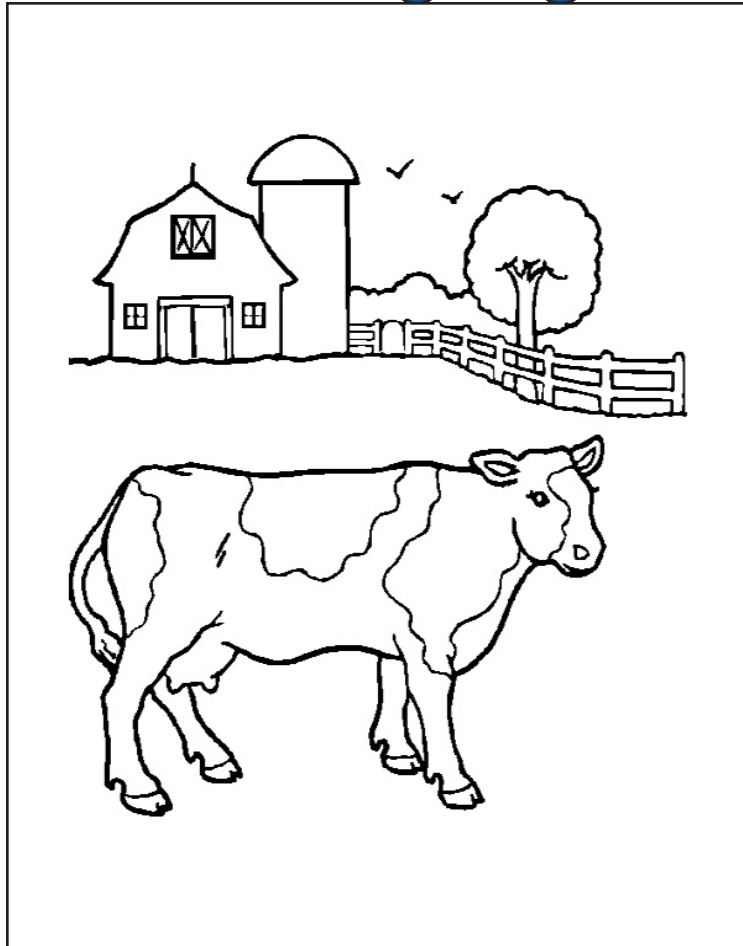
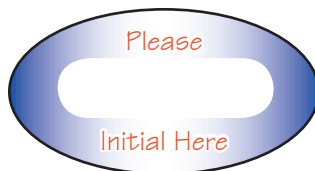


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God created many different types of animals
but none were a match for Adam.

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Relationships in God's Creation

- Lesson One -

Parents (1)

The First Family

I. Overview.

Children are God's gift to parents. God created man in His own image, to be just like Himself. God's purpose in creating man in this way was that man would have a close relationship with God. Because God did not want to be alone, it was also not good for the man created in His image to be alone. To be a match for the man He created, God created a woman.



Children are God's gifts
to parents.

God joined the man and the woman together to be husband and wife. God blessed them and gave them children. The children given to the man and his wife were a great blessing to them. Children were actually the greatest blessing to man.

Children are also very important to God, for without children, God's purpose for creating man could never be realized. For this reason children are a great blessing.

II. Memory Verse.

"Behold, children are the heritage of Jehovah, the fruit of the womb is a reward."

(Psa. 127:3)

III. Lesson.

God created the first man, Adam, out of the dust of the ground. He created Him in His own image and likeness. God's desire was to have a close relationship with man. In this way God and man could understand one another's thoughts, desires and feelings.

It is Not Good for Man to be Alone

Because God did not want to be alone, the man He created, who was just like Himself, also did not want to be alone. Before God created Adam, He had created many different kinds of creatures. Adam enjoyed all the different creatures, but because none of them were a match for him, they could not satisfy his desire for a counterpart. So God decided to make a match for Adam. God caused a deep sleep to come over Adam. While Adam slept, God took a rib out from his side. From the rib that God took out of Adam's side, He builded a woman who was named Eve. When Adam awoke, God brought the woman to him.

Adam and Eve – The First Parents

When Adam saw Eve, he must have rejoiced greatly, for now there was one who matched him and could be his counterpart. Adam and Eve were very happy and God was also happy. God blessed them and said to them "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth." God showed them through His blessing that they would have children, to "fill the earth." This is one purpose of marriage, to have children.



God's desire is that His
people with be fruitful and
fill the earth.

Children - A Great Blessing from God

Just as Eve was a great blessing to Adam, their children were a great blessing to Adam and Eve. When a couple has children, the relationship of love and unity that they share gets enlarged and expanded. If a couple does not have children, they may feel sorrowful, like Hannah felt before she had her son Samuel.

Children are also very important to God. God's purpose cannot be accomplished without them. It is by parents having children that God will eventually fill the earth. Through parents and children, God will gain His purpose, which is to be expressed through so many people on the earth.

--- Questions for Discussion ---

1. What is God's gift to parents?

2. Why are children so important, not only to parents, but also to God?

3. How did God make Eve?

4. What did God create that did not match Adam?

