

## **Major Event: CREATION**

### **Lesson 3: Man's Responsibility Before God**

#### **Scriptures: Genesis 1 and 2**

#### **Central Text: Genesis 2:15-17**

15 Then the Lord God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it.16 The Lord God commanded the man, saying, "From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; 17 but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die."

#### **Suggested Subjects:**

God's authority over His creation. Man's responsibility revealed through God's specific (verbal) revelation/instruction.

#### **Suggested Attributes:**

- 1) Of God: Sovereignty, Love (in creating humans with both purpose and potential to fulfill purpose), Omnipotence.
- 2) Of Man: Cognitive ability, physical ability, responsibility/Free Will (see Gen. 1:26,27 as relates to image of God.) Ability to understand God's revelation.

#### **Suggested Reading for Parents and Child at Home:**

Deut. 6:4 and Following; Mark 12:29-31; Micah 6:8; Romans 12:1-2

**Notes:** God's purpose for Adam is stated in verse 15. He was responsible before God for four things:

1. To cultivate the garden, that is to bring forth its potential production/fruit.
2. To keep the garden. The Hebrew word (Shamar) means to guard. Adam was responsible to protect the garden. This may foreshadow what Adam's failure would be in the next chapter.
3. Eat its fruit (except from 1 tree, 2:17).
4. Name the animals: God gave Adam the task and ability of naming, or placing an accurate value on the animals. Compare this to 1:31 where God values His work as "very good" and consider again the image of God in man from 1:26-27.