

Journal Page



- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- What does it mean that we are made in the image of God?
- How are people like God? How are we different?
- How should we treat people, knowing that everyone is made in God's image?

God Created People

Genesis 1-2

STORY POINT: GOD CREATED PEOPLE IN HIS OWN IMAGE, AND HE LOVES US.

On the sixth day of creation, God made people. God said, "Let us make man in our image. They will rule over the whole earth and all the creatures on the earth." God took dust from the ground and made a body. God breathed into the man, and the man became alive. God planted a garden in the land of Eden and put the man there. God told the man to work in the garden and take care of it.

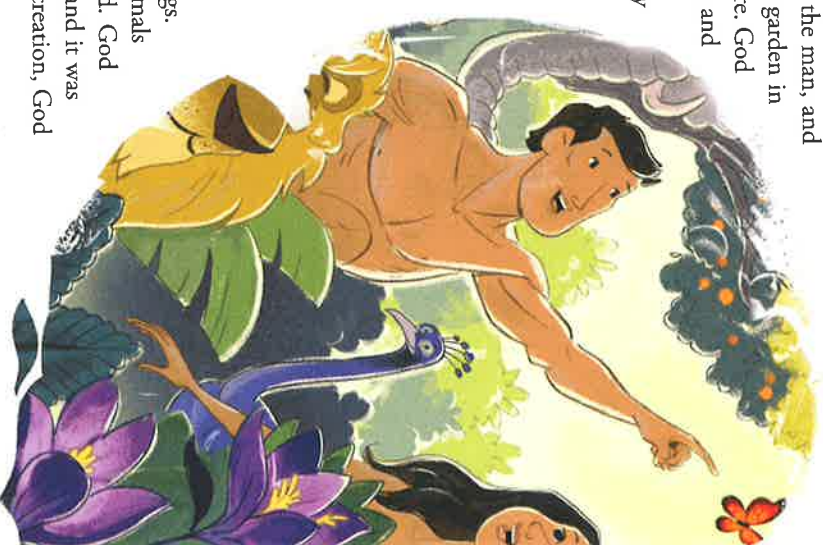
God said, "You may eat from any of the trees in the garden, except for one." God warned the man, "If you eat from that tree, you will die."

Then God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone." So God decided to make a helper for the man. God made the man fall fast asleep. He took one of the man's ribs and created a woman.

The woman was a perfect helper for the man; she was his wife.

The man's name was Adam, and his wife's name was Eve.

God gave Adam and Eve good things. He put them in charge of the animals and provided everything they needed. God looked at everything He had made, and it was very good. So on the seventh day of creation, God rested from His work.



Christ Connection: God created people in His own image and provides for everything He made. People are special because God made people to live forever in a relationship with Him. Through His Son, Jesus, we can have eternal life with God just as He planned.

Image Match

INSTRUCTIONS: Find and circle the two versions of the image that are exactly identical.



Younger Kids Activity Pages

Unit 1 • Session 2

God Created People

BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- On the sixth day, after creating animals, God created people.
- God created both men and women.
- God created people in His own image, and He loves us.
- God created people to love Him and glorify His name throughout the whole earth.

KEY PASSAGE: Colossians 1:16b-17

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- Who is God? God is our Creator and King.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- What does it mean to be made “in the image of God”?
- Why is it important that both men and women are created in God’s image?
- If everyone is created in God’s image, how should we treat others?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Hold a funny face contest. Take turns with your family making the silliest faces you can. Then see who can match each silly face. Discuss ways we can “match” God. What are ways we cannot be like Him?



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What Does Not Belong?

INSTRUCTIONS: Circle the 10 things that do not belong in the Bible story picture.



Preschool Activity Pages

Unit 1 • Session 2 God Created People

BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- God made people on Day 6 of creation.
- God created a man—Adam—and a woman—Eve.
- God put Adam and Eve in charge of the animals and gave them everything they needed.
- God created people in His own image, and He loves us.

KEY PASSAGE: Colossians 1:1-6b

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- Who is God? God is our Creator and King.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- How do we know each and every person is important to God?
- How did God make us like Him? How are we different from God?
- How does God show His love for us?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- As you are out and about this week, make a game of people watching. Each time you see a person say, “That person is important to God.”
- Make *God Loves You!* cards. Place the cards under the windshield wipers of cars at a public park.



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GOD CREATED PEOPLE

Genesis 1 - 2

Key Verse: "All things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together!"
Colossians 1:16b - 17

BIBLE & SCIENCE

HIGH BOUNCER - "GOD'S WAYS"

Supplies: Basketball, Tennis Ball

*Note: Make sure the basketball you're using is well inflated.

1. Hold the tennis ball out at arm's length and drop it. Make a note of how high the ball bounced.
2. Hold the basketball out at arm's length and drop it. Make a note of how high the ball bounced.
3. Hold the basketball out at arm's length. Hold the tennis ball out at arm's length, but resting at the very top of the basketball.
4. At the same moment, drop BOTH balls.

*The tennis ball will bounce back much higher than expected.

Observation:

1. How high did the tennis ball bounce when it was dropped by itself? What about the basketball?
2. How high did the tennis ball bounce when it was dropped with the basketball?

Read Isaiah 55:9. How does this verse remind you of the experiment you just did with the two balls? Before we turn our lives over to God it's possible we think of Him the way the tennis ball bounced the first time. "Okay...whatever...God probably has power. I'm not that excited about God."

When we become every day followers of Jesus and get to know God through His Word, prayer, and worship, we understand that He is much bigger and more powerful than we ever thought. God is so powerful! He created the whole world, and people. He created you and me! The second time the tennis ball bounced higher than we thought it would. Weren't you amazed by that? The more we get to know God, the more he amazes us by the way he works!

What is the most amazing thing you can think of about God? What about his Creation?

SHADOW ART

Supplies: black paper, 2 sheets white paper, pencil, flashlight, scissors

You will need at least three people for this activity.

- Person 1: Tape a piece of white paper to a wall. Sit sideways in a chair with one shoulder close to the wall.
Person 2: Hold a flashlight toward person 1 so the shadow of their head and neck is on the paper.
Person 3: Use a pencil to trace the shadow on the paper.

Switch roles until everyone has a tracing of their shadow. Provide scissors for them to cut out their tracings. Kids should then trace the cutout onto black paper and cut that piece out. Finally, they can glue the black cutout onto another piece of white paper.

Lead kids to write their names and "Made in God's Image" beneath their shadow art.

God created people in His own image, and He loves us. God made you, and He loves you!



MIRROR SELF PORTRAIT

Provide kids with a hand mirror to examine their faces. Ask them to use a paper and a pencil to draw a picture of their own face.

As you looked at your face in the mirror, did it become easier or harder to draw a picture of yourself? How well do you feel you did at capturing your image on paper? Today we will learn about the ways people are made in God's image. We are not a perfect copy of what God is like, but we do share some characteristics with God. What did our Bible story tell us about the image of God?

CAN YOU DO THAT?

Instruct everyone to stand in a circle. Explain that each player will take a turn announcing something they can do. (I can.... can you...?) Go first to give an example. Announce something such as, "I can say a poem; can you say a poem?" Anyone who can answer "yes", to the question should sit in place. The next player standing should say something like, "I can do a handstand," and then sit along with anyone else who can do a handstand. Continue until everyone is seated.

God gives people abilities and responsibilities that make us different than animals. Today we learned more about why God made people.

EXAMINE THUMBPRINTS

Using a washable inkpad and an index card have your child push their thumbprint onto the index card. Write their name on each of their index cards. Using magnifying glasses try to compare everyone's thumbprints and see what differences you can notice. How are they alike? How are they different? No two fingerprints are alike.

No two people have the exact same fingerprints. Wasn't that very clever of God to make us so unique? We are all different, but every single one of us is made in the image of God.

DOWNTOWN ZOO QUESTIONS

After watching our video and reading the provided Bible passage go through these questions as a family. These are great questions to discuss as a family. Don't just have your child answer, answer them together and discuss the lesson.

1. Whom did God love most of everything He created?
2. How did God make Adam?
3. Whom did God decide to make so that Adam would not be alone?
4. What did God do on Day 7 of creation?

UPTOWN KIDS QUESTIONS (LIGHTHOUSE & THRIVE)

1. What kind of things have you cooked, sculpted, constructed or drawn? Tell me about your best creation!
2. What was different about the way God created people compared to the way He created animals?
3. How did God create Adam? How did God create Eve?
4. What does it mean to be created in the image of God (Read Colossians 3:9-10)?
5. How does being created in God's image affect how we treat one another?
6. God created us to know and love Him. How can we get to know God if we cannot see Him?