

Today:
September 8, 2013

Scripture Focus: Genesis 1:1-2:3; 2:4-25

“First this: God created the Heavens and Earth—all you see, all you don’t see. Earth was a soup of nothingness, a bottomless emptiness, an inky blackness. God’s Spirit brooded like a bird above the watery abyss.” (Genesis 1:1-2, Message)

“God spoke: ‘Let us make human beings in our image, make them reflecting our nature so they can be responsible for the fish in the sea, the birds in the air, the cattle, and, yes, Earth itself, and every animal that moves on the face of Earth.’ God created human beings; he created them godlike, reflecting God’s nature. He created them male and female.” (Genesis 1:26-28, Message)

“God looked over everything he had made; it was so good, so very good!” (Genesis 1:31a, Message)

“At the time God made Earth and Heaven, before any grasses or shrubs had sprouted from the ground—God hadn’t yet sent rain on Earth, nor was there anyone around to work the ground (the whole Earth was watered by underground springs)—God formed Man out of dirt from the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life. The Man came alive—a living soul!” (Genesis 2:5-7, Message)

“God put the Man into a deep sleep. As he slept he removed one of his ribs and replaced it with flesh. God then used the rib that he had taken from the Man to make Woman and presented her to the Man. The Man said, ‘Finally! Bone of my bone, flesh of my flesh! Name her Woman for she was made from Man.’ Therefore a man leaves his father and mother and embraces his wife. They become one flesh. The two of them, the Man and his Wife, were naked, but they felt no shame.” (Genesis 2:21-25, Message)

Notes from Worship:

(What caught your attention? What do you want to reflect on more this week?)

Notes from Formation Station:

(Prayer, Bible Study, Discussion, Visual Arts, Peace)

Family Discussion Questions:

- What do the creation stories teach us about God?
- What do they teach us about people?
- Which story captures your imagination? Why?

This Week: **September 9-14**

Scripture Readings:

Monday 9/9	Tuesday 9/10	Wednesday 9/11	Thursday 9/12	Friday 9/13	Saturday 9/14
Genesis 12-13	Genesis 14-16	Genesis 17-19	Genesis 20-23	Genesis 24-26	Genesis 27-29

Questions for Reflection:

These Questions are to help get you thinking about the readings for each day. Feel free to also jot down other questions and insights gained through your reading.

Monday

- What catches your attention about God's call to Abram in Genesis 12:1-3?

Tuesday

- What are God's promises to Abram in Genesis 15? Why are these important?

Wednesday

- What is Abraham to do in response to God's covenant (Genesis 17)?

Thursday

- What strikes you about the story of God testing Abraham in Genesis 22?

Friday

- What do you make of the story of Jacob and Esau's births and growing up years (Genesis 25:19-29)?

Saturday

- What is the significance of Jacob's blessing (Genesis 27)?

Scripture Memory:

Our first memory text is ***Deuteronomy 26:5-10a***. We will keep this "Covenant Recital" in the back of our minds until we get to the Prophets. Take some time this week to begin memorizing this text as well as any other text that you would like to put to memory.

Next Sunday: September 15

Theme: "Fall Stories"

Scripture Focus: *Genesis 3:1-24; 4:1-16; 6:1-9:17; 11:1-9*