

TEEN LESSON: A LOOK AT CREATORS: LESSONS FROM ADAM

MEMORY VERSE: 2 Peter 1:3; His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness.

God made people with many different abilities and skills. We can read about many of these in history as well as in the Bible. One example is Christopher Columbus. It is said that he discovered the New World during a time when explorers from Europe would sail to the far East to bring back spices and treasures.

Isaiah 40:22; He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth.

The explorer Christopher Columbus may have read this scripture. He set out to prove that the earth was round. He figured he could go East to India by going West. He did not know that there was a whole continent in the way. But during his travels, he found new places and new things. One of the things he brought back to Europe was rubber. God has given us rubber and it can be used for many purposes.

The Mayan people made balls from rubber as far back as 1600 B.C. by combining the sap from the rubber tree with the juice of morning glory vines.

In 1839 Charles Goodyear developed vulcanized rubber. Do you recognize the name Goodyear? His rubber was made into tires for automobiles.

A more durable synthetic rubber was developed by German scientists during World War.

A wide variety of balls are made from rubber because of its ability to bounce.

Can you give examples of rubber balls you might use? (Tennis, golf, basketball)

A new and more powerful ball made from synthetic rubber was developed in 1965 by chemist Norman Stingley when he compressed rubber under 3500 pounds of pressure per square inch. He discovered the "Bouncy Ball" by accident. It was said that this ball could be bounced to a height of a three story building.

These people, just like Adam looked at the material around them and began to imagine, explore and create new possibilities. Just as God brought the animals to Adam to see what he would name them, God must have shown Adam many things to see what Adam would do with them.

God has filled the earth with many things for us to discover and explore.

All the raw materials needed for everything people have developed were here from Adam's time at the beginning of creation. The Bible says in 2 Peter 1:3; His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness.

God gives people ideas for new inventions and new ways to do things.

If we ask God, and listen to Him, He will show us what we need and how to be successful in this life.