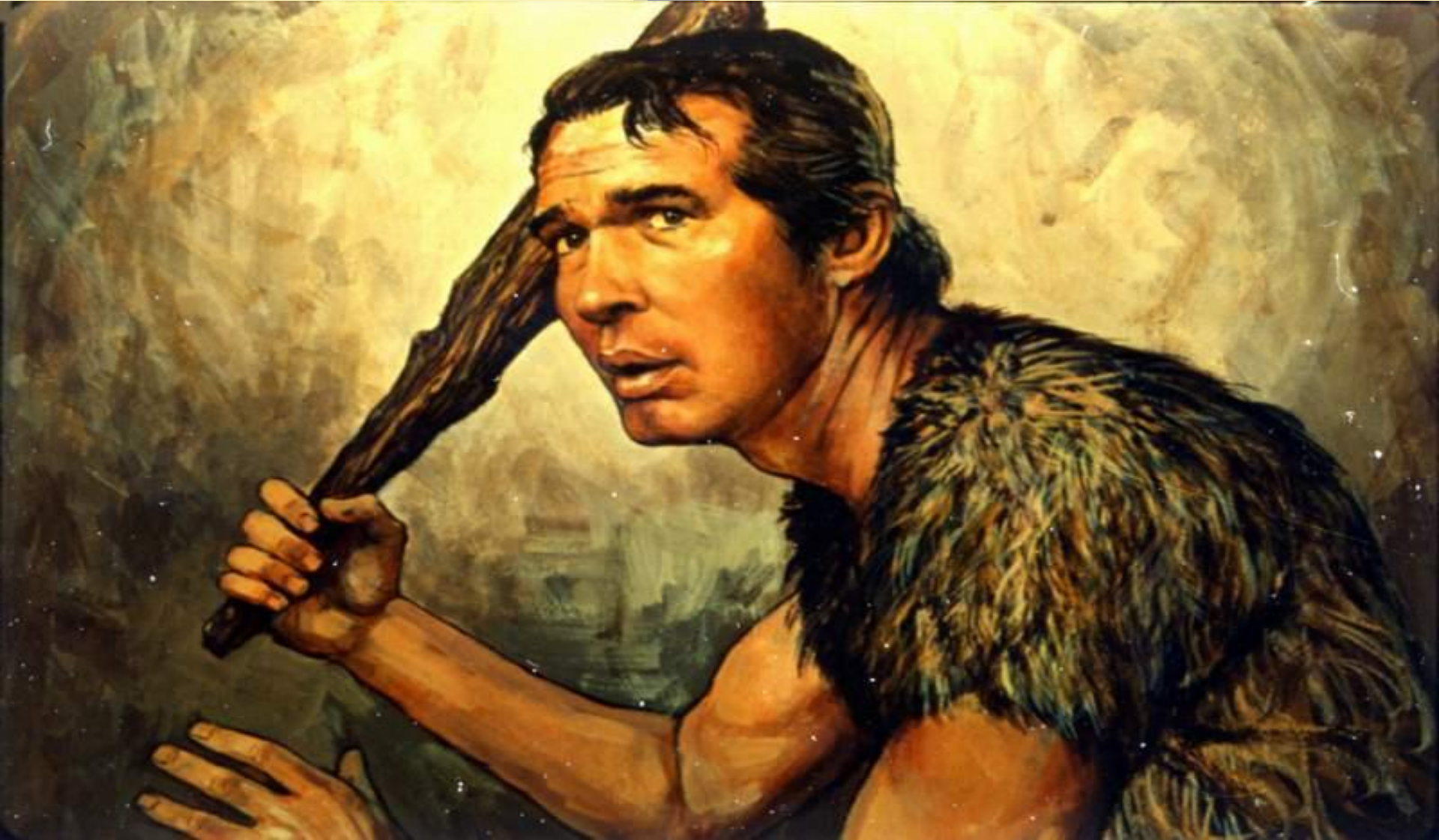


God talks to Cain. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast. Then the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it."





Cain became jealous. One day he said to his brother Abel, "Let's go out to the field."



Cain became jealous. One day he said to his brother Abel, "Let's go out to the field". And while they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him. Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is your brother Abel?" "I don't know," he replied. "Am I my brother's keeper?"



The LORD said, "What have you done? Listen! Your brother's blood cries out to me from the ground. Now you are under a curse and driven from the ground, which opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. When you work the ground, it will no longer yield its crops for you.



You will be a restless wanderer on the earth." Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is more than I can bear. Today you are driving me from the land, and I will be hidden from your presence; I will be a restless wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me."



So Cain left the land with his wife, where God had spoken to him and went somewhere else to live.



# Conclusion

God created the whole world and Adam in six days and He rested on the seventh day.

We must thank God when we pray for the things he created for us such as the sun, plants and animals.

God gave Adam authority over all animals and all of them, even the fierce ones, lived with Adam in peace.

God knows what we need and He always gives us good things. He gave Adam a friend and a wife to make him happy. He also wants us to be happy and He gives us the things we need to make us happy.

Just because something looks nice, doesn't mean it's good for you. If God tells us to do or not to do something we have to listen to Him and do as He told us.

# Movie Clip

Show a short movie clip about the story, if available.



# Questions

- 1. In the beginning, what does the Bible say God done?  
(He made the heavens and the earth)**
- 2. In what book of the Bible do we find the creation story?  
(Genesis)**
- 3. How many days did it take God to create all that He  
made? (6 days)**
- 4. Do you remember what day God made man? (the 6th  
day)**
- 5. Do you remember what God said after He was done  
creating for the day? (He saw that it was good)**



# Questions

**6. Do you know how long it took God to make the heavens and the earth?**

**Did it take...**

**3 days 1 day 7 days 6 days**

**7. Do you remember what God done on the 7th day? Did He...**

**Make dinner Rested from all his work Made music**

**8. What day did God make man? Was it the...**

**First day Sixth day Fifth day**

**9. Do you remember the name of the garden where Adam and Eve were?**

**Was it...**

**Adam's Garden The Garden of God The Garden of Eden**

**10. What did God place at the garden after Adam and Eve disobeyed God.**

**A fence Dogs Cherubim**

**11. God cared so much for Adam and Eve that he made something for them; do you remember what that was?**

**Flowers for their hair Garments A puppy dog**



The End

# Next Week

We will learn about  
Noah—The wickedness  
of people destroys the  
world.



# JESUS CHRIST

- “For there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12)



Any question?

Close with prayer.

