

# PARENT GUIDE

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### BIG IDEA

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### FOCUS VERSE

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Romans 8:28 (ICB)

**WEEK 1:** *Made in His Image (Genesis 1:26-27; 2:7, 22)*

**WEEK 2:** *In His Garden (Genesis 2:8-10, 15)*

**WEEK 3:** *God’s Rule (Genesis 2:9, 15-17)*

**WEEK 4:** *Out of the Garden (Genesis 3:6, 22-24)*

In our series called *In the Garden*, we focus on Adam and Eve. Time and time again we see that God takes care of Adam and Eve, and that everything God does is for their good. Through the story of Adam and Eve we see our story as well. During this unit, your kids will learn how God does everything for our good even when it doesn’t seem like it and even when we don’t deserve it.

### AT-HOME ACTIVITIES:

1. Read Genesis 1-3 with your children. Break it up into small, manageable chunks to read each night and ask questions like:
  - What do you notice about God?
  - How is God showing us that He is good?
  - Why did God call creation ‘good’?
  - What parts of our story prove that God is good?
2. Bring the garden imagery home by planting your own mini garden. If you cannot plant anything in the ground, plant a seed in a cup, set it on a windowsill and watch it grow. Be sure to talk about God’s garden as you garden yourselves.
3. Share about a time where God worked a negative event in your life for good. You could also share about a time where God showed you how good He was.
4. Memorize Romans 8:28 as a family. Have your kids teach you motions to the verse and recite it together every day. Then, talk about the memory verse and what it means to each person.

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