

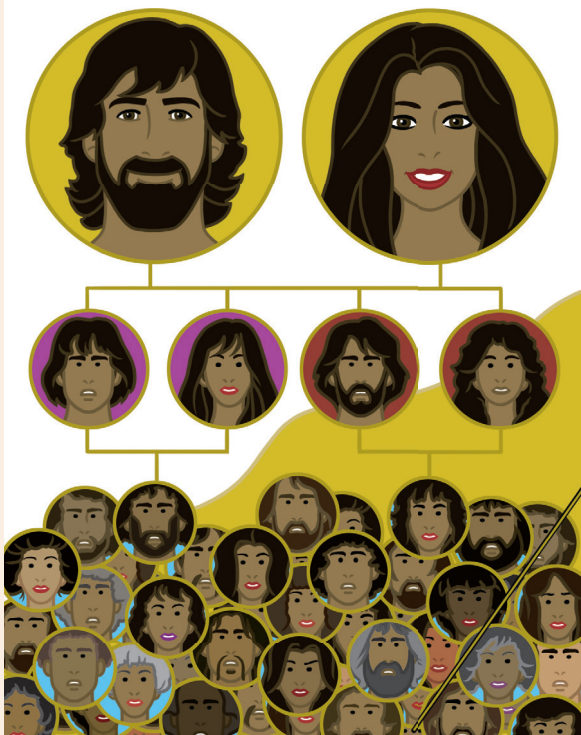
WHY ARE WE DIFFERENT?

In the very beginning, God created everything (the earth, the stars—everything!) in six days. His most special creations were the first two people, Adam and Eve. He made them in His own image. If God created just two people, why are there so many different people groups around the world today?



2.

Adam and Eve had many sons and daughters (Genesis 5:4), and according to the Bible, Eve is the mother of everyone on the planet (Genesis 3:20). From Adam and Eve, the population of the world grew and grew, but few of the people followed the God who had created them.



3.

About 1,500 years later, God judged the sinfulness of all people (all descendants of Adam and Eve) with a worldwide flood. Adam was the forefather of a man named Noah. God saved Noah and his family from the Flood by having them build a giant ship called the Ark. After the Flood was over, God told Noah and his family to spread out and fill the earth (Genesis 9:1–7). But Noah’s descendants disobeyed and stayed together in one place (Genesis 11:1–9).



4.

So God confused the languages of the family groups so they weren't able to understand each other. Each family moved to a different part of the world (Genesis 10–11). Some went to Africa, others to Europe, and others eventually made it to the Americas. Each group had certain physical characteristics—darker skin, curly hair, different facial features . . . Over time, these features became more prominent in each group.



Even though we look different from others, we all share the same ancestors—Adam and Eve! (Acts 17:26) And, we all share the same problem—we all disobey the commands of the Creator God (Romans 3:23). This is called sin. When we tell a lie (Ephesians 4:25) or are unkind (Ephesians 4:32) we are not acting like God, we sin. And God said the punishment for sin is death and eternal separation from Him in a terrible place called hell (Gen. 2:17; Rom. 6:23).



6.

But God loves us so much that He made a way for us to go to Heaven with Him when we die. He sent His only perfect Son, Jesus Christ, to earth to live a perfect life and die in our place and rise from the dead three days later! It doesn't matter where you live or what shade your skin is, you can receive the gift of eternal life by repenting of your sin and believing in Jesus Christ (Romans 10:9). Heaven will be filled with those of every people group who put their trust in Jesus.



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