

## ***IN THE BEGINNING***

Genesis 2:4–25

*“The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden  
to work it and take care of it.” Genesis 2:15*

1. Read Genesis 2:4–25. Genesis 2 focuses on the creation of humanity. How does man become a living being? (vs. 7) What does that show about our relationship to God and our ability to live apart from God? (Reflect on Job 34:14–15 and Psalm 104:29.)
2. Describe the garden where the Lord God puts the man, Adam. (vss. 8–10) How does this beautiful garden reflect God’s heart toward the humans made in his image?
3. What were man’s tasks in the garden? (vs. 15)
4. Scan this chapter and peek ahead to Genesis 3:8. What did the relationship between Adam and Eve and God look like in the garden?
5. In the midst of all God’s good gifts, what is the one thing Adam and Eve are not to do? (vss. 16–17) What does God say will result from disobedience to this one command? (vs. 17)
6. What does God say the consequence for sin will be for us if we disobey his commands? (Romans 6:23) What hope do we then have? (Acts 16:30–31; Romans 10:9–10; 1 John 1:9)
7. The statement “It is not good” (vs.18) means that something in God’s creation is not yet complete. What is missing from God’s creation and why is this a problem? (vs. 18; recall Genesis 1:27–28a)

8. How is Eve's origin different from Adam's? (vss. 7, 21–22)
  
9. What characterizes the relationship between Adam and Eve? (vss. 23–25)
  
10. How does the relationship between Adam and Eve mirror God's relationship with his people, then and now? (Deuteronomy 13:4; Hosea 2:19; Ephesians 5:31–33)