
DAY 2

Adam

CREATED IN THE IMAGE OF GOD

“Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion”

(GENESIS 1:26, ASV).

We cannot talk about the birth of Jesus without discussing the need for Jesus to come to the earth to begin with. Let's go all the way back to the beginning and find out how our need for Redemption came about in the first place. We know God didn't create us with that need. In fact, Genesis tells us again and again that everything God created on the earth was good. He created the land and the water and “it was good” (Genesis 1:10). He created all vegetation and “it was good” (verse 12). He created the sun, moon and stars; He created the animals and every other living thing and saw that they were good (verse 25).

Once all that was done, God made the body of man from the dust of the earth and breathed His own life into him (Genesis 2:7). At that moment, man became a living soul. God Himself empowered Adam (and later, Adam's wife, Eve) to bring blessing and prosperity to the whole earth. And when it was all finished, the Bible says, “God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good” (Genesis 1:31). Those truly were the good old days.

It was so simple to live in God's blessing. Adam and Eve were free to enjoy God's good creation, enjoying nothing but sweetness and light forever—on one condition: They were to keep God's command. Everything depended on that. Sadly, they made the wrong choice. They disobeyed...and the light of God's glory that once radiated from them was snuffed out by the spiritual darkness of sin. Satan, whom they had obeyed, became their overlord. His deadly nature invaded their spirits, and everything beautiful God had breathed into Adam and Eve was instantly twisted and marred.

The Anointing of God that had once empowered them to bless the earth was transformed into a touch of death that cursed the entire planet. And, because God had ordained that every seed produce after its own kind, Adam and Eve were destined to reproduce children infected by the curse of sin. So, the more they multiplied, the more the effects of the curse increased!

Under the curse of sin, life on earth, which had once been so sweet, became indescribably bitter. In fact, “bitterness” is the definition of the Hebrew root of the word *curse*. I doubt if Adam realized the full extent of what had happened right away, but as time passed the magnitude of it must have dawned on him. He must have thought, *Dear Lord, the seed of everything on the earth is bitter! My own seed is bitter! How will anything on earth ever be pure again? God,*

how can I ever be Your friend again?

Adam didn't have a clue. He didn't know what God's plan was. It was a mystery hidden in God before the world began (1 Corinthians 2:7). Yet from the very first moment the curse hit the earth, God began to talk about Redemption. Right there, in the Garden of Eden after Adam sinned, God declared His intentional Redemption plan. There was one coming, the Son of a woman, who would crush the head of the devil (see Genesis 3:15). Who could God be speaking of in this promise? We shall soon find out...

Study

Wisdom's Revelation

“But rather what we are setting forth is a wisdom of God once hidden [from the human understanding] and now revealed to us by God—[that wisdom] which God devised and decreed before the ages for our glorification [to lift us into the glory of His presence]” (1 Corinthians 2:7, AMPC).

LIVE THE WORD

Is faith wiser than doubt? Yes, if you choose to live according to the wisdom of heaven. Do you need wisdom? Ask and you will receive! He will answer you with knowledge, wisdom and understanding.

SPEAK THE WORD

Father, I need Your revelation wisdom in my life. I choose to believe what You say more than the circumstances. I believe I hear Your voice as I study Your Word. Reveal Your wisdom to me, and I will walk in Your truth. In Jesus' Name. Amen!

SCRIPTURE STUDY:

James 1:5-6; Colossians 1:9; Proverbs 2:6

Apply

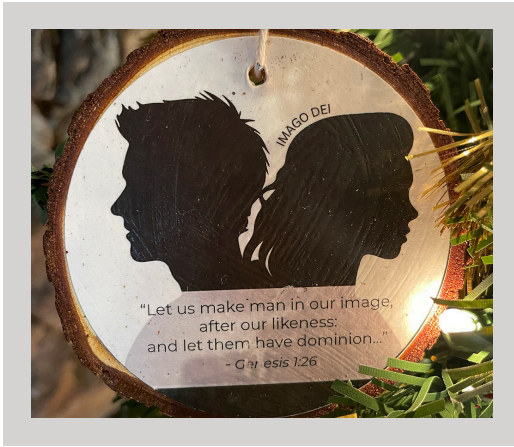
The wisdom of God is hidden FOR us. As believers, all we need to do is ask God, and He will give it to us. We need His wisdom, not the world's knowledge, to operate optimally in these days and times.

