

TEMPLATES

ORIGINAL UNITY

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

God says it is
not good for man to
be alone and decides to make
a helper fit for him.
The man confirms that he is
alone as he names the animals
and finds no one
like himself.



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

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God puts the man
into a deep sleep and creates
woman out of his rib.
When God presents her
to the man, he sings
a song because she
is like him.



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

*Man images
God in his humanity
and also through the
communion
of persons.*



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When God looks out over creation he repeatedly sees that it is good, however, there is something that he mentions is not good. What does he notice that is not good? See Genesis 2:18.

The man is given a few experiences that are not given to the animals:

Genesis 2:15

Genesis 2:16–17

Genesis 2:19–20

What does man do in creation that the animals do not? What does God do with man that he doesn't do with the other creatures? What does God say to man? What does it mean that man can give names to the animals? Does he have an ability to understand right from wrong since he knows that eating from one tree in the garden will cause death? The man learns more about himself as he interacts with the world. He confirms through his own experience what God had said: he is alone.

How do you think these experiences help the man understand himself? Who is the man like?

- These are used for filling in the blanks on the first large text card:

The man cultivates and cares for the garden.

The man can eat from any tree except the tree of knowledge of good and evil. This is because eating from the tree of knowledge of good and evil causes death.

The man names all the animals.

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Realizing he is alone, the man seeks to understand himself: who is he? Why is he put in this garden? What is his purpose?

*God provides another way for the man to know himself; he creates a helper fit for him.
See Genesis 2:21–22.*

Did the man know what would happen when he was put into a deep sleep? Was he anticipating or expecting the woman? How does the man respond when he sees the woman (see Genesis 2:22)? Does Scripture mention he responded this way to any of the animals? Why do you think he is so excited?

Adam and Eve exist in a communion of persons, which means that they are in relationship with each other. In fact their relationship with each other helps them to be themselves. A communion of persons can only exist when there are two that are the same, but different: both human being, but one is male and one is female.