

TEMPLATES

ORIGINAL SOLITUDE

- Print these circles on card stock. Cut them out and place them in the small beige/tan envelope labeled "Original Solitude."

*God created the
whole earth and made man
in his image and likeness,
“male and female
he created them.”*



Franz Francken the Younger
The Creation of Eve (17th century)

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*Adam was given
the task of naming the
animals. In the process
he learned of his unique
relationship with God
and that he is
a person.*



Theophanes the Cretan,
Adam Naming the Animals (16th century)

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There are two accounts of creation in Genesis. Both describe God creating the world out of love.

God is very intentional in his act of creating. What order do you see in creation? See Genesis 1:1–2:3.

Who is given the task of subduing and ruling? What do you think this means? Are all creatures capable of this? See Genesis 1:28.

Does God speak of his likeness with any other creature? What do you think this means for man? What are some signs that God loves man and cares for creation? See Genesis 1:26–28, 29–30; 2:15–17, 18–20.

In the second creation account, Genesis 2:4–25 we hear of man (adam) being formed from the dust of the ground (adamah). What do you think the relationship between these words, adam and adamah, might be? In verse 23 we hear of man (ish) and woman (ishah). What do you think the relationship between these two words might be?

Man is a covenant partner with God. God gives him special power over creation. What kind of choices can man make? See Genesis 2:15–17. Are there other creatures given a choice?

Man is able to cultivate and transform the earth according to his needs (see Genesis 2:15). Do any other creatures do this in the same way?

When we look carefully we see how intentional God is about creation and caring for man. How does God invite man into relationship?