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June 8-9, 2013

DATE

God Made People

LESSON TITLE

Genesis 1-2

WHERE TO FIND IT

We all bear God's image!

MAIN POINT

## schedule

**Hang out with kids (10 minutes):** Ask kids about their week. Get kids into groups and play games together.

**Large Group (30 minutes):** Model what it looks like to be engaged in large group. And don't be afraid to redirect kids who aren't!

**Small Group (20-30 minutes):** Keep kids in small groups until parents arrive. *If you all have extra time at the end, you can review the video and songs together.*

## tips

When you move from one activity to the next, set kids up for success—tell them what you expect from a good audience in Large Group, and how to participate well in Small Group.

## check-in/out

As kids leave, ask them to tell their parents why they made collages today.

## large group heads up

Today, we're talking about how we were created in God's image. That's pretty exciting because it reveals how precious every single one of us is to God!



## instructions

**Goal:** to help kids understand what it means to be made in God's image

**Why?** We would view ourselves as loved and precious and treat others with more love if we truly believed we were each made in God's image

**Tip:** If you have extra time, try the game at the end. It ties in directly to the lesson. See if you can keep kids engaged in small group until their parents arrive.

## small group

### CONNECT

1. Share one word to describes the best part of your week. (If you've already connected as a small group, move directly to question #2.)
2. Share one thing that surprised/confused you about today's story. (It's okay to admit that we don't understand how God can create humans out of dust/bone)

### REVIEW/DIG DEEPER

3. How did God create Adam? (He breathed into dust—Adam was formed)
4. How did God create Eve? (he caused Adam to sleep, pulled out one of his ribs, closed Adam back up, and formed Eve)
5. Why did God create us in his own image? (He wants relationship with us!)
6. What would it have been like to live in that garden? (Compare/contrast it to today)

### REACT/RELATE

7. Why is it sometimes hard to view other people as if they've been created in God's image?
8. Why is it hard to believe that WE (as individuals) are created in God's image? (Consider that others make fun of us, society tells us to look/act a certain way, we make mistakes now that we are part of a fallen world, etc.)
9. How would we treat people (ourselves included!) if we truly believed they/we are made in *God's* image?

### ACTIVITY

YOU are special to God. YOU are made in his image. Today, we're going to think about how God made us. You each get to create a collage of what you look like:

- Give each kid a ***piece of paper***

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- Have them draw a “picture” of themselves by choosing 5 words and 5 pictures to describe who they are (it can be what they like, what they’re good at, who they care about, etc. You can alter the number of words and pictures based on time and skill level)
- Ask kids to share collages once they’re done—or almost done.
- Encourage them in who they are—and help them see how it points to God. For instance, if they love playing soccer, tell them that God created us to work with others as a team or to enjoy playing. Encourage them to find ways to use their gifts and interests to bring God glory.

**\*\*Pray with kids. Thank God for making each of them in his image (refer to them by name).**

*Extra time? See if kids can draw a picture based off a puzzle or game box in the room. Compare and contrast their creations with the originals. Talk about how we don’t exactly know what it means to be made in God’s image, but he designed us to be like him in some ways.*

## special notes

We're still talking about Creation. But this time, we're focusing on how God made us in his image. In small groups, kids will dive deeper into what that means for them in terms of how they should view themselves—and how they should treat others. You're teaching the foundational story.

## presenter tips

It can be hard to dwell on the goodness of creation when we live in such a broken world. If kids bring up the fact that people aren't perfect, acknowledge that. But tell them that this week, we're focusing on how God created the world to be, before anything wrong began.

## script

Hi everybody! Welcome to Kids' Club. It's great to see you all today. We've been talking about how God made the world as a perfect home for you and me to live in with him. He wanted to walk with us and talk with us forever.

Now, we know that our world isn't perfect anymore. We'll talk about why that is next week. But for this week, let's just imagine the perfect world God wanted us to live in—and the wonderful, special way that he made people. When we see how God wanted us to live, we realize how much he loves us.

### **INTRO: GOD CREATED THE WORLD TO BE OUR HOME**

We're going to watch a video to help us picture what it was like when God created the world especially for us to live in with him. As you watch, imagine that God was thinking of *you*, because he was! And think about WHY God was so excited to create a home for us.

### ***Video: Creating the World***

Wow, why do you think God was so excited about the perfect home he made for us? (Let kids say: because he loves us!) Yes, because he loves us. We were made to bring him glory. And we were made in a very special way.

### **PART ONE: GOD CREATED ADAM AND EVE**

In the video, Adam was created from some clay. The Bible tells us that God actually took some dust from the ground (***take some sand in your hand***) and blew life into it (blow on the sand). Think about how gentle and loving that is. Adam became the first man.

