BIBLE ADVENTURE 9: CREATION

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Genesis 1:29-31

Then God said, "I give you every seed—bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food," And it was so. God saw all that he had made and it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning—the sixth day.

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Discovery Treasures:

Have you ever heard the term, "Save the best for last?" That's probably a really great way to look at the creation of mankind—God saved the best for last! He created Adam and Eve, the first man and woman, and put Adam in the Garden of Eden, then created Eve from Adam in the Garden of Eden. And because we are so very special to God He gave us all kinds of great plants and fruit to eat. We are also allowed to eat certain kinds of meat and sea creatures according to Leviticus 11. In verses 2-3 God says, "Of all the animals that live on land, these are the ones you may eat: You may eat any animal that has a divided hoof and that chews the cud." And in verse 9 God says, "Of all the creatures living in the water of the seas and the streams you may eat any that have fins and scales."

CUD: Example: cow's chew their cud. Cud is any food that has been eaten by an animal with more than one stomach, and comes back into the animal's mouth to be chewed again before going to the animal's second stomach.

Even though God *made* these all of these things for food for us, we are to always be thankful for what He *gives* us. We should always pray over our food because we have received it with thanksgiving. (1 Timothy 4:4-5).

Let's go back to Bible Discovery #8 where we talked about the five senses we have that we use both physically and spiritually. Now let's apply these senses to the Garden of Eden. Using your spiritual senses, what do you think the Garden of Eden looked like, smelled like, and sounded like? Using your spiritual senses how do you think the plants and fruits in the Garden of Eden felt and tasted?

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CREATION ADVENTURE ACTIVITIES:

Memorize Genesis 1:28-31

Create your very own Garden of Eden! You will need: a paper bowl, enough craft sand to fill the bowl, a variety of silk flowers, trees, and plants, and two human figures—a man and a woman. You will also need a piece of construction paper, maker, Popsicle stick, and glue.

Fill the bowl with the sand, and arrange all of the items you have in any way you'd like.

Cut a small piece of construction paper in any shape. Make sure it's the right size to be glued to the Popsicle stick

Write "My (or use your name) Garden of Eden Creation" on the small piece of construction paper, and glue it to one end of the Popsicle stick to create a sign. Place the sign in your Garden of Eden.

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TIME TO TALK TO GOD:

Say the following prayer out loud to God. He will listen... I guarantee!

PRAYER: Dear God, Thank You for creating all of the different kinds of food. Please help me to like many fruits and vegetables as well as meat to nourish my body everyday. And please help give me the words to say when I'm praying over my food. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.