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God Creates Adam and Eve

Genesis 2:4-22

Young elementary-age children are becoming individuals. As their physical and mental skills develop beyond those of preschoolers, they begin to have special interests and unique personalities. Encourage your first- and second-graders to try different types of activities to help them discover what they're interested in. Teach them that God created each of them to be unique. God, out of his love for them, created each of them to be a very special person. Use this lesson to help them be thankful for God creating them.

LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
1 Getting Started	Build a Buddy (about 10 min.) Read Psalm 139:14 and choose from lots of features to build paper "buddies."	Bibles, scissors, glue sticks, paper, markers Teacher Pack: "People Features" posters	Cut apart the squares of the "People Features" poster. Separate each feature type into its own pile. You'll have 3 piles: heads, torsos, and legs.
Bible Exploration	Sing It! (about 10 min.) Read Genesis 2:4-7 and sing while doing unique motions.	Bibles, CD player Teacher Pack: CD	
	Adam's Animals (about 10 min.) Discuss how Adam named the animals.	Bibles, CD player Teacher Pack: CD	
	Pair Pursuit (about 10 min.) Play a game to find partners, and hear how God made a helper for Adam.	Bible	

Bold text within the lesson is spoken text.





►Bible Point God made us.

Key Verse
"I praise you because
I am fearfully and
wonderfully made"
(Psalm 139:14).

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Weaving Faith Into Life Kids will thank God for making them special and important.



LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
3 Weaving Faith Into Life	God Made Me (about 15 min.) Fill out "birth certificates," and sing a song about how God knows everything about us.	My Bible Fun, paper, pencil, crayons, CD player, copies of the lyrics page (at the end of this lesson) Teacher Pack: CD, "I'm Special" stickers	Tear out the Lesson 2 pages from each My Bible Fun student book.
4 Lasting Impressions	Daily Challenges (about 5 min.) Choose a Daily Challenge to apply God's Word.	My Bible Fun	
	Weaving Faith at Home (about 2 min.) Talk about how to share what they learned with their families.		

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God Creates Humans

God communicates through the Bible