



LESSON 2

3rd and 4th Grade

Principle: Life comes from God. We are to represent God. God meets our needs.

Bible Character: Adam and Eve

Scripture Reference: Genesis 1:26-28, 2:18-24



PERSONAL PREPARATION: Before this weekend, spend time reading through Genesis 1 and 2. As you read, think about the way you view yourself. These two chapters describe creation before the fall. Everything God created had a specific purpose that brought glory to Him. Since the fall, we have lost sight of His purpose for our lives because of our sin. As you read about the beauty of God and His creation in these two chapters, compare it to the way you view the world and the purpose He had in mind when He created you. Focus on His overall purpose and plan for you. Life comes from God alone. Life is not about what we think it should be, but about how God intended it to be. If you love and follow Jesus, God is continually sanctifying you and bringing to fruition His work of redemption in you.

How does it make you feel to know that God created you to worship Him? Do you truly believe this? Do you fully grasp the fact that you are made in the image of God and created to represent Him? How does knowing that God created all of His children in His image change your view of those around you? How does it make you feel knowing that God loves you so much that despite your sin, He is working in you to make you like Jesus?

PLUG IN TIME - 5-10 minutes as the kids begin to arrive

Arrive early to check the supplies in the bin and review the lesson. Write today's principle on the whiteboard. Remember to greet all campers upon arrival; meet their parents; welcome and introduce all visitors. Create a welcoming cabin for all campers!

Creation

Have any of you ever helped your mom make a recipe? What have you made? Have you made cookies or a cake? What ingredients do you need to make a cake? What would happen if you added pickles to the cookie dough? How about mustard? Or dirt? How do you think the cookies would taste?



BIG GROUP TIME - 35-40 minutes

As you line up, remind campers we are going to have fun as an entire Camp Grace group! We are going to live out GRACE by **Glorifying God** through worship, **Respecting All Leaders**, and **Accepting Responsibility** to listen with attentive ears, minds, and hearts – fully **Celebrating Christ** with passion! We should **Encourage Others** to do the same, by not distracting them from their worship of God.

The Bridge to Small Group

Today we will review that God is our creator. We will study about how He made us in His own image to represent Him. We will learn how He meets our needs and has a purpose and a plan for us. We will focus on the fact that that true life comes from God.

Small Group Time - 25-30 minutes

Getting Started

If your cabin did well in Big Group, acknowledge it. If not, take a couple of minutes to talk about how they can do better next time.

What did you learn in Big Group? What made the custodian's food taste so bad? (He didn't have a recipe; he just mixed stuff together.) Did he know what he was doing? Did he have a plan? (No, he just poured everything into the bowl.)

Last week we learned about the Trinity. Who is the Trinity? (God.) What does it mean that God is the Trinity? (God is three persons in one.) Who are these three persons? (God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.) What did you learn about how God created the world? (We learned about how powerful God is in creating our world. We also learned that He said everything He created was good.)

Today we are going to continue talking about creation. When God created the world, did He need to use ingredients? (Allow responses.) How did everything get created? He just spoke everything into being. God created everything from nothing, including man.

Let's begin by reading in Genesis 1 [NLT].

Genesis 1:26

26 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."

(Write the first sentence of the verse on the white board. Circle the word "us.")

Does anyone know who "us" is? We studied this in our last lesson. Is God one God? (Yes.) So "us" means God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. God is three in one. Do you remember what this is called? (The Trinity.)

Let's keep reading in Genesis.

Genesis 1:27-28

27 So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

28 Then God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it. Reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that scurry along the ground."

Life



The purpose is to see that God gives us life.

Supplies:

Pipe cleaners (2 per camper)

Give each child a couple of pipe cleaners. Ask them use the pipe cleaners to build a person. They can keep their "people" to take home with them.

Tie It Together



You just created a person out of your pipe cleaners. God created human beings, each one of us. Genesis 2:7 says, "Then the LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground. He breathed the breath of life into the man's nostrils, and the man became a living person." God created man, and then breathed life into the man. God gave him life through His own life. How amazing is that? The man "became a living person" through the breath of God. We cannot do this with our pipe cleaner people. You created these people by building them, but you cannot breathe into them to give them life. Life comes from God. God created us and breathed life into us.

Personal Image



The purpose is to help the campers' understanding of the Trinity.

Supplies:

Mirrors (3-4 per bin)

Worksheet – "Personal Image" section (1 per camper)

Markers/crayons

Give each camper a piece of paper. Have the campers draw pictures of themselves, using the mirrors.

