

Genesis 2:4–25 — God’s Design for Relationships

A Family Worship Guide for Home and Church.

This guide follows the **same structure as last week** to provide familiarity and ease.

- Families who attended the Thursday gathering can use this guide as a **response and follow-up**.
- Families watching the service later can use this guide as a **supplement**, approximating the formation normally offered in a group hour.

You do not need to complete every section. Move at a pace that fits your household. Formation grows through **faithful presence**, not finishing every prompt.

Reading God’s Word Together

Scripture for this session: Genesis 2:4-25

Being Formed by God’s Design

Learning to see the World as God made it.

1. God Created Us for Relationship

- **Observation:** God is personally involved in forming Adam and Eve. *
Aloneness is the first thing called “not good.”
- **Questions:** What does this passage reveal about God’s care for people? Why do you think God said it was ‘not good’ for Adam to be alone? What does this statement teach us about our need for others?
- **Truth to dwell on:** God created people to live in relationship – with Him and with one another.

2. God’s Design Includes Difference and Unity

- **Observation:** Eve is created from Adam, not from the ground. Adam recognizes both sameness (“bone of my bones”) and difference.
- **Questions:** What is the same about Adam and Eve? What is different? Why did God design men and women with distinction? How does this passage help us understand marriage as God’s good gift?
- **Truth to dwell on:** God’s design for relationship includes unity without sameness and difference without division.

3. Sin Distorts God's Design, but God Does not Abandon It.

- **Observation:** God's design is good before sin enters the story. Genesis 2 ends without shame or fear or doubt in the goodness of God's design for marriage and family.
 - **Questions:** Where do you see God's design for relationships breaking down in our world today? Why do people drift toward isolation? What are some ways the world tries to redefine God's design? How does Jesus restore dignity, remove shame, and heal broken relationships?
 - **Truth to dwell on:** Though sin distorts God's design, Jesus restores what was broken.
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Optional: Going Deeper (For Adults or Older Students)

- How does understanding God as a Triune God shape our understanding of relationship and community?
 - What makes forming meaningful, honest relationships so difficult?
 - How does the gospel confront common cultural lies: "I am God," "I determine my own purpose," or "I don't need anyone else"?
 - Genesis 2 shows that God created men and women with distinct roles and complementary purposes. How do these distinctions reflect God's design for relationship, work, and family? In what ways can complementarity strengthen partnerships and honor each person's gifts?
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Resting in God's Good Design

After noticing God's design in creation, pause together to rest and respond. God's world was created not only to be understood, but to be trusted and enjoyed.

Reflect together:

- God's goodness is revealed in relationships: Between the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; Between members of a family: husband, wife, parents, children, siblings; Between church family and friends.
- God's design for marriage, families, and human relationships glorifies Him and provides for human flourishing.

Pray together:

- Thank God creating us for loving relationship with Him.
- Thank God for the relationships in your life.
- Ask God to help you glorify in through your relationships with others.

Age-Specific Family Engagement

Use the sections below as they serve your household. You may return to them later in the week.

Pre-K / Kindergarten (Ages 3–5)

God's Truth: God made people. God made families. God loves us.

Read Aloud: Genesis 2:18

Ask: *Who made us? (God!) How can we show love to each other?*

Say Together: *God made people; God made families; God wants us to love people.*

Activity Options (choose 1 or both)

- **Family Handprint Heart**
 - Trace family handprints on one page **or** separate pages
 - Arrange in a circle or heart shape (if multiple pages)
 - Color or decorate
 - *Say: God made our family. God made us to love one another.*
 - **Who Did God Make? Game**
 - Look: at family photos
 - *Ask: Who do you see? Did God make these people? (Yes!) Did God make families? (Yes!)*
 - *Say: God made us to love and care for one another.*
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Early Elementary (Ages 6-8)

God's Truth: God made people and families the way they should be.

Read Aloud: Genesis 2:18, 20b-24

Questions to Ask:

- *Why did God give Adam another person (Eve) to be with him?*
- *Why is being in a family a good gift from God?*
- *What are some ways we can love our family and others this week?*

Say Together:

- *God made everything good.*
- *God made people and families.*
- *God wants us to love others.*

Activity Options (choose 1 or both)

- **People God Gave Me:**
 - Draw or list people in your life
 - Circle family members in one color and friends/others in another
 - Pray together and thank God for these people

- **Secret Encourager:**
 - Write each family member's name on a slip of paper & place them in a bowl
 - Each person draws one name
 - Do one kind thing for that person this week (*note, prayer, or act of kindness*)
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Upper Elementary (9-11)

God's Truth: God made people different on purpose, and we belong to Him and to each other.

Read Aloud: Genesis 2:18, 20b-25

Questions to Ask:

- *Why do you think God made people different?*
- *What does Genesis 2 show us about why God made families?*
- *Because we belong to God, how can we show our love for Him, and how should that shape the way we treat our family and others?*

Say Together:

- *God loves us and made us on purpose.*
- *We belong to Him.*
- *We love others because we belong to God.*

Activity: Belonging Map

- Draw a simple map of your world (family, school, church, teams, neighborhood)
 - Circle places you feel you belong
 - In each place, write the name of one person you could show kindness to this week.
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Students (Middle & High School)

Core Formation: Identity, distortion, and hope

Read Aloud: Genesis 2:4-25

Talk Together

- Where does Genesis 2 say identity comes from?
- Why does our culture struggle with bodies, gender, and relationships?
- How does Jesus meet us when God's design feels confusing or painful?

Gospel Connection

- How does the cross address shame?
 - How does resurrection offer hope for restoration?
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Final Encouragement

These conversations do not need to be finished today. Return to them during meals, bedtime, or throughout the week.

God formed His people for relationship—and He is still doing so today.