



3PK

June 14-15, 2014

DATE

Creation: God Made People

LESSON TITLE

Genesis 1-2

WHERE TO FIND IT

We are God's Favorite Creation

MAIN POINT

schedule

First 10 minutes of the service hour:

Engage kids in cooperative play activities to help them connect to other kids

Next 5 minutes: Connect Time

Next 25 minutes: Large Group

Last 25 minutes: Snack and Small Group

Finish early? Repeat the activity! Kids this age learn through repetition. Or, 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 what God's favorite creation is!

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.



connect time

GOAL: *Connect time is all about engaging kids in a short, interactive game to prepare them for Large Group.*

- **Clean up! (when you get the 5-minute warning from the presenter)**
- Line Up
- While in line, ask kids about their favorites again:
 - What's your favorite food?
 - What's your favorite toy?
 - What's your favorite game?
 - What's your favorite movie?
 - What's your favorite place to go?
 - What's your favorite song?
 - Did you guys know that when God created everything, he had a favorite? Anybody think they know what that is?
 - Let them guess! Tell them they'll have to wait until Large Group to find out.

If the music hasn't started yet, remind kids that when their listening ears are on, their mouths should be closed tight. Then practice that together!



instructions

Goal: To help kids understand that God loves each one 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: Keep the Play Dough at the table. You can even have them put all their creations together in the middle to make a “world.”

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 is God’s FAVORITE creation, the most special thing he 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 things, like God did!

- Give each kid some **Play-Dough**.
- Give each kid some **dough cutters** and let them create
- After each thing they make, say, “It was good!” and give a thumbs up.
- Then have each kid try to make a person and a friend (Adam and Eve).
 - You may have to model how to make a person out of Play Dough; any way you want to do it is fine!
- After kids make “Adam and Eve” say, “It was VERY good!”
- Remind kids that WE are God’s favorite creation.

Put away the Play Dough. If kids want to take it home, remind them that it needs to stay in Kids’ Club so they can play with it next week.

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

Extra time? Throw an Animal Party!

- *Make a circle. Choose one person to be the leader (be the leader first to show kids how it's done).*
- *The leader names an animal and then everybody imitates that animal! Be as loud and crazy as you want. Do sounds, movements, or both!*
- *To mix things up, limit animal choices per round. Ask kids to choose specific animals such as jungle animals, farm animals, birds, bugs, fish, etc.*

LARGE group

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 Kids' Club.

Video: HOPS 3 Put on Your Listening Ears (*about 1 minute*)

REVIEW

Presenter: (Hold 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.

Video: God's Story / Creation



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So what was God's favorite creation? What did he call VERY good? (Let kids say: People!) Yes, YOU and me. Point to yourself (let kids respond). Now point to someone next to you (let kids respond). God loves EACH of us!

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 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 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.

Music Video: Whole Wide World

Song: Jesus Loves Me

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



connect time supplies

“What’s your favorite?” game – no supplies needed

small group supplies

Per room

- Coloring pages: Lion and Lamb
- Play Dough
- Dough cutters (if need more, could purchase some from discountschoolsupply.com, item #LCUTTERS)

large group supplies

Bible

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

a/v needs

1. Video: HOPS 3 Put On Your Listening Ears
2. Video: God’s Story: Creation
3. Music Video: Whole Wide World (with kids doing motions)
4. Music Video: Jesus Loves Me (with hand motions)

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 humans, Adam and Eve. 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.