

WONDERFULLY MADE

BIBLE PASSAGE ***(GENESIS 1:26–31; 2:4–25)***

Summary: God created Adam in His own image, and Adam lived in the perfect garden of Eden. God told Adam not to eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil. God declared it was not good for Adam to be alone. Adam named every creature, but none were good helpers for Him. God created Eve from Adam's rib. They lived in a perfect relationship with God in the beautiful garden He created.

Today's Brite Idea is: God created people in His image.

MONTHLY Memory Verse

For by Him all things were created.

(COLOSSIANS 1:16)

BIG QUESTION

Who made everything and rules over everything? God!

HE — God made people.

WE — God loves us.

ME — God loves me.

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LEADER TRAINING: BE A CARING PRESENCE

You are the secret ingredient in preschool discipleship. If you ever wonder whether your role matters…it absolutely does! One loving, caring adult can make a huge difference in a kid's journey of faith. You can be that adult.

- **Your presence matters.** The first step in showing love to kids is simply showing up. A consistent and dependable presence tells a preschooler, "I care about you."
- **Your attention matters.** When you are with kids, be fully present, just as Jesus is with us. Put your phone away, save adult conversations for later and minimize distractions. Come prepared so you can give kids your full focus during the short time you have together.
- **Your prayers matter.** Think of one kid in your group and ask: *what if I'm the only person praying for them this week?* God has placed you in a role to love and support kids who may not have that spiritual support anywhere else. Pray for each preschooler as if you are the only one lifting them to God.

NAVIGATING A BROKEN WORLD: GENDER

PRESCHOOL GLOSSARY:

Creation: made by God

Image: to reflect God's character and be like Him

In today's culture, conversations about gender are becoming common. This often exposes kids to the topic at a very young age. Studies show that around 40 percent of Americans disagree that gender is determined at birth.* Gender has become a challenging topic in our culture. Kids, even preschoolers, are being exposed to messages about gender identity through cartoons, YouTube videos and other social media. Some may know someone who identifies as transgender or has expressed a desire to be the opposite gender. You may have kids in your group who are hearing these topics and are beginning to ask questions. In today's lesson, kids will learn God made two genders: male and female. He creates each of us in His image, exactly like we are supposed to be. We are deeply loved by the Creator. If gender questions arise, respond with gentleness and compassion. Affirm God's love and design and avoid lengthy or complex explanations. For further information, a great resource about this topic is Teaching Your Children About Gender by Jared Kennedy.
*For more resources on this topic, check out: britecurriculum.com/resources.

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Use the Bible story cards to teach the Bible story or read the script to the kids.

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Say: God spoke and made the whole world and everything in it. God saved His most special **creation** for last. God made people in His own **image**. He made a man from the dust of the earth. God breathed His very own breath into the man, and the man came to life. His name was Adam.

Say: God put Adam into a perfect garden filled with lots of beautiful trees and delicious fruit to eat. There was a tree called the tree of knowledge good and evil. God told Adam, "Do not eat from this tree!" *Shake your finger no.*

Say: Then God said, "It is not good for this man to be alone." God brought every animal and every bird to Adam. Adam named each one. But there was not one that could be a good helper for Adam. So God made Adam fall asleep. Close your eyes and then open them! God took one of Adam's ribs and made it into a woman. Her name was Eve.

Say: Adam and Eve were the very first people! Everyone say, hooray! God made them in His **image** and loved them very much. They were His most precious **creation** of all.



POINT TO JESUS

Say: People are the reason Jesus came to Earth. God loved people so much that He sent Jesus, so we can be forgiven of our sins and live with Him forever.

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WRAP-UP:

BIG QUESTION

Say: Now it's time to answer our Big Question. Can you all help me do a drumroll? 1, 2, 3.. drumroll!

Show the Big Question Teaching Image.

Say: Who made everything and rules over everything? God!



God made people. God loves us. God loves me.

VERSE VIDEO

Play Memory Verse Motion Video after the verse is read.

MEMORY VERSE MOTIONS:

Help kids recite and retain the memory verse by teaching it with motions. Before you teach the verse, be sure to explain what it means.

- For by Him (*point up*)
- all things (*spread your arms out wide*)
- were created. (*cup hands and bring them together*)
- Colossians 1:16 (*open hands like a book*)

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