WALKING IT OUT TO VICTORY

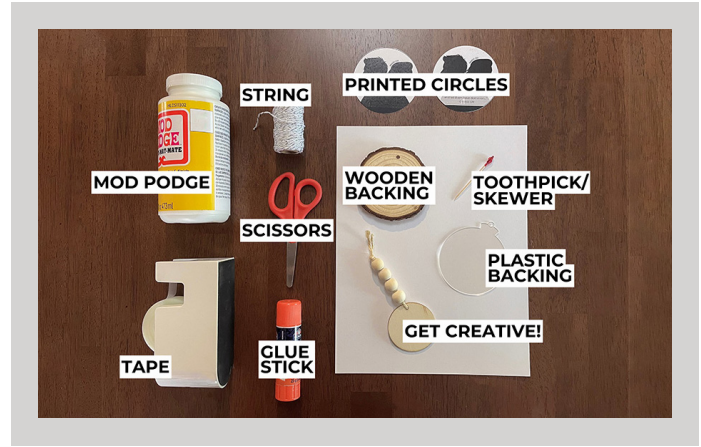
- First, read the Word.
- Then pray for wisdom and understanding.
- Finally, listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit.

OPTION 1: PRINTED CIRCLE ORNAMENT (PG 4-6)

Today's Ornament



Materials



Instructions

STEP 1

Print artwork for Option 1 and cut out both circles.

STEP 2

There are options for creating this easy ornament, depending on your supplies and desires...

PAPER & TAPE OPTION

Place tape on the back of one printed circle (fold tape over to create double-sided stick). You may want to make three circles of tape to help it stay together. Cut a piece of string and tie it into a loop for hanging. Place the string on the back of the taped circle over the tape, leaving enough loop coming out the top to hang the ornament. Line up the tops of the printed circle artwork and press the back of the 2nd circle into the tape over the string on the 1st circle.

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PAPER & GLUE OPTION

Place glue on the back of one printed circle. You should cover the whole back to the edges, but do not over-soak if using liquid glue instead of a glue stick. Cut a piece of string and tie into a loop for hanging. Place the string on the back of the glued circle into the glue, leaving enough loop coming out the top to hang the ornament. Line up the tops of the circle artwork and press the back of the 2nd circle into the glue and over the string on the back of the 1st circle. Press evenly to secure to edges.

PAPER & PLASTIC BACKING OPTION

Place tape on the back of one printed circle (fold tape over to create double-sided stick). You may want to make three circles of tape to help it stay together. Cut a piece of string and tie it into a loop for hanging. Place the string on the back of the taped circle over the tape, leaving enough loop coming out the top to hang the ornament. Line up the tops of the printed circle artwork and press the back of the 2nd circle into the tape over the string on the 1st circle.

PAPER & WOODEN BACKING OPTION

Using a foam brush, paint the wooden backing with Mod Podge. Press the printed circle artwork onto the wet Mod Podge (be sure to line up the top with the hole for hanging at the top) and let it sit to dry. Using a toothpick or skewer, poke the hole on the wooden backing through the paper. Then paint over the top of the printed circle with the Mod Podge to seal the paper to the wooden backing. Repeat for the 2nd circle on the other side of the wooden backing. Cut a piece of string and pass it through the hole at the top of the wooden backing (you may need the toothpick or skewer to help push the string through the hole), and tie into a loop for hanging. [Find these on Amazon [here](#).]



