

WEEK 3

GOD IS THE CREATOR

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ELEMENTARY 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 us in His image.
2. God created us with value.
3. God created us for a purpose.

KEY PASSAGE

Genesis 1 (The Creation Account)

KEY PRINCIPLES



EVERY CHILD SHOULD KNOW . . .
that all people are created by God in His image.



EVERY CHILD SHOULD FEEL . . .
valuable to their Creator.



EVERY CHILD SHOULD BE ABLE TO . . .
respect other people as image bearers.



EVERY CHILD SHOULD WANT . . .
to discover the purpose God created them for.

INTRODUCTION

God created people different from the rest of creation. He created them in His own image and likeness. God created people with the greatest purpose of all the rest of creation, to show His glory and be in relationship with Him and one another. God created us male and female with different features and characteristics that reflect God's image in different ways, and so together they are a perfect picture of God's nature and relationship to us.

OPENING ILLUSTRATION

Open the lesson with a game of Image Bingo. Using the supplies in the teacher's bin, give each child a Bingo paper with different characteristics of God on it. Play a game of Image Bingo with them and then remind them that each person is created in God's image.

KEY IDEAS

Read Genesis chapter 1 and use the following ideas for guided discussion.

- God created us in His image.
 - What does it mean that we are made in God's image? God has given us characteristics that resemble Him.
 - Why are we made in Him image? So that the world would know Him.
 - Why did God create us male and female? Both male and female are important because they each represent different characteristics of who God is and together paint a more complete picture of God's nature. God gave gender, and gender is important to His design.
- God created us with value.
 - When does God form us? God knits us together in our mother's womb. He knows us completely. (Psalm 139:13)
 - How do we know we have value? God says we have value because He created us. (Matthew 10:29-31)
- God created us for a purpose.
 - What is our purpose? Our purpose is to be a reflection of God, to glorify Him, and show the world that He is holy.
 - How do we live with purpose? By following His commands in His word and having a relationship with Him, we live our purpose.

Activity

Bring in a bag filled with different items (pen, calculator sock, cup, etc.). Ask children to take turns grabbing an item out of the bag and explaining its purpose. Once all items have been drawn, ask "can you think of something in the world that doesn't have a purpose?" Talk to them about how God has given us the most important purpose; to love God, be loved by God, and to bring Him glory. He deserves glory because He made us. We bring Him glory by obeying Him.

Prayer

Spend time at the end of class thanking God for giving us purpose. Ask Him to help us find that purpose by being obedient to His word and trusting in Him.

FAMILY DEVOTIONAL

ACTIVITY

Memorize the key verse Genesis 1:27.

Create a chore chart for your child at the beginning of the week. Keep track throughout the week of any chores that your child completes. At the end of the week, discuss the purpose of each chore or activity. Remind your child that God has created us with purpose and we fulfill that purpose by obeying His word.

DISCUSSION

- **Where does our value come from?**
God has given all of His creation value because He made it. We are given even more value than the rest of creation because He made us in His image for the purpose of reflecting His character to the world.
- **What does it mean to have purpose?**
It means to have a reason for having something or doing something. God has given us a reason to obey Him and follow Him because He is holy and He made us.
- **How do we fulfill God's purpose for us?**
We fulfill God's purpose by placing our faith in Him, choosing to follow and obey His word, so that we can live in right relationship with Him and with others.

PRAYER

Spend time in prayer with your child thanking God for making us in His image and giving us a purpose. Ask God to help you seek His plan and purpose for your life by being obedient to His word and growing to love Him more.