

Everything God Created Is Good

Keep these ideas in mind as you study *Chapter 3*.

❖ The biblical story of creation appears in the Book of Genesis. The story of creation helps us recognize God’s existence, wisdom, power, and glory. It is most of all a sign of God’s love. Through God’s creation, we learn that God loves us and wants to be loved in return.

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❖ There are two creation stories in the Bible. They both tell about God’s creation of the first man and the first woman.

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❖ It is a religious truth that God created the universe in six days. On the sixth day, he created man and woman. He rested on the seventh day, which is our Sabbath.

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❖ The creation stories show that we are important creations of God. They show that God cares for creation and that he makes us his stewards. Because we are all created in God’s image, men and women have equal dignity.

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❖ We are all special and unique. The gift of our souls makes us human and allows us to share God’s truth, goodness, and beauty. God gives us knowledge, freedom, and responsibility, which we exercise to protect creation.

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❖ Life is precious. We show appreciation to God for our lives by using the other gifts he gives us to protect creation and to give glory to him. Because of the stewardship we are given, God wants us to care for and protect human life and all the gifts of the earth. We must share the earth’s gifts with others. We must protect the earth for future generations of God’s people.

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❖ God wants us to find creative ways to use God’s gifts to protect the earth. These gifts include our talents in art, science, and labor.

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