STEP 3

This will create a double-sided ornament ready for hanging.

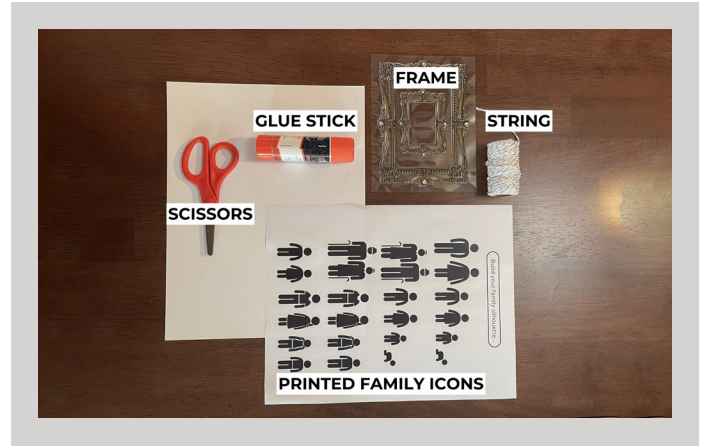


OPTION 2: CRAFT ORNAMENT (PG 7-9)

Today's Ornament



Materials



Instructions

STEP 1

Print the family silhouettes page for Option 2 and cut out the family members or people desired for your frame.



STEP 2

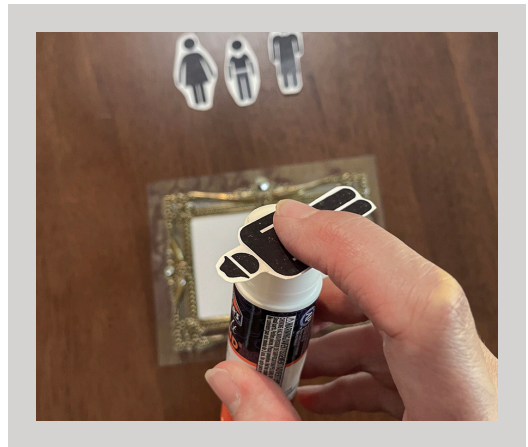
If you are crafting a frame, create a frame large enough for your family but not too large for your display.

STEP 3

Cut two pieces of cardstock large enough to fill your frame and attach the frame to one piece of the cardstock.

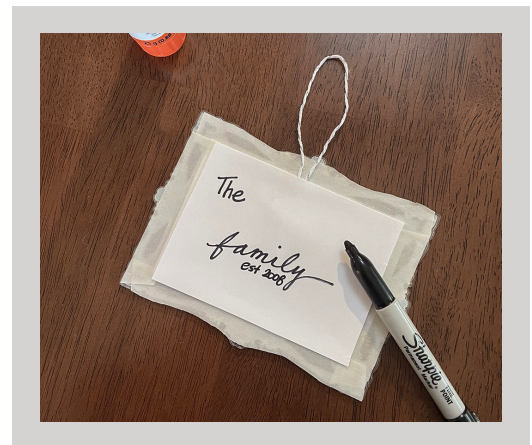
STEP 4

Glue the family silhouettes to the cardstock inside the frame.



STEP 5

Cut a piece of string and tie into a loop for hanging. Glue onto the back of the cardstock and add glue all around the backing to the edges. Press the 2nd piece of cardstock to sandwich the string to the frame.



