



**September 13, 2020**

**Genesis 2:4b-7, 15-17; 3:1-8**

*Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.*



**Pray:** Light a candle. Open your devotion with prayer.

Merciful God, you created people not as subjects to rule, but as partners in tending and enjoying this bountiful earth. Help us release our shame and guilt over what we have done wrong, accepting instead your mercy and forgiveness offered through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



**Read:** Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

*So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. (Genesis 3:6)*



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

From the beginning of creation, God's primary focus was the nurture of humanity. Once fallen, God continued to love and care for people, healing their shame and forgiving their sin.



**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household.

What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

How do you experience shame? Are sin and shame connected? How does isolation deepen shame? How can community (or at least one trusted person) heal shame?

What does it mean to be a caretaker of this earth? How are we doing?

For the littles: What is your favorite animal? Plant? Toy? God created all these! God made people wise to help care for them.



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

May the Creator create something marvelous in you. Amen.



**Do:** By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Identify three things that cause you shame. Choose one to work on this week. Spend time looking at the situation from every angle. What was your part? What makes the event shameful? What can you do differently next time? Share your experience with someone you trust. Then ask God to remove the shame.



**Go Deeper:** Visit [clergystuff.com/daily-devotions](http://clergystuff.com/daily-devotions).

Monday: *Cain and Abel*, Genesis 4:1-16

Tuesday: *Noah*, Genesis 6:11-22

Wednesday: *The Tower of Babel*, Genesis 11:1-9

Thursday: *God Calls Abram*, Genesis 12:1-9

Friday: *Abram Lies to Pharaoh about Sarai*, Genesis 12:10-13:1

Saturday: *Abram and Lot Part Ways*, Genesis 13:2-18