

WONDERFULLY MADE

BIBLE PASSAGE: Genesis 1:26–31; 2:4–25

FOCUS VERSES: Genesis 1:27; Psalm 139:14; Isaiah 43:7

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.

MONTHLY *Memory Verse*

By Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth…all things were created through Him and for Him.

(COLOSSIANS 1:16)

BRITE *Idea*

God created people in His image.

We will go deeper in God's truth by answering these questions:

HE

HOW DOES GOD FEEL ABOUT PEOPLE?

God uniquely made people in His image. God loves His people and has always wanted a relationship with them.

WE

WHY DID GOD MAKE PEOPLE?

God created people to know Him, to worship Him and to be loved by Him.

ME

HOW IS GOD INVITING ME TO RESPOND?

Kids will be given the opportunity to reflect on the truth they learned about God and respond accordingly.

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Leader TRAINING

LEADER TRAINING TOPIC: LOVING, CARING ADULTS

YOU are the secret sauce to child discipleship. If you ever question if your role matters, DON'T! One loving, caring adult can make all the difference in the discipleship journey of a kid.

- **Your presence matters.** The first step to being a loving, caring adult in the life of kids is just showing up. By being consistently present, you communicate to kids that you care.
- **Your attention matters.** When you are present with kids, be all in. Put the phone away. Save conversations with other adults for later. Come in prepared for the day so that distractions are minimized. Give the kids in your care your undivided attention for the short time you are with them.
- **Your prayers matter.** Think of one kid in your group and then consider this question: What if you are the only person who prays for that kid this week? God has put you in a role to love and support kids who may not have that spiritual support elsewhere. Pray for every kid like you are the only one praying.

NAVIGATING A BROKEN WORLD: GENDER

About 40 percent of Americans disagree that gender is determined at birth.* Gender has become a challenging topic in our culture. Our kids encounter references to gender identity issues via popular shows, YouTube and social media. You may have kids in your group who know someone who identifies as transgender or who expresses a desire to be the opposite gender. You may have kids in your group who have heard the discussion and have wondered about their own gender. 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. You can remind kids God is the ultimate authority on who we are because we are made in His image. We are deeply loved by the Creator. If kids ask questions about gender, be cautious to answer gently, always pointing toward truth. 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

ELEMENTARY GLOSSARY

Creation: everything made by God

Creator: the One who made everything

Omnipotent: having unlimited power; stronger than anything

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Bible TEACHING

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PRAY: God, we praise You for creating us with such great care and love. We are made to love, worship and know You deeply. May we learn and live out this purpose through Jesus. Amen.

SUPPLIES:
Bible, teaching slides, butcher paper, washable markers, basket, painter's tape, timer

PREP:
Draw lines to separate a large piece of butcher paper into four sections. Tape up the butcher paper in the front of your space. Place a basket of washable markers nearby.

LEADER TIP:
The drawings in this activity will be done with speed, not care. Encourage the kids not to worry about sloppy, rushed or unfinished drawings.

Say: Today I will need the help of some artists to tell the Bible story. I'm not looking for the best drawers. I'm looking for the fastest drawers. In just a moment, I will ask for some volunteers, but first, let's pick up the story of creation from last week.

Say: God saved His most precious creation for last. Like an artist designing His masterpiece, God formed a man from the dust of the earth. God breathed His breath of life into the man.

Read Genesis 2:7 directly from the Bible: *then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.*

Call on a volunteer to come to the front and draw Adam's face in the first section of the butcher paper in 10 seconds or less. The drawer must stop at the end of the timer. Once completed, lead everyone to cheer for the artist as they return to their seat.

Say: God placed the man, named Adam, in a perfect garden filled with every beautiful tree and delicious fruit.

Say: There was also a tree called the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. God told the man not to eat from it or he would die.

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Bible TEACHING CONTINUED

Call on a volunteer to come to the front and draw a tree in the second section of the butcher paper in 10 seconds or less. The drawer must stop at the end of the timer. Once completed, lead everyone to cheer for the artist as they return to their seat.

Say: Then God said, "It is not good for this man to be alone." God brought every animal and every bird to Adam, allowing the man to name the creatures.

Show teaching illustration: Adam Naming the Animals

Call on a volunteer to come to the front and draw any animal in the third section of the butcher paper in 10 seconds or less. The drawer must stop at the end of the timer. Once completed, lead everyone to cheer for the artist as they return to their seat. Ask if anyone can name the animal the artist drew.

Say: Adam named them all but didn't find a single animal that would fit as a helper for him.

Say: The Lord caused Adam to fall into a deep sleep. God took one of Adam's ribs and made it into a woman.

Read Genesis 2:22 directly from the Bible: *And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man He made into a woman and brought her to the man.*

Call on a volunteer to come to the front and draw Eve's face in the fourth section of the butcher paper in 10 seconds or less. The drawer must stop at the end of the timer. Once completed, lead everyone to cheer for the artist as they return to their seat.

Say: When Adam woke up and saw her, he said, "At last! She is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh. She will be called woman!" This was the partner Adam had been looking for. The woman was named Eve.

Show teaching illustration: Adam and Eve

Say: Adam and Eve were the first example of God's design for a man and woman to leave their families and marry each other. Why did God make people? Because He wanted to! God created people to know Him, to worship Him and to be loved by Him. He didn't need people to keep Him company, yet He created people to live in a relationship with Him. God loved people from the very beginning.

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Bible TEACHING CONTINUED

Show teaching slide: Point to Jesus



POINT TO JESUS

Say: God loves people. Every person, male or female, is created in His image exactly how He wants them to be. People are God's masterpiece. He created us to worship Him and to live in a close relationship with Him. Yet, the first people messed up, and we still mess up today. Our sin separates us from that perfect relationship with God. God promised He would send Jesus to rescue us from our sin. Because every person is created in the image of God, Jesus' forgiveness is available to all people who trust in Him.

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Review

BIBLE REVIEW VIDEO

Play Bible Review Video. Play the game below using teaching slides: Review Game

SUPPLIES:
Video player, Bible Review Video, teaching slides

PREP:
None

INSTRUCTIONS: *Tell kids to respond by calling out "strike" or "ball." If the answer is strike, they raise a closed fist and shout, "Strike!" If the answer is ball, they place their hands behind their backs and quietly say, "Ball."*

1. **God created His most precious creation:**
   Strike: First
   Ball: Last

2. **God said it was not good for man to be:**
   Strike: Tired
   Ball: Alone

3. **While Adam was sleeping, God made Him a:**
   Strike: Helper
   Ball: Enemy

4. **Adam and Eve were the first examples of God's design for:**
   Strike: Marriage
   Ball: Gardening

5. **How does God feel about people?**
   Strike: God thinks people are just as good as animals
   Ball: God loves His people and has always wanted a relationship with them.

God uniquely made people in His image. God loves His people and has always wanted a relationship with them.

6. **Why did God make people?**
   Strike: God created people to know Him, to worship Him and to be loved by Him.
   Ball: God created people to watch for entertainment.

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