

**THE CHURCH IN NEW YORK CITY**  
**CHILDREN'S MEETING LESSON (Pre-K&K)**

**Man in God's Creation**

**Lesson #2 The First Couple and Their First Home (1)**

**Burden to Impart:**

In this lesson we see how after God had created the heavens, the earth, and man, He went even further to make a very special home for Adam, a wonderful garden.

**Memory Verse:** “And Jehovah God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there He put the man whom He had formed.” Gen 2:8

**Facts to Teach:** [Scripture reading: Gen. 2:8-10, 15]

1. The Garden of Eden was very large and spacious. It was green, beautiful, and luscious. Just being there brought pleasure to man. For this reason it was called Eden (meaning pleasure). It was filled with beautiful, colorful plants, flowers, and fruit trees. Animals lived there, and they were all friendly and tame. The temperature was just right for man to live comfortably. A river went through Eden to water it. Eden was man's home.
2. Man was to take care of this beautiful garden, which was not too hard then, for there were no weeds or thistles yet. He was also to guard it from any evil intruder (the Devil).
3. The garden had every kind of tree that was good for food. Man did not eat meat then, he only lived on the fruits that God provided.
4. There were two special trees in the center of the garden: the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. One tree was especially wonderful, the tree of life. God especially wanted man to eat of this tree. And one tree was especially terrible—the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. God did not want man to eat of this tree. It was like a tree of poison that would bring man death.

**Lesson #3 The First Couple and Their First Home (2)**

**Burden to Impart:**

In this lesson we see how man is indeed the “king” who rules over all of God's creation and creatures. But man was not to be alone, so God made a special creation for Adam—a woman. Thus Adam and Eve could together rule over all of God's creation, have a family, and fill the earth.

**Memory Verse:** “And Jehovah God built the rib, which He had taken from the man, into a woman and brought her to the man.” (Genesis 2:22)

**Facts to teach:** (Scripture reading: Gen. 1:26-28; Isa. 11:6-8)

1. God firstly created man. Then He created woman from man's rib. (We will discuss the details of the creation of Eve in Lesson 8.) They two were to rule over all the creation. They were like the king and queen of God's creation. They were different than the animals, for they could speak.
2. They were to rule over all the 'fish of the sea.' Even the great sea monsters, like the eighteen-ton killer whale at Sea World, can be tamed by men. Also the sea otters, seals, sea lions, and porpoises. All sea animals were naturally subject to Adam and Eve. Today, however, it takes a lot of training to "subdue" them to us.
3. The "birds of the air" were all placed under man's dominion. The small parakeets and doves would sing for man and the parrots could imitate man's voice. Man did not need to put them into a cage. They would not try to fly away for they did not fear man. They would come when he whistled and they would do what he asked. They may have sounded like a great choir for Adam and Eve.
4. "Every living thing that moveth upon the earth" was subject to Adam and Eve. The animals felt close to them. They felt comfortable and safe by Adam and Eve. They were all friendly and tame. The lion and lamb could lay down together. It will be like that again one day (Isa. 11:6-8).