

# VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH –YOUTH WORK

## Sunday morning teaching plan



Date: 18th August 2024

<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>1. ADAM AND EVE Genesis ch2</b>
<b>THEME:</b>	God's perfect plan with humans made for a purpose
<b>AIM:</b>	YPs should understand that they are made in God's image for a purpose

### BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

Genesis Ch1-3 is a beautiful piece of literature. The aim is **NOT** to debate if it is literal or poetic parable / mythology. If YPs ask, then allow some time to share different views (see resources section). It is important to note that Ch1 and 2 are different creation stories. Ch1 is an overview and Ch2 deals specifically with the creation of humanity. God has created an amazing world, filled with beautiful plants and animals, and humans are the pinnacle of it. They have a special purpose: to worship God and care for His creation.

### WARM UP IDEAS (you can create your own if you wish)

Using anything like play dough, Jenga bricks, paper to draw or create your perfect house/garden/ bedroom etc. Give them a time limit of 2 minutes. Judge the best!

Discuss: what is the best thing about the planet? Who is the most perfect famous person –either looks or brains or both or achievements etc

If you were in charge and could re-make the world... would you do it differently?

What does paradise mean to you?

### MAIN TEACHING

**READ: Ch 2:4-7 Then in small groups answer these questions and feedback**

1. What does the passage reveal about why there is life on earth?
2. Look at verse 7 and compare it with Ch 1:26-27. How are humans different from other animals?
3. What do you think it means "So God created mankind in His own image"?

**Key teaching:** God is the author of creation (however He did it) Without God there would be no life .

In ch 1 God speaks (His word) and creation takes place. God's creation is Good. Refer back to Ch 1. How many times is "good" used? Therefore we are God's creations and we were intended to be good.

However, sin got in the way (next week's session). We are image bearers of God, we have the potential to reflect God beautifully. How should this change the way we feel about ourselves? Should we take notice of others/social media etc. or take notice of scripture—that we are made in God's image?

**READ: Ch2 :8-17. In groups discuss the questions and feedback**

1. Does the description of Eden sound good or bad? ( yes, I know there's no electric or wifi!)
2. What was the one instruction give to Adam?
3. "Eden" means paradise, bliss or delight? How was this garden a paradise?
4. What do you think is the importance of the two trees that are mentioned?

**Key Teaching**

The purpose of the garden is that it was a picture of rest or ease. Our lives were meant to be easy in relationship with God in person (ch 3:8). God had provided everything we needed, our role was to tend and care for God's creation. The trees represent a choice between life and death. The tree of life is a picture of life with God, the tree of knowledge of good and evil represents rejection of God and going our own way. God has created us with a two fold purpose to worship Him as creator and to care for His creation. We can choose to do this or reject it.

**READ Ch 2:18-25. In groups discuss the questions and feedback**

1. What do we learn about human relationships from this passage?
2. Can we learn anything about human relationship to nature (animals?)
3. What can we learn about the relationship between men and women?

**Key Teaching**

Humans are not meant to be alone, we are social creatures. In ancient times giving something/someone a name gives you power over them. Humans were given authority over the animals Ch1:28. They are not equal to humans. One of our roles is to subdue/use and care for nature. Men and women are partners made for each other, we are interdependent. "Helper" does not signify inferiority in the Hebrew. Some Christians believe that men take the lead in family and Church. Supported in the NT.

**TAKEAWAY**

We are God's creations made in His image. This should help us feel valued and loved. We have a purpose; to worship God and to care for His creation. Men and women were made to be partners.

**ACTIVITY IDEA:-** Use outline of a person. Add personal name then add sentences about purpose.

See next page. ( small A5 version will be available)

**RESOURCES.**

Christians differ on how to interpret Gen1-3. Some believe it is a literal seven days taking place about 6-7 thousand yrs. ago. It is as described in the Bible. Others view it as poetry, as in Hebrew it has all the hallmarks of poetry. It is designed to teach about God. Still others suggest that it provides a simple version of what we now understand using scientific technique. (Remember science is only discovering what God has achieved!) Reassure YPs that believing or not believing in one view or another does not change your salvation or relationship with Jesus.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8\\_XyX44Yde4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8_XyX44Yde4) (Music video –creation Phil Wickham) Play at start?

I am an  
\_\_\_\_\_  
bearer of GOD

I am made to  
\_\_\_\_\_  
God

Genesis Ch. 2  
says....

MY NAME IS

God has  
commanded me to  
\_\_\_\_\_ for His  
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Men and women  
are  
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