Tie It Together



This picture you drew is an "image" of you. Does anyone know what this means? (Allow responses.) It means that this picture shows what you look like. It is not actually you, but it represents you. The verses we read earlier say that we, humans are created in God's "own image." That means that we represent God; He created us to be like Him. Each one of us is unique and different, but each of us represents God. We can learn more about who God is from living in community with and sharing our lives with other people. Each person uniquely shows us who God is in a different way than everyone else. If we represent God, then we know that God created us so that we can reflect and show the glory of God (how amazing God is). This is why we were created! If we represent God and He created us in His own image, do you think God loves us? (Allow responses.) Yes! In Genesis 1:31,

God saw that everything He had made was good. God loved His creation, especially humans, because He gave them life and created them in His image.

Does anyone know the name of the first man that was created? (Adam.) Let's continue to read in Genesis 2 to see what happens after God created Adam.

Genesis 2:18-22

18 Then the Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is just right for him." 19 So the Lord God formed from the ground all the wild animals and all the birds of the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would call them, and the man chose a name for each one. 20 He gave names to all the livestock, all the birds of the sky, and all the wild animals. But still there was no helper just right for him.

21 So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep. While the man slept, the Lord God took out one of the man's ribs and closed up the opening. 22 Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib, and he brought her to the man.

Genesis 2:18 says that God saw it was not good for man to be alone, so He created woman, a "helper just right for him." (Genesis 2:20) Both man and woman were created in God's image to represent God and to bring glory to Him. God has a purpose and plan for every human being to represent and bring glory to Him. We know that God is one God, yet He is three persons in one, the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit. God lives in community with Himself, as three persons in one God. If we represent God, do you think it is good for man to be alone, if God is three in one? (Allow responses.) God designed the perfect companion for man: woman. A woman is created in God's image. She was created to help man in a way that nothing else in creation can help him. God met this need for Adam and God meets our needs as well.

Let's continue reading in Genesis 2.

Genesis 2:23-24

23 "At last!" the man exclaimed. "This one is bone from my bone, and flesh from my flesh! She will be called 'woman,' because she was taken from 'man.'"

24 This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.

This was the very first marriage. Not only did God create man and woman, He also created marriage. If a person chooses to get married, their marriage is the most important relationship outside of a personal relationship with God.

Creator's Recipe



The purpose is to help the campers see the beauty and purpose of God's creation.

Supplies:

Worksheet – "Creator's Recipe" section (1 per camper)

Give each camper a recipe card. Have them fill in the blanks as you walk them through the creation

of man, woman, and marriage.

Tie It Together



In Big Group today, we saw the custodian mess up Ms. Bea's cooking show because he didn't have the recipe. We are going to write down some of the things we've been learning on a recipe card so that we can see how God's creation fits together.

At the top of your card you see the word "Creator." Who is the Creator? (God.) God is three in one; who are the three? (Father, Son, Holy Spirit.) Who remembers how God made man? (He breathed the breath of life into man.) Where does life come from? (God.) How did God create us? (He made us in His image.) What are we to do? (We are to represent God and bring glory to Him.) Why? (God created us for a purpose. He has a plan for our lives.)

God had a specific plan for Adam and Eve, and He has a specific plan for each one of us. Just like God met Adam's needs, He meets our needs so that we can fulfill His plan for us. God created woman to be a helper to man. Woman was created in God's image to be a help to man in a way that nothing else in creation can help him. God also created marriage because it is not good for man to be alone. All of this, all of God's creation, was good. Isn't it amazing to see how God gave man life, how He made us in His image, and how He meets our needs? We have an amazing, holy, perfect God!

God Meets Our Needs



The purpose of this activity is for the campers to examine how God has met their needs.

Supplies:

Worksheet – "God Meets Our Needs" section (1 per camper)

Hand each camper a "God Meets My Needs" worksheet. Ask them to think of how God has met their needs and draw pictures of how God has provided for them.

Tie It Together



God gives us everything we need, and more. We do not deserve anything. The Bible tells us the only thing we deserve is death for our sin. Psalm 103:10 says, "He does not punish us for all our sins; he does not deal harshly with us, as we deserve." We could not pay for our sin, but God provided for us in sending His only Son, Jesus, to die on the cross for us. Jesus lived a perfect life on earth, and was undeservedly crucified for our sin. If God has given us our only true and most important need, don't you think He will provide for our needs while we live on earth? How has God provided for you? (Allow responses.) Maybe He has given you a loving family, a home to sleep in, clothes to wear, food to eat, friends to play with, the ability to go to the doctor, and the opportunity to get an education. Perhaps He has allowed you to play your favorite sports or musical instruments. Maybe He has given you the opportunity to travel somewhere fun, like the beach or the mountains. God gave you all of these things because He loves you and He is a good God. You can thank and praise Him for providing for all of your needs!

Prayer Time

Spend some time in prayer to finish small group time. Thank God for being our creator, for giving us life, and for meeting our needs. Praise Him for being an amazing, holy God!

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