

IN THE BEGINNING: STUDENT PACKET

ORIGINAL NAKEDNESS (PART 1)



Name: _____



1) How would I feel if others made fun of me?

God sees all of your flaws and perfections. He loves you and knows who you really are. You are his loving gift to the world! God's original plan was for us to see one another the way he sees us. You are a gift to the world and all of God's creation was created as a gift from God to you.

2) All of creation is a gift from God to you. List some of God's creations that you are thankful for below:

A FOOD: _____

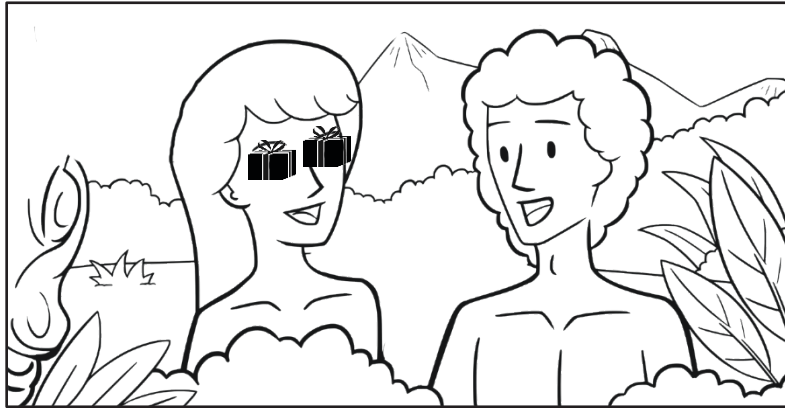
A PERSON: _____

AN ANIMAL: _____

AN ACTIVITY: _____

3) Adam and Eve (the first human persons) saw one another as a loving gift from God. In Genesis 2:23, we see Adam at the moment he received Eve as a gift. He exclaims: “This one, at last, is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh!”

Draw some gift boxes over the eyes of Adam to show that he was able to see Eve as a loving gift from God.



4) Read Genesis 1:27 and then answer the following questions.

How many times is the word “created” repeated? _____

In Scripture, when something is repeated _____ times (answer from above), it is a sign of perfection.

What did God create in Genesis 1:27 that was perfect? _____

What does this tell us about the way God sees us? _____

The Bible tells us that Adam and Eve (the first human persons) were naked. The Bible was written in a different language than our language. This means we sometimes miss the full meaning of the words in the Bible.

The word “naked” meant more than simply being without clothes. It tells us that Adam and Eve’s eyes were fully open to see as God sees! They could see each other (body and soul) as a good and loving gift from God.



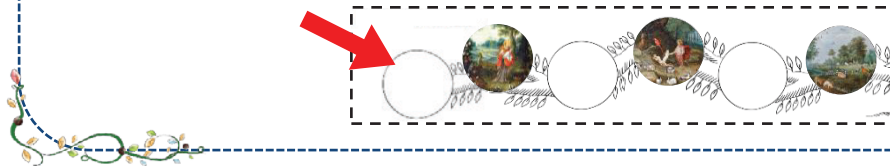


- 5) Read Genesis 1:4, 1:10, 1:12, 1:16-18, 1:21, 1:25, 1:27, and 1:31. Answer the following questions below.

What phrase is repeated in the verses? _____

Do you think God was pleased with what he has created? _____

God sees the world with such loving eyes. He created everything good and loves all of his creation. The crown of God's creation is the human person, whom he created in his image and likeness. God created the man and woman as gifts for each other. In the first empty circle of your timeline draw a heart to represent God's love for human persons.



- 6) Read 1 John 4:8. Fill in the blanks and answer the questions below.

"Whoever is without _____ does not know God, for God is _____."

What do you think is God's reason for creating?

- 7) Read Genesis 2:25 and answer the questions below.

In the beginning, Adam and Eve (the first human persons) were

_____. This word meant more than just being without clothes.

Unscramble the letters and fill in the blank above:

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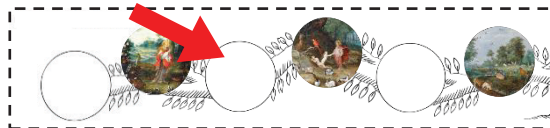
In the beginning, Adam and Eve (the first human persons) were naked. The word “naked” meant more than simply being without clothes. What else does it tell us about Adam and Eve? Check the box that applies below.

- ☐ Adam and Eve’s eyes were fully open to see as God sees. They could see each other (body and soul) as a good and loving gift from God.
- ☐ Adam and Eve looked at each other with hatred.
- ☐ Adam and Eve did not know that they were a gift from God.

When we sin, we feel shame and wish to hide what we have done.

In the beginning, Adam and Eve (the first human persons) had nothing to hide. They were completely open to God and his creation. Adam and Eve’s eyes were also fully open to see as God sees! They could see each other (body and soul) as a good and loving gift from God.

In the second circle of your timeline write the word OPEN to show that Adam and Eve are open to each other as gifts, open to receive the gift of creation, and open to God their loving creator.



8) Read Genesis 1:27-29 and then answer the following question.

God gives human persons the task of cultivating and caring for his creation. Name one way that you can care for God’s gift of his creation below.

I can care for God’s gift of the ocean by...





I can care for God's gift of the birds by...

I can care for God's gift of other human persons by...

I am a gift from God. I can care for the gift of myself (body and soul) by...

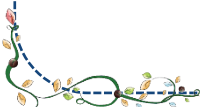
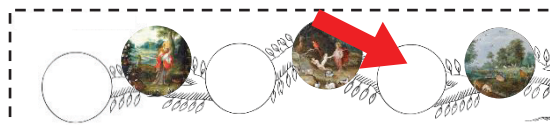
Before original sin, Adam and Eve (the first human persons) could see each other the way God sees. Their complete openness to God's gift is called **ORIGINAL NAKEDNESS**.

Before original sin, there were no barriers in the way of seeing God's amazing gift of the human person. Adam and Eve were naked without shame.

Today, we cover our bodies to help us gaze at each other with respect and love.

God gave Adam and Eve to each other as gifts. Then God gave the rest of creation to them as a gift so that they could take care of it and receive food, clothing, and shelter from it.

In the third blank circle of your timeline, draw the image of a gift to symbolize how God, Adam, and Eve saw all of creation.



Genesis 1:27

God created mankind in his image; in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

Genesis 1:4

God saw that the light was good.

Genesis 1:10

God called the dry land “earth,” and the basin of water he called “sea.” God saw that it was good.

Genesis 1:12

...the earth brought forth vegetation: every kind of plant that bears seed and every kind of fruit tree that bears fruit with its seed in it. God saw that it was good.

Genesis 1:16-18

God made the two great lights, the greater one to govern the day, and the lesser one to govern the night, and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to illuminate the earth, to govern the day and the night, and to separate the light from the darkness...and God saw that it was good.

Genesis 1:21

So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

Genesis 1:25

And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the cattle according to their kinds, and everything that creeps upon the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

Genesis 1:27, 31

God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.... And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good.

1 John 4:8

He who does not love does not know God; for God is love.





Genesis 2:25

The man and his wife were both naked, yet they felt no shame.

Genesis 1:27-29

God created man in his own image.... And God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food.”



ORIGINAL NAKEDNESS



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IN THE BEGINNING

Original Nakedness

In the beginning, man and the woman are naked. That nakedness is more than their bodies being physically naked. It also refers to the openness of the man and the woman to each other, God, and the world.

Man and woman see creation the way God sees creation: everything is good and a gift.