

# GOD IS MY FRIEND

Preschool  
Week 2

## PARENT BIBLE STUDY

### Read: Genesis 2

When God created Adam and Eve, they were perfect human beings. Eden was also a perfect place where Adam and Eve enjoyed perfect communion with God. It was a flawless representation of God's kingdom: God's people (Adam and Eve) living under God's rule and God's blessing, perfectly. Adam and Eve in Eden can teach us a couple things about our own kingdoms (the people and things God has entrusted to us).

Adam and Eve took care of the garden together. When Adam named the animals, he couldn't find a single one like him. None of them were suitable helpers, and Adam's loneliness was the only thing God called "not good" in all of creation. He needed a companion that complimented him. So God created Eve to stand right beside Adam and together they took care of the garden. Your kingdom may not include a husband or a wife, but God created all people to live in community. We were not meant to oversee our kingdom in isolation. We need people around us, standing beside us in authentic relationship and complimenting us to help us wisely care for what God has given to us.

Adam and Eve cared for their kingdom. Theirs was perfect, so they didn't have to make anything better, but God did give them power over it. They had a responsibility to take care of it. The people and things in our kingdom are NOT perfect. But God has given us power over our kingdoms, too. God doesn't need us, but he trusts us with a piece of what is already his. And our responsibility is to care for and to restore the things in our kingdom to what God originally intended.

This all sounds good, but sometimes we feel alone, like Adam was without Eve. Sometimes we feel incapable, or tired. However, we have all we need in Jesus, who came as the ultimate Restorer. He stands beside us and before us (Psalm 139:5), and his power lives inside of us (Romans 8:11) so that like Adam and Eve in Eden, we too can live under God's rule and blessing, caring well for what he has entrusted to us.

"And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you," 1 Peter 5:10.

**What has God entrusted to you (what/who is in your kingdom)?**

**What are some ways you are using the gifts God gave you to care for and restore pieces of your kingdom?**