STEP 6

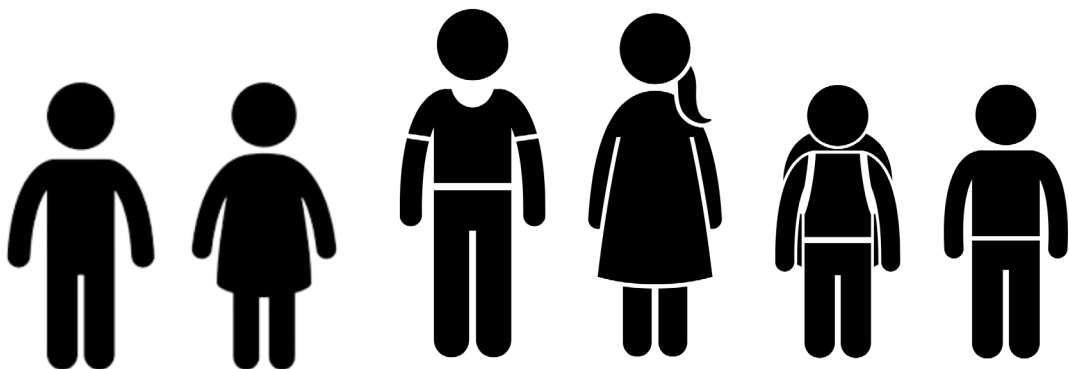
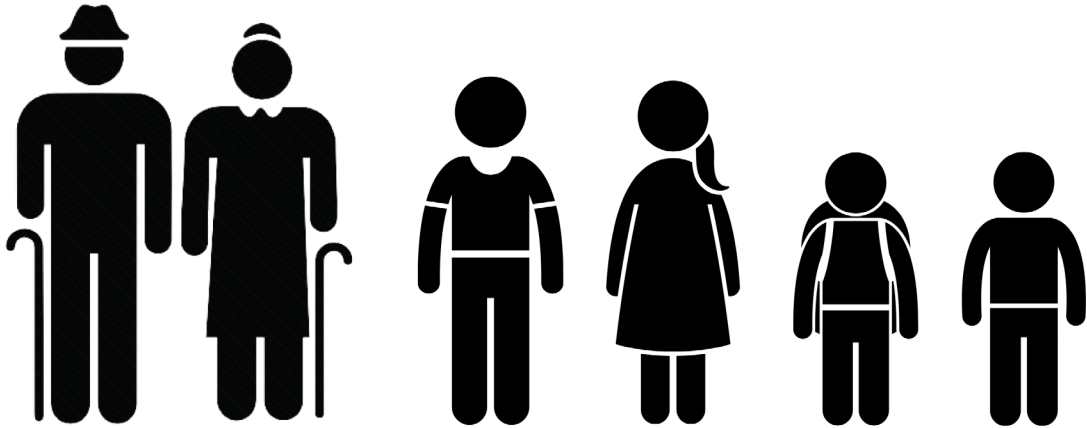
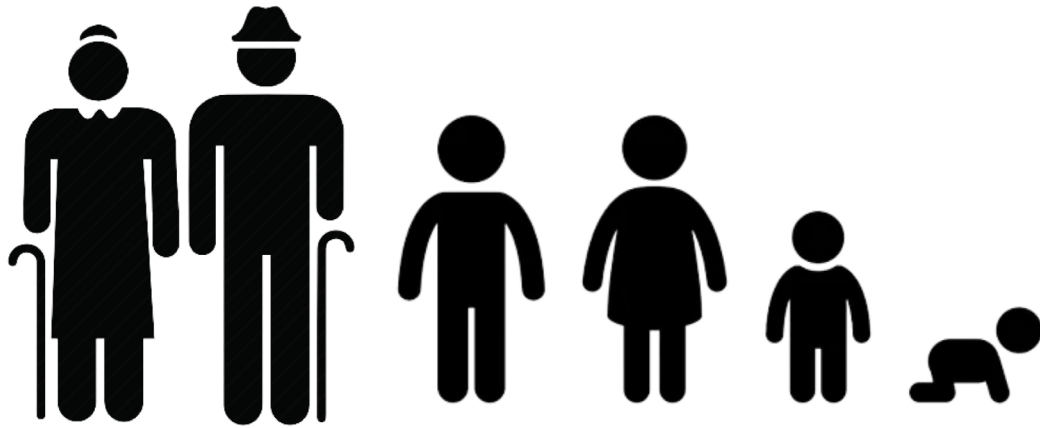
On the back of the finished cardstock, write your family name.



STEP 7

This will create a frame ornament ready for hanging.

DAY 2: ADAM (Option 2) - Build your family silhouette...

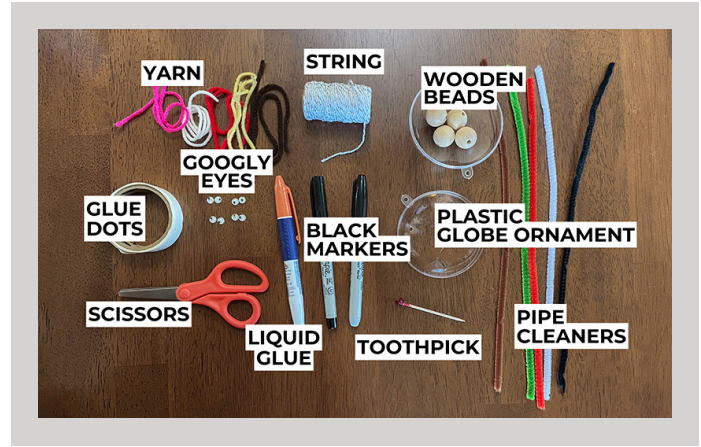


OPTION 3: GLOBE ORNAMENT (PG 10-11)

Today's Ornament



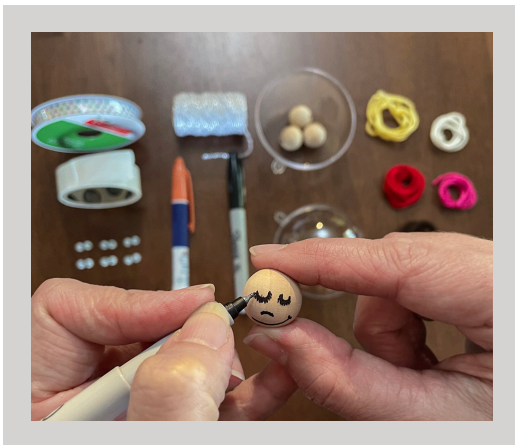
Materials



Instructions

STEP 1

On the wooden beads, draw faces with the holes facing upward and downward from the face.



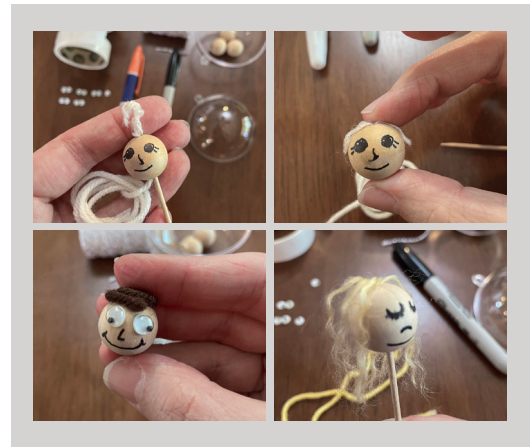
OPTIONAL: Attach googly eyes with small glue dots or glue for the eyes..

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STEP 2

Cut small pieces of yarn for hair and press both ends upwards through the hole of the bead, leaving some hanging out the bottom to grip. Spread the fibers of the yarn thinly to create hair and cut the length.

OPTIONAL: You can also glue hair to the top of the bead.



STEP 3

Using a pipe cleaner, create a body for the bead, folding arms and legs. Leave enough extra pipe cleaner at the top to dot with glue and put inside the hole at the bottom of the bead. Be creative in “dressing” your family beads. Or think of these as your Christmas pj’s!

STEP 4

Place your family of beads in one half of the clear globe.

STEP 5

Attach the other half of the globe, lining up the holes for hanging at the top, and press to secure.

STEP 6

Cut a piece of string and put one end through the hanging holes on the globe ornament. Tie into a loop for hanging.

