



CREATION FALL

LEADER BOOKLET

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Week 1 | God Creates the World

Passage

Genesis 1:1

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Main Idea

Do you believe God is real and in charge,
or do you think you are in charge?

Principles for Leaders:

1. God is the Creator and sustainer of everything—that includes you.
2. It is easy for us to criticize God and think he needs to run the universe differently, but this is not an acceptable response.
3. The proper response to God is humility and gratitude.

Teaching 1

- In the **beginning** God **created** the heavens and the earth. (Genesis 1:1)
- God is our Creator and **sustainer** of everything, including us.
- Our response should be **humility** and **gratitude**.
- There is a **God**, and you are **not** him.
- Do you believe God is **real** and in **charge**, or do you think you are in charge?

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Small Group Discussion

1. Do you believe God is real and in charge, or do you think you are in charge?
2. What does Genesis 1:1 tell us about God and about everything else?
3. The Bible tells us that life should be all about God. Do you find it hard for your life to be all about God? Write down and share 2–3 ways in which your life is about you and not about God.
4. What should you do when you have questions about who God is or what he does? Write down your ideas and share with the group.

Mosaic Questions

1. Do you believe God is real and in charge, or do you think you are in charge?
2. What does Genesis 1:1 tell us about God?
3. What does Genesis 1:1 tell us God created first?
4. The Bible tells us that life should be all about God. What are ways that you make life about you and not about God?
5. What should you do when you have questions about who God is or what he does?

Optional Small Group Activity

Memory Verse Balloon Pop

Supplies: Printed memory verse by word, Balloons

Give each student a word from the memory verse. Then roll or fold each word up and insert it into a balloon opening. Blow up the balloons and tie them. Place the balloons in a mixed up pile. Have students pop the balloons, get the words, and put them in order. Set a timer to see how fast it can be done!

Week 2 | God Creates People in His Image



Passages

Genesis 1:26-27

Then God said, “Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us. They will reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the wild animals on the earth, and the small animals that scurry along the ground.” So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

Psalms 139:13-14

You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother’s womb. Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it.

Main Idea

Do you try to create your own image or embrace the one God has given you?

Principles for Leaders:

1. God made human beings in his image (to resemble him).
2. Male and female are distinct in how they were created and how they reflect the image of God.
3. God created us each uniquely and for a purpose.



Teaching 2

- Then God said, “Let us make human beings in our **image**, to **be like** us. They will reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the wild animals on the earth, and the small animals that scurry along the ground.” (Genesis 1:26)
- We are made to **resemble** the Creator of the universe.
- You were made very much for a **purpose**, and all those things are good!
- So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; **male** and **female** he created them.
- There is a **God** and you're not him.
- Will we try to create our own image or **embrace** the one that God gave us?



Small Group Discussion

1. How is God's creation completely different from anything we can make/create?
2. In what ways do you think humans resemble God? What are some ways humans are different from all other things God created?



Mosaic Questions

1. God created us all uniquely. What differences do you see in people and yourself?
2. What does mirror do? It reflects the image of who or what is looking into it! Let's pretend we are mirrors. Whose image were we created to reflect?
3. We are made in God's image. How are we different from animals?

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4. In what ways do you think humans resemble God? What are some ways humans are different from all other things God created?
5. Since God is the creator, who does that mean is in charge?
6. How do you sometimes try to be in charge?

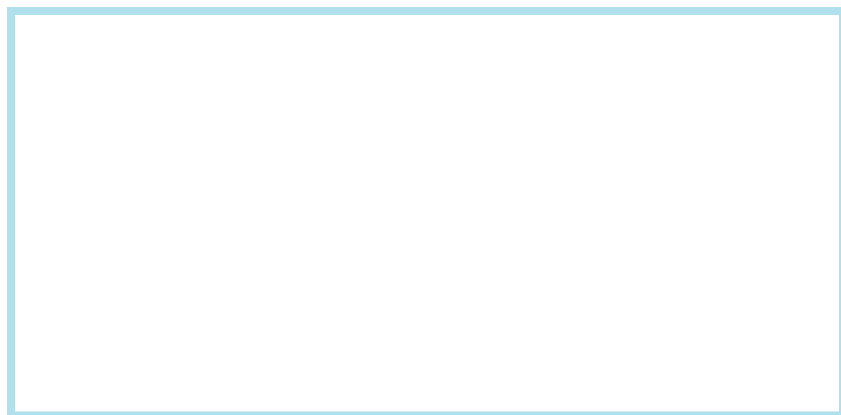


Optional Small Group Activity

Supplies: Markers, Pen

Take a minute to draw the logos of your three favorite brands (think clothes, shoes, sports teams, food, cars, you name it).

A large, empty rectangular box with a light blue border, intended for drawing logos.A second large, empty rectangular box with a light blue border, identical to the one above, for drawing logos.



Why do logos exist?

When you see the logo of your favorite brand, it's supposed to create a response in you. You might already taste the McDonald's hamburger when you see the golden arches, or smell that new shoe smell when opening a box of Adidas sneakers. The point is—logos help reflect a brand to us. When we see a logo, we don't think about the picture, we think about what the picture represents—the product they produce that we enjoy.

What do logos have to do with being created by God?

We are supposed to be God's logo—we are supposed to represent him as our Creator. When people look at me, they should think about God and who he is.

Discuss with Your Group

1. In what ways do you look like God's logo? What are some things that you do that reflect who God made you to be?
2. In what ways do you look like your own logo? What are some things you do that reflect your own selfishness?

