

WEEK 1: CREATION

NOAH

God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground." Genesis 1:28

Genesis 1-2

Have you ever house-sat before? **Usually** it includes a long list of **responsibilities** like checking the mail, watering the plants, rolling trashcans in and out and **caring** for animals while the owner is away. It is a big undertaking, but it proves how much the owners trust you if you are asked to take care of their home and everything in it while they **leave**. In the same way, when God **created** the Earth, He asked humans to take care of it. **Talk** about a big responsibility!

It **only** took God six days to create the Earth and everything in it: light, darkness, **sky**, land, seas, sun, moon, stars, plants, animals and finally man and woman. When He brought humans into this **world**, God told them that He had created this place for them! What an awesome gift! However, it was Adam and Eve's **responsibility** to care for it and be good stewards of what He had **entrusted** them with.

This may seem like a **big** job for us to continue fulfilling this today, but since humans were created in the image of God, we have been given characteristics of God that naturally make us *want to* care for the things He cares for. When we become **followers** of Christ, we begin to take on many of His qualities and desires. One of these being the **desire** to care for the Earth. We do this in both big and small ways by throwing away our trash, not **wasting** food, being gentle and loving toward animals and even something as simple as watering the plants!

God put a lot of thought and care into this beautiful world He **created** for us and the least we can do is **put** the same thought and care into appreciating and maintaining it.

Questions to think about:

1. What does it mean to be created in God's image?

2. What is something God created that makes you feel His presence and appreciate His power?
3. What is one way you can do your part to be a good steward of God's creation?