And Adam was happy walking and talking with God in a garden called the Garden of Eden. But God wanted to give Adam a helper, a friend. So he made Eve. But he didn't make Eve out of dust...he did something a little different.



## script continued

First, God caused Adam to fall into a deep sleep. Then God took out one of Adam's ribs. Everybody feel the bones above your stomach (Model where to find ribs and let kids feel their ribs). Those are your ribs. God took one of Adam's ribs out then closed him back up. From that bone, God made Eve.

### **PART TWO: GOD CREATED ADAM AND EVE IN HIS IMAGE**

But the coolest part is, God made both Adam and Eve--and you and me--in HIS own image. In Genesis 1:27, the Bible says:

***SLIDE: Genesis 1:27: So God created man in his own likeness. He created him in the likeness of God. He created them as male and female.***

We don't know *exactly* what being made in God's image means, in terms of how God looks and we look. We do know we bear some resemblance to him, somehow. Think about this... **(Show picture of the hundred dollar bill.)** Whose image is on a hundred dollar bill? Does anybody know? (Let kids say: Ben Franklin) ...Yep, Ben Franklin. Sometimes we even call hundred dollar bills "Benjamins."

**(Show picture of Ben Franklin and hands holding a hundred dollar bill.)** But a piece of money and the actual guy have a lot of differences, don't they? Just because a hundred dollar bill bears Ben Franklin's image doesn't mean the two are identical.

### **PART THREE: GOD CREATED ADAM AND EVE IN HIS IMAGE BECAUSE HE WANTED A RELATIONSHIP WITH THEM**

We DO know that we are special to God because we bear his image. God didn't put his image on anything else he created—only on us! That's because God wants a relationship with us—he wants to be close to us. He wants us to be a part of his family.

### **WE ALL BEAR GOD'S IMAGE**

And the best part is, God thinks each of us as a special, treasured creation. He wants EACH of us to be a part of his family, so we can follow him and be close to him. Psalm 139:13-14 shows us how precious we are to him:

***SLIDE: Psalm 139:13-14: You are the one who put me together inside my mother's body, and I praise you because of the wonderful way you created me. Everything you do is marvelous!***

Think about this verse for a second. God put each person together before they were born. And he created them wonderful!

Does this mean you are wonderful? (Let kids say: yes!) Yes, even though we mess up sometimes, God created us perfectly wonderful. Does that mean the nicest person you know is wonderful? (Let kids say: yes!) Does that mean the meanest person you know is wonderful? (Let kids say: yes! Assure them that God put each person together) ...Yes! They were created perfectly by God, too. Of course, it makes God really sad when they treat others badly. But he specially created each of us. We are all precious to him.



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Let's watch one more video clip that really shows us what it looks like to view ourselves and others as image-bearers of God:

### ***Video: Making Friends***

It's sometimes hard to believe we're created perfectly when people make fun of us. And it's sometimes hard to believe that the people *making* fun of us were created perfectly. But we were all created by God, and even though we all mess up, he loves us and wants us to follow him and treat others with love. After all, he's stamped every one of us with his image!

### **WORSHIP**

We're going to talk about that more in small groups, but for now, let's sing a couple songs to remind us that Jesus created each of us special and he wants EACH of us to follow him.

***Song: Who I Am***

***Song: Come With Me***

### **PRAY**

Can someone come and thank God for making each of us in his image?



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# PREP needs



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## small group supplies

White sheets of paper/kid  
Plenty of markers / pens

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## large group supplies

Small container with sand (enough for  
presenters to pull out a handful)

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## a/v needs

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| 1. Video: Creating the World (an “Adventures of Toby” movie in Public drive)   | #4 AND image of hands holding \$100 bill (jpeg in curriculum folder)  |
| 2. SLIDE: Genesis 1:27: So God created man in his own likeness. He created him in the likeness of God. He created them as male and female. | 6. SLIDE: Psalm 139:13-14: You are the one who put me together inside my mother’s body, and I praise you because of the wonderful way you created me. Everything you do is marvelous! |
| 3. Image: Picture of \$100 bill (jpeg in curriculum folder)  | 7. Video: Making Friends  |
| 4. Image: Picture of Ben Franklin (jpeg in curriculum folder)  | 8. Song: Who I Am   |
| 5. Image: Same picture of Ben Franklin from  | 9. Song: Come with Me   |

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## special room set-up

None

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## connect questions

Tell me about how God made Adam and Eve.  
What’s special about how people are made?

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## parent page

Today, we talked about how God created Adam and Eve—all humans—in his image. We don’t know what that means *exactly*, but we do know it means that every single person is precious to Him and he wants to be close to each of us! Ask your kid about it. If you want, read this story together in Genesis 1-2 in the Bible.