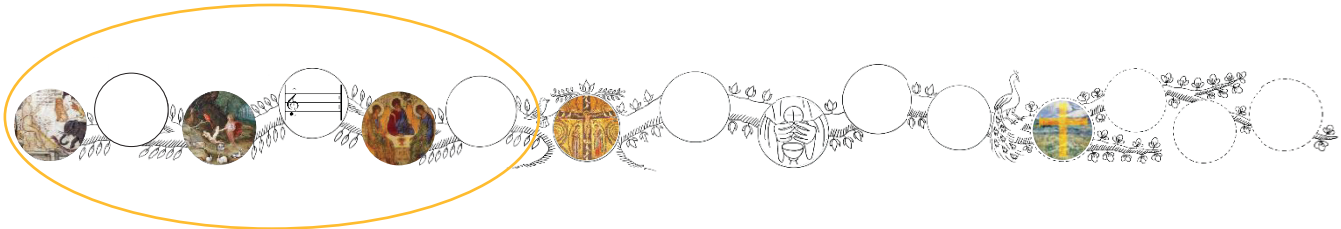




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1) Write 3-5 sentences describing your earliest memory of someone helping you.

2) Read Genesis 2:18. Answer the question below.

When God looks out over creation, he repeatedly sees that it is good; however, there is something that he says is not good.

What does God say is not good? _____

Adam (the first human person) was alone in the garden with God before original sin. His experience of being alone or “solitude” is called ORIGINAL SOLITUDE.

God then gave Adam and Eve to one another. We call this ORIGINAL UNITY. At last, Adam is given a partner who is like him (human), but different (female).



3) Draw a line to match the following human experiences to their corresponding Scripture verses.

Genesis 2:15	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.
Genesis 2:16-17	The man names all the animals.
Genesis 2:19-20	The man cultivates and cares for the garden.

God says it is not good for man to be alone. Adam (the first human person) names all the animals and sees that none of them is a human person like himself. Draw a magnifying glass in the second circle of your timeline to show Adam's search for another human person like himself.



There are two ways to be human: male and female. Adam and Eve (the first human persons) saw that being created male and female was an invitation to something great. They could give their lives to one another in the Sacrament of Marriage and share in God's creative power by having families. This is only possible because God made them male and female.


4) Read GENESIS 2:21-23. Answer the questions below.

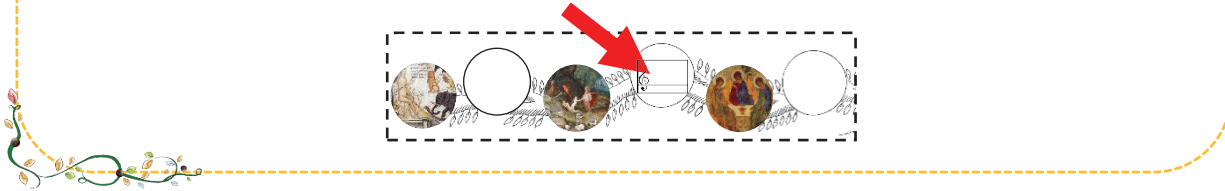
How did Adam respond when he saw Eve? _____

Did Adam respond this way when he saw the animals? _____

Why do you think Adam reacted this way when he saw Eve? _____

God says it is not good for man to be alone and decides to create a helper for him. God puts Adam (the first human person) into a deep sleep and creates Eve out of his rib. When God presents Adam and Eve to each other, Adam sings a song of joy because there is another human person like himself in the world.

Draw some musical notes  on the lines in the fourth circle of your timeline to show Adam's joy of discovering another human person.



ORIGINAL UNITY reminds us that we are called to be helpers to one another. Being a helper to another requires that we give ourselves as a gift to them. Men and women can make a special gift of self in the Sacrament of Marriage, but we are called every day to be helpers to our family, friends, and fellow human beings.





5) Circle TRUE or FALSE for the following statements. If the statement is false, correct the statement to make it true by re-writing it under the box.

TRUE FALSE Adam and Eve are equal in value.

TRUE FALSE The animals were not perfect helpers to Adam.

TRUE FALSE God says it is good for man to be alone.

TRUE FALSE Adam was not excited when God created Eve.

TRUE FALSE Adam and Eve were created to be helpers to each other.

When Adam was alone in the garden, he discovered answers to life's deep questions:

WHO AM I? I am a human person. I am unique combination of body and soul created in the image and likeness of the Trinity. **WHY DID GOD CREATE ME?** God created me out of love. **WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF MY LIFE?** I am created to be a helper and make a gift of myself to others.

6) Take a moment to reflect on who you are, why God put you here, and what your purpose is. Complete the sentences below. (Read the box above for help.)

I am...

God created me because...

The purpose of my life is...

Adam and Eve saw that being created male and female was an invitation to something great. They could give their lives to one another in the Sacrament of Marriage and share in God's creative power by having a family. This is only possible because God made them male and female.

ORIGINAL UNITY reminds us that we are called to make a gift of self to others. Men and women can make a special gift of self in the Sacrament of Marriage, but we are all called to be helpers to our family, friends, and fellow human beings.

Write the words "GIFT OF SELF" in the sixth circle of your timeline to show that we are created to be helpers by giving the gift of ourselves to one another.





Genesis 2:15

The LORD God then took the man and settled him in the garden of Eden, to cultivate and care for it.

Genesis 2:16-17

The LORD God gave the man this order: You are free to eat from any of the trees of the garden except the tree of knowledge of good and evil. From that tree you shall not eat; when you eat from it you shall die.

Genesis 2:18

The LORD God said: It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suited to him.

Genesis 2:19-20

So the LORD God formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds of the air, and he brought them to the man to see what he would call them; whatever the man called each living creature was then its name. The man gave names to all the tame animals, all the birds of the air, and all the wild animals; but none proved to be a helper suited to the man.

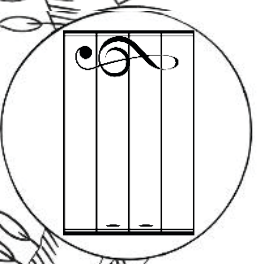
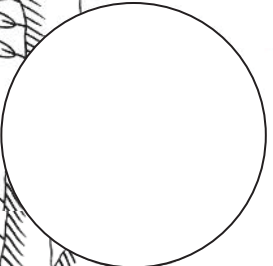
Genesis 2:21-23

So the LORD God cast a deep sleep on the man, and while he was asleep, he took out one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh.

The LORD God then built the rib that he had taken from the man into a woman. When he brought her to the man, the man said: “This one, at last, is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; This one shall be called ‘woman,’ for out of man this one has been taken.”



ORIGINAL UNITY



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IN THE BEGINNING

Original Unity

God gave Adam and Eve (the first human persons) to one another in the garden before original sin. Their experience of being created for each other is called ORIGINAL UNITY.

God created human persons male and female as an image of the Trinity (God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit).