

WEEK 3

GOD IS CREATOR GOD MADE PEOPLE IN HIS IMAGE PRIMARY LESSON GUIDE

THE FOUR KEYS

KEY VERSE

So, God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Genesis 1:27

KEY IDEAS

1. God created all humans in His image.
2. God gave man dominion over creation.
3. Humans are God's masterpiece.

KEY PASSAGE

Genesis 1:26-31

KEY PRINCIPLES



EVERY CHILD SHOULD KNOW . . .

God created us in His image.



EVERY CHILD SHOULD FEEL . . .

loved by the God of all creation who says we are His masterpiece.



EVERY CHILD SHOULD BE ABLE TO . . .

see him/herself as made special by God.



EVERY CHILD SHOULD WANT . . .

to love others as God's handiwork.

INTRODUCTION

Everything that is and ever has been was created by God, and He created it all out of nothing! He simply spoke and the whole world was made. God created everything perfectly to show His glory to the world. Since God is the Creator of all things and gives life to all things, we find our purpose in Him!

OPENING ILLUSTRATION

Begin class by reviewing the days of creation. This time allow the kids to add Adam and Eve last. Discuss how Adam and Eve were the last thing God created and they were made different from everything else God had made because He created them in His own image. This means that God created people to share some of His own characteristics and to be a reflection of Himself. He created man to glorify Him and enjoy Him forever.

STORY

Read Genesis 1:26-31.

God is the author of all life. After God created all of the world, the heavens and earth and all the plants and animals, He chose to create people. God made man differently than the rest of His creation. Instead of speaking man into being, He brought man up from the dust of the earth and breathed life into him. He made man in His own image which means that He has given an even greater purpose to man than to any other thing He made. God made people to be a reflection of Himself, sharing some of His very own characteristics like our ability to laugh and experience joy and our ability to think with our minds and create with our hands. Just like everything else that God made, He created people perfectly. But once again, because of our sin, God's image in us has been distorted and changed. But there is good news! God sent His son Jesus to pay for our sin so that we could be made new again in Him!

ACTIVITY

Provide each child with a blank piece of paper and help them transfer their fingerprint using an ink pad, being cautious not to transfer onto their clothing. Try to help them form the shape of a butterfly with their fingerprints. Explain how our fingerprints are all different and that demonstrates how we are all uniquely made by God and that brings Him glory.

PRAYER

Thank God that He has created all people with purpose and value and that all people matter to Him. Ask God to help you treat others as God's most special creation, too.

SONG Days of Creation to the tune of Frere-Jacques

"God created (x2) day and night (x2), that was on the 1st day (x2) and it was good (x2)."

Repeat each day:

Sky and clouds (2nd day), land and plants (3rd day), sun and stars (4th day), fish and birds (5th day), man and beast (6th day)

Finish with:

"Then He rested (x2) from His work (x2), that was on the 7th day (x2) and it was good (x2)."

FAMILY DEVOTIONAL

Psalms 139:14-17, Matthew 10:20,29-31, Ephesians 1:4-5, 1 Timothy 2:3-4, Ephesians 2:10,

ACTIVITY

Using the popsicle sticks provided in your take home packet, color each of your family members with washable markers or crayons. Explain that each person is uniquely designed and no two are exactly the same.

DISCUSSION

- What does it mean to be made in God's image?
God gave man characteristics that He did not give to any other living thing. God has set mankind apart for a different purpose than the rest of His creation, to know God and be known by Him and enjoy Him forever.
- What does God think of you?
God loves you so much that He made you unique and gave you a purpose before you were even born!
- How should we treat other people?
We should see that all people, no matter what they look like or where they come from or what they have, were created in a special way by God. This means that each person should be shown love and respect and we should treat others the way we would want to be treated.

PRAYER

Thank God for making us in His image for a special purpose. Ask Him to help you see others the way He sees them.