



3PK

June 8-9, 2013

DATE

God Made People

LESSON TITLE

Genesis 1-2

WHERE TO FIND IT

We are God's favorite creation!

MAIN POINT

schedule

SCHEDULE for all sites:

First 10 minutes of the service hour:
Relationship-building time (kids get to know each other and the volunteers)

Next 25 minutes: Large group teaching and worship

Last 30 minutes: Story review, snack and small groups, activities/crafts

If you finish early, have kids engage group games as parents arrive. Check out the end of the activities section to find an idea for this week.

tips

Don't just supervise; get on the floor and play *with* the kids. They might want to pretend you're Batman or a unicorn, but that's okay. Meet them at their level.

check-in/out

As kids leave, remind them to tell their parents why they are taking home a "hug" today (as a reminder of how much God loves them)!

large group heads up

Today, we're talking about God's favorite creation: us! He created us with his own breath so we could live with him in a perfect world.



instructions

Goal: To help kids understand that God loves each of them.

Why? God created us in his own image. He formed us tenderly, with his own breath, and wanted us to live in a perfect world with him.

Tip: You'll have to tape yarn to handprints for kids. Be strategic so they don't all want your help at once!

small group

*As kids eat a snack, review the story.

REVIEW

1. What are some of the things God made? (Let kids yell out animals, flowers, people, etc. Encourage them to give names of animals and family members. Have some fun with this question!)
2. What's the most *special* thing God made? (You and me--people!)
3. How did God make Adam? (He took some dust and breathed on it)
4. Who did God make after Adam? (Eve—a companion/friend)
5. How much does God love you? (Encourage kids to say "so much!" or hug themselves)

ACTIVITY

Today, we're going to make "hugs" to help us remember how much God loves us!

- Give each kid **two handprints** to color
- Give each kid a **piece of yarn**
- When kids are finished coloring, **tape** the yarn to the handprint for them
- Show them how to give themselves a "hug" whenever they want to remember how much God loves them (they can put the handprints up on their shoulders)
- Have them practice saying: "God loves me!"

***When kids finish, pray with them and thank God for loving us all so much!**

Extra time? *Try the game on the following page:*

I Spy: You can play this from your seats or walk around the room. Lead first, to show the kids how to play. Say, “I spy something with the color _____” and let the kids guess. Or say, “I spy something shaped like a _____” and let the kids guess. Let the kids come up with their own objects too. To mix things up, ask the kids to find something in the room with a certain color or shape and bring it to you. (Don’t make it a contest to find an object first—just have fun seeing many examples of colors and shapes!)

special notes

God made us in his image, so we know we are very special to him. Try to make each kid feel special this week!

presenter tips

Make sure you use lots of eye contact and muster as much energy as possible as you present. Kids love it when you act silly and over-the-top, so go for it. They'll love it and it will help the lesson to stick.

script

Presenter: Hi Friends! Welcome to Kid's Club. I'm _____ and I'm really glad you're here today. Before we get started, I want you to meet my friend, HOPS. She's going to remind us of the kind of choices we can make today in Kids' Club.

Video: HOPS 2 Obey Your Leaders (about 1 minute)

REVIEW

Presenter: (holding up the **Bible** for kids to see) This is God's story. Out of all the stories in the world, this story is the most important. It's God's Rescue plan.

Remember how God made the whole world and everything was good? The world was perfect! Give me a smile and a "thumbs up"! (Let kids respond.)

(Soften your tone): Now, some of you might remember that there's a sad part of the story that happens. But today, we're going to focus on just the very exciting part of the story. Because when God created everything, it was *perfect*. Give me a smile and a "thumbs up" (let kids respond).

GOD'S FAVORITE CREATION: PEOPLE

We talked about how God made EVERYTHING. (List the next part off dramatically): Big trees, pretty flowers, soft grass, roaring lions, creepy crawly spiders...*everything*. Even you and me!

Today, we're going to watch a video of that story to remember all the amazing things God made. Remember, God called everything he made "GOOD." But after he created his favorite thing, he called it "VERY good." As you watch, see if you can figure out God's favorite thing he made.



script continued

Video: God's Story / Creation

So what was God's favorite creation? What did he call VERY "good"? (Let kids say: people). Yes, YOU and me.

HOW GOD CREATED PEOPLE

(Hold up the container of sand.) After God had made the whole world, he made people. He made us last, and he made us special. **(Let sand sift through your fingers.)** God took the dust of the ground and he breathed on it (breath on the sand), almost like a kiss.

And from the dust, God made Adam, the very first man. But he knew Adam needed a friend. So God made Eve! They were the very first two people in the world and they lived in a perfect place called the Garden of Eden. They got to play with animals and climb trees and roll down hills all day. They were always happy. It was so much fun!

And guess what the best part is? (Lean in): WE are still God's favorite creation. He made each of you very special and he loves us all so much. Everybody give yourself a BIG hug (Let kids hug themselves) Now say: "God loves me!" (Let kids say: God loves me!)

Let's pray together and thank God for making us very special and loving us so much! (Pray, breaking it into smaller, repeatable phrases):

Pray: Hi God! Thanks for making the world! Thanks for making me! Thanks for loving me!
Aaaaaa-MEN.

WORSHIP

Now let's sing together! Let's sing the songs we did last week to remember the special way God made everything.

Sing: Whole Wide World

Sing: Round and Round

Dismiss kids to small groups. (Be creative as you dismiss them. Ask them to come give you a high five first, or maybe tiptoe or hop--like Hops--to their groups.)



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PREP needs



small group supplies

Coloring pages: Lion and Lamb
Tape per group

- 2 handprint papers (can cut in squares—template in curriculum folder)

Per kid:

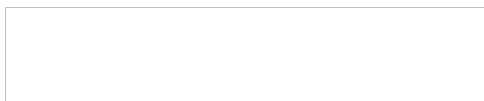
- 1 piece of yarn, 2 feet in length (any color)

large group supplies

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

a/v needs

1. Video: HOPS 2 Obey Your Leaders
2. Video: God's Story: Creation
3. Music Video: Whole Wide World
4. Music Video: Round and Round (animate version)



special room set-up

None

connect questions

Tell me about how God made Adam.
What is God's favorite part of creation?

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We are God's most treasured creation. After all, He created us in his own image. Today, we talked about how God created the first human, Adam. We also made paper hugs to remind us that God loves each of us SO much. Ask your kid about it. If you want, read this story together in Genesis 1-2 in the Bible. Or watch a video about it on CrossroadsKidsClub.net.