

Best Story Ever: 1. Creation (Genesis 2:4-25)

Text questions

1. Genesis 2 shows God's original design for humanity and the world before sin. What are its features?
2. In verses 16-17, God commands the man not to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Does the text explain why? What do you think is the significance of this?
3. According to Genesis 1:27-28, the man and the woman are similar in that both are made in the image of God, both are blessed, and both are given dominion over creation. With the help of the chart below, how according to Genesis 2 are they different? What do you make of this?

	Man	Woman
Where created?		
When created?		
How created?		
Other?		

4. According to verse 24, what three things take place in marriage? How do different cultures (past or present) live these things out? What do you think they ought to look like in our culture today?
5. Genesis 1-2 says *that* God created, *what* God created, and even *how* God created. But surprisingly, it never says *why* God created. What do you think His reason was?

Life questions

1. Circle three words below describing how you currently perceive God. Why did you pick those words?
2. Now underline three words that describe God in the text. Is it easy for you to think of God this way?
3. What do you think is God's original design for *you*? In other words, who would you be in a world without sin and brokenness?

Aloof	Cruel	Involved	Unpredictable
Angry	Dictatorial	Judgmental	Unreliable
Apathetic	Distant	Kind	Unsafe
Awe-inspiring	Friendly	Loving	Vague
Beautiful	Frustrating	Powerful	Warm
Burdensome	Harsh	Punishing	<i>Other?</i>
Cold	Indulgent	Stern	
Confusing	Intimate	Trustworthy	