Religious Studies Discovering my Identity

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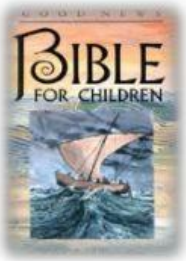

Scripture: Genesis Chapter 1: 26-27 states, "Then God said, "And now we will make human beings; they will be like us and resemble us. They will have power over the fish, the birds, and all animals, domestic and wild, large and small." (27) So God created human beings, making them to be like himself. He created them male and female,

Summary of the Creation Story.

Genesis chapter one and two: In the beginning, when God created the universe, the earth was formless and desolate. The raging ocean that covered everything was engulfed in total darkness, and the Spirit of God was moving over the water. On the first day, God commanded that there be light. He divided the light from darkness creating day and night. On day two, God commanded a dome to separate the water under it from the water above it, creating the sky. On day three, God commanded the water below	the sky to come together, creating the land. He named the land Earth and the water He named sea. On the fourth day, God created two larger lights. The sun to rule over the day and the moon and the stars to rule over the night. On the fifth day, God commanded the sea to be filled with living beings and the air filled with birds. On the sixth day, God commanded the Earth to produce animals of all kind. Then God created human beings, making them to be like himself. On the seventh day God rested. He blessed the seventh day and set it apart as a special day.

Man is similar to God in the following ways:

- Man has intelligence; the ability to reason, create and communicate
- Man has a will and the power to choose
- Man has emotions (joy, anger etc.)
- Man has a spirit nature

God created man with unique characteristics that the other animals do not possess. These special characteristics include the ability to dominate, speak, reason, create, love, and make choices. While animals can communicate, they cannot speak. They use their instincts and other physical features to survive. In the Bible, God is described as being good, loving, caring, forgiving, righteous and kind. Human beings can reflect the image of God by displaying these same characteristics.