

Paradise before the Fall of Adam and Eve

Jan Breughel the Elder, 1650, oil on canvas, Staatliche Museum, Berlin, Germany



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Prayerfully look at the above picture and quietly reflect and answer questions together. Begin and end with the Sign of the Cross.

Let's pray together:

Dear God, as we look at this beautiful work of art, help us to see that everything you created was good.

Look carefully at this painting. (Pause.)

Notice that God created a beautiful home for Adam and Eve where everything was perfect. The sun was shining; even the lions and tigers and bears got along; the grass was always green; and the water sparkled.

Do you see Adam and Eve standing beside the lake? (Pause.)

God's beautiful creation told them so much about God. Adam and Eve were very happy.

Lord, thank you for creating a beautiful world for us to live in where we can share your love in the beauty around us. Amen.