

2. Genesis 2:7-25

# Adam and Eve

God places us right where  
we're supposed to be

1. God placed Adam and Eve together in a beautiful garden called Eden. God has you spending the majority of your day in school. In what kind of school has God placed you?

- Home school  Private school  Public school  
 Charter school  Alternative school  
 Juvenile court school  Other

2. Go back to item #1. Why do you think God has you in the school situation you find yourself?

3. God expected Adam and Eve to do certain things in the garden he created. What things does God expect you to do where he put you?

- To tell others about Jesus  To stay out of the way  To be obedient  
 To have people like me  To impress people  To do my best  
 To be invisible  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

4. God gave Adam and Eve only one rule in the Garden of Eden: To say "no" to eating from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. Check off the items on the list below that you know God wants you to say no to:

- Chores  Homework  Internet games  Alcohol  Lying  Texting  
 Church attendance  Sports  Gossip  TV  Drugs  Music

5. Did you know that God made Adam from a pile of dirt and formed him in his image? Just like Adam, you are a special creation of God who has been saved from sin by Jesus. So, why do you think you are here? What can you do right now with your life that will bring glory to God?

6. What advice do you think Adam or Eve might give you today? (You may check more than one.)

- Don't eat apples.  
 Remember to thank God for what he has done for you and where he has placed you.  
 Take better care of God's creation. It is important to God and should be important to you.  
 Watch out for snakes.  
 God created marriage as a good thing. No matter what your parents have done with marriage, honor marriage as a blessing from God.  
 Enjoy the outdoors. It's a gift from God.  
 God created everything but sin. Remember that.  
 God made you special—even when you don't feel so special.  
 Eat your vegetables.  
 We messed up paradise here but God has a paradise waiting for us.  
 Marriage is God's idea.  
 When in a garden, watch out for poison ivy.

## 2. ADAM AND EVE—God places us right where we're supposed to be

(Genesis 2:7-25)

### READ OUT LOUD

Chapter two of Genesis is a retelling of the creation story of chapter one, expanding on the creation of man in the Garden of Eden. God tells the reader that Adam and then Eve were placed in a specific place with a particular job to do. So too, God has uniquely created each of us and placed us in specific places for his glory. (Have a student read out loud Genesis 2:7-25—or have group members read it quietly to themselves.)

### ASK

What do you like most about the church in which God has placed you?

### DISCUSS, BY THE NUMBERS

1. Listen to your group's school stories, including their grumblings.
2. This exercise gives you and your group the opportunity to talk about why God placed them in the school situation in which they find themselves. Instead of grumbling about where they are, focus on how God can use your group members where they are! Point out that we grumble too much instead of asking God to use us where we find ourselves. Ask, "How can God use you in the school in which you find yourself?"
3. Use this exercise to talk about what God wants them to be doing, not for their careers, but now. Focus on the important role God has for them—loving him with all their being and loving their neighbor.
4. God has placed your group members right where he wants them; but, like Adam and Eve, God has asked them to say no to certain things. This exercise gets you started in a faith conversation about saying no to the temptations that your group members confront in their schools, sports teams, and other situations. Ask, "Do you think you have more temptations than other people your age?"
5. We are uniquely different than God's other creations. We are created in God's image. Sin broke that image so it is no longer perfect, but Christ's death and resurrection has covered our sin if we have chosen to accept Christ's forgiveness. We

were created for a specific purpose, but we must choose to work toward that purpose. And we can be confident because *"it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose"* (Philippians 2:13). Use this Bible verse as you listen to the answers to the questions, *So, why do you think you are here? What can you do right now with your life that will bring glory to God?*

6. The following checked boxes are things we can learn and take away from today's story.

- Remember to thank God for what he has done for you and where he has placed you.
- Take better care of God's creation. It is important to God and should be important to you.
- God created marriage as a good thing. No matter what your parents have done with marriage, honor marriage as a blessing from God.
- Enjoy the outdoors. It's a gift from God.
- God created everything but sin. Remember that.
- God made you special—even when you don't feel so special.
- We messed up paradise here but God has a paradise waiting for us.

### THE CLOSE

God places each of us in circumstances and conditions so that his will in our lives and the lives of others can be worked out. Are you glad that God chose you for his purpose? Are you excited about what God has for your life? Are you ready to move forward with God to work out his purpose in your life?