



International Bible Lesson
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Created as Finite Replicas of God
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Genesis 2:18-24; 4:1-2

“So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals. But for Adam no suitable helper was found” (Genesis 2:20).

Beginning with the first book in the Bible, we learn many truths about God and ourselves. We learn God created us as finite replicas of the infinite God; therefore, we have many of the abilities and attributes of God. Like God, we can use our abilities in a myriad of indescribable ways. However, since God created us with human limitations, we need rest each day. Though God does not need rest, God chose to give us an example to follow when God rested on the seventh day of creation. Since God gave us the abilities to think, reason, and create, God helped Adam develop his God-given abilities when God told him to name all the animals and birds. Since people need sleep each day, God may have taken years to teach Adam how to use his imagination and name the animals. God also created us with the ability to make choices, and God probably helped Adam use this ability when he decided what to name each animal. God also created us with a moral compass, so we can have the freedom to choose between doing right or wrong. To use his moral compass, God gave Adam only one law to follow so Adam would have the freedom to choose between obeying God and disobeying God. God created us with the

ability to evaluate our experiences, and Adam discovered that none of the animals could be a suitable helper for him. After God helped Adam reach this conclusion, God created a suitable helper for Adam when God created woman and Adam named her Eve.

Thinking Further

1. If Adam could talk to God and have God's help, why do you think Adam was alone (even though Adam did not feel the pain of loneliness) and needed a helper and partner?
2. Why do you think God first brought animals to Adam before God brought a woman to Adam?
3. Why do you think God wanted Adam to name all of the animals and birds rather than just name them Himself and tell Adam their names?
4. Do you think God allowed Adam to stay asleep when God created the woman from Adam's rib, or do you think God woke Adam so Adam could watch God create the woman from Adam's rib?
5. What kind of clothing did God give the animals, the birds, and Adam and Eve when God created them? How did they feel about the clothes they wore?

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