

## **Genesis 1:26-28, 31a**

**New Revised Standard Version**  
*(adapted with inclusive language)*

Hear in this familiar story of creation,  
an account of God's blessing of humanity.  
We are reading from Genesis, Chapter 1,  
beginning with verse 26.

It is written:

Then God said,  
'Let us make humankind in our image,  
according to our likeness.  
And let them have dominion  
over the fish of the sea,  
and over the birds of the air,  
and over the cattle,  
and over all the wild animals of the earth,  
and over every creeping thing  
that creeps upon the earth.'

So God created humankind in God's image,  
in the image of God, God created them;  
male and female God created them.

God blessed them, and said to them,  
'Be fruitful and multiply,  
and fill the earth and subdue it.  
And have dominion over the fish of the sea  
and over the birds of the air and over every living  
thing that moves upon the earth.'

God saw everything that God had made,  
and indeed, it was very good.

And there was evening and there was morning,  
the sixth day.

Here ends the reading.

May God bless our hearing with understanding.