

God Creates People

Unit 1 | Week 2

Bible Point:

God always loves us...and gives us a special purpose.

Purpose

Perhaps you've heard the saying "Save the best for last." That's exactly what God did when he created people. We're special because we're made in God's image. He created us to be like him, take care of his world, and show what he's like. We don't always live out that purpose, though. If only we always showed God's love, his care, and his grace! We often get so focused on ourselves that we forget about our ultimate purpose on earth. But God always loves us, and he sent his Son, Jesus to show what perfect love, grace, and forgiveness looks like.

Opening Options

How to Start Options Choose one-or both- to introduce today's Bible discoveries.

Form people out of Legos.

[?] Think of people who live in another part of our world. What might be different about their lives? What might you have in common?

[POINT] God always loves us, and God loves our differences! Even though we don't look the same and we all come from different places, all people are made in God's image.

Paper Portraits

Draw a picture of someone's face: a friend, a leader, or someone in your family. It can be realistic or silly!

Let's meet our Bible Memory Buddy, Savanna the giraffe!

Show Savanna Bible Memory Buddy video (Week 2).

In the Beginning

Genesis 1:26-2:4

"And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is." (Ephesians 3:18)



Supplies:

- Legos
- Construction paper
- Crayons
- Scissors

Show the Bible. The Bible is God's true story of love! It's one big book that's filled with a bunch of little books. Our Bible Memory Verse comes from Ephesians 3:18. Let's say the verse together. I'll say a line, and then you repeat after me.

“And may you have the power *(make muscles with arms)*
to understand, *(point to head)*
as all God's people should, *(sweep hands in front of you)*
how wide, *(spread arms wide)*
how long, *(move arm in front like tracing a long line)*
how high, *(stretch up with hand above head)*
and how deep *(crouch down)*
(God's) love is.” *(hug yourself)*
(Ephesians 3:18)



“Made for This” music video.

God always loves us. No matter what we do—or don't do—God's love will never go away. Let's celebrate God's love with a song.

Experience the Bible Story

Read aloud Genesis 1:26-27 from any children's Bible

God had just created everything in the world. Well, all the non-people things. Light, sky, land, seas, plants, sun, moon, stars, fish, bird, and animals. That's a lot do in just one week. He saved the best for last: people! God made people in his image. So one reason God made us is to show the world what he's like. That's our purpose!

God made us in his image to show his love through a smile, that he cares about people, and to come up with cool stuff that makes our world a better place.

[?] What's something you like to create?

Apply-It Options

Genesis, the first book of the Bible, tells how God created people. Later a king and poet named David praised God for making people in such a special way.

Help kids find and read Psalm 139:13-16 together.

Read these fun facts about human bodies, and have kids do each experience.

- Our noses can smell a trillion different scents. Take time to find and identify at least two smells in your room.
- Your mouth makes enough saliva each day to fill half a soda bottle! Lick your lips.
- Your ears are shaped in a special way to **collect sound waves**. Have kids say [POINT] “God always loves you” to a partner and then take a step away from each other. Have them continue this until they can't hear or are across the room.

Game

Play “Would You Rather” as you move around the room.

- Have kids listen to the question.
- Kids will choose which way they’d rather move, then move in laps around the room in that way.
- When you say “Stop!” kids freeze and listen to another question.
- Continue as time allows, repeating or making up additional questions as needed.

- Would you rather have wings like a bird or hooves like a deer?**

(Flap arms like wings, or prance like deer.)

- Would you rather have 16 legs like a caterpillar or 8 legs like a spider?**

(Link arms with seven friends or three friends—or crawl on all fours with fewer friends.)

- Would you rather have no bones in your body or horns on your head?**

(Flop as you walk, or hop on one leg.)

- Would you rather hop like a frog or walk like a crab?**

(Crouch and hop, or walk on hands and feet.)

- Would you rather have knees that don’t bend or heels that don’t touch the ground?**

(Walk without bending knees, or tiptoe.)

I'd like to read you something about Jesus. As you listen, imagine your friend Jesus is sitting there next to you. Go ahead and place your hand on the spot next to you as if you are inviting him to sit next to you. Now close your eyes and keep your hand there as I read about Jesus.

Take-It-Home Flyer (Unit 1, Week 2)

Prayer

Have kids mirror what you do, and pause briefly after each action.

- Place hands on both sides of your face. **God, even when people make me mad, please help my face show your forgiveness and grace.**
- Extend your arms. **God, when I want to clench my fists and fight back, please help my hands be open and ready to show your love and care.**
- Walk in place. **And when my feet want to stay away from someone who needs help, please help me be ready to show your kindness and strength.**

Extend your arms above your head. **Thanks for making us, for always loving us, and for giving us a purpose. We love you. In Jesus’ name, amen.**