Week 3 | People Sin Against God

Passage

Genesis 3:1-6

The serpent was the shrewdest of all the wild animals the Lord God had made. One day he asked the woman, “Did God really say you must not eat the fruit from any of the trees in the garden?”

“Of course we may eat fruit from the trees in the garden,” the woman replied. “It’s only the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden that we are not allowed to eat. God said, ‘You must not eat it or even touch it; if you do, you will die.’”

“You won’t die!” the serpent replied to the woman. 5 “God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and you will be like God, knowing both good and evil.”

The woman was convinced. She saw that the tree was beautiful and its fruit looked delicious, and she wanted the wisdom it would give her. So she took some of the fruit and ate it. Then she gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it, too.

Main Idea

Do you think you know better than God?

Principles for Leaders:

1. God made a good world with everything people needed.
2. Eve was convinced that she was missing out on something.
3. We sin because we think we know what we need better than God.

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Teaching 3

- Eve was **convinced** she was missing out on something.
- Sin = **disobeying** God.
- We **sin** because we think we know what we need better than God.
- How we view our **parents** actually shows what we think about God.



Small Group Discussion

1. Why do you think Adam and Eve did not trust God? Why did they want more than what God had given them?
2. Do your actions show that you think you know better than God?



Mosaic Questions

1. What is sin?
2. Why do you think Adam and Eve disobeyed?
3. Do you ever think that you know better than God or other people? Explain.
4. What are some ways that you disobey God? What does obeying God look like in those situations?
5. Why should we obey God?



Optional Small Group Activity

Supplies: Notecards (3 per student), Markers

Take the three cards provided and on the first side, write down ways in which you disobey God. Write one sin on each card (ex. be being unkind to a sibling or friend, disrespecting your parents, lying, etc.).

Flip your cards over and write what you would do in that situation in order to obey God.

Discuss with your leaders and small group to help identify what these would be. Look up Scripture that will help support obeying God (with the help of your leaders).

6. Why would we choose to obey God?

When you get home, talk to your parents about the three ways you disobey God regularly. Ask them to help you find other Scripture references that help confirm what obedience to God would look like in those situations. Write them on the obedience side of your card.

(If time allows in group: Decorate your cards so they can be displayed in your bedroom or bathroom as a reminder for you to choose obedience to God over disobedience.)

Week 4 | The Fall and the Curse

Passages

Genesis 3:7-19

At that moment their eyes were opened, and they suddenly felt shame at their nakedness. So they sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves.

When the cool evening breezes were blowing, the man and his wife heard the Lord God walking about in the garden. So they hid from the Lord God among the trees. Then the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?"

He replied, "I heard you walking in the garden, so I hid. I was afraid because I was naked."

"Who told you that you were naked?" the Lord God asked. "Have you eaten from the tree whose fruit I commanded you not to eat?"

The man replied, "It was the woman you gave me who gave me the fruit, and I ate it."

Then the Lord God asked the woman, "What have you done?"

"The serpent deceived me," she replied. "That's why I ate it."

Then the Lord God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all animals, domestic and wild. You will crawl on your belly, groveling in the dust as long as you live. And I will cause hostility between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring. He will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

Then he said to the woman, "I will sharpen the pain of your pregnancy, and in pain you will give birth."

And you will desire to control your husband,
but he will rule over you.”
And to the man he said,

“Since you listened to your wife and ate from the tree
whose fruit I commanded you not to eat,
the ground is cursed because of you.
All your life you will struggle to scratch a living from it.
It will grow thorns and thistles for you,
though you will eat of its grains.
By the sweat of your brow
will you have food to eat
until you return to the ground
from which you were made.
For you were made from dust,
and to dust you will return.”

Proverbs 28:13

People who conceal their sins will not prosper,
but if they confess and turn from them, they will receive mercy.

Main Idea

Do you hide from God and blame others,
or do you confess your sins to him?

Principles for Leaders:

1. Humans were never meant to die. Death is a result of sin. The world was not corrupt before sin. Thorns, thistles, sweat, and conflict are results of sin. The world was cursed because of sin.
2. Sinning makes you stupid. Before the fall, Adam did an incredible job of taxonomy, naming and classifying all the animals. After the fall, he is hiding from an omniscient being and pretending to be a vegetable. When God asks Adam about his sin, he blames Eve.
3. When God asks Eve about her sin, she blames the serpent. Hiding and blame are the natural ways we deal with our sin, but they are the wrong ways. In order to receive grace and mercy from God, we must confess and repent.



Teaching 4

- Adam and Eve felt **shame** when they sinned.
- **Sin** makes you stupid.
- We are born sinful separated from **God**.
- God sent his Son **Jesus** to die on the cross for our sins so we can have a relationship with him forever.
- To **confess** means to agree.
- To **repent** means to do the opposite and turn.



Small Group Discussion

1. Why did Adam and Eve hide from God?
2. How do you respond when you sin? Do you hide and blame?
3. Take a moment to write down what it means to confess. Share with your group.

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4. Take a moment to write down what it means to repent. Share with your group.

REPENT

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5. Can you share with the group a time when you confessed to someone about something you shouldn't have done? What did you do after you confessed? Did you repent and turn towards God?

» If so, what did that look like?

» If not, what would it look like to turn towards God?



Mosaic Questions

1. Why did Adam and Eve hide from God?
2. Have you ever tried to hide your sin? Why?
3. What happened to the world after Adam and Eve sinned?
4. Are we born perfect, or sinful?
5. How are we forgiven of our sins?
6. Have you ever had to say you are sorry? What was that like?

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