

## **\*OPTION #1 - GENESIS 1:26-28, 31a**

A reading from the Book of Genesis

Then God said:

**“Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.**

Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea,  
the birds of the air, and the cattle,  
and over all the wild animals

**and all the creatures that crawl on the ground.”**

God created man in his image;

in the image of God he created him;

male and female he created them.

God blessed them, saying:

**“Be fertile and multiply;**

fill the earth and subdue it.

Have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air,  
**and all the living things that move on the earth.”**

God looked at everything he had made, and he found it  
very good.

The word of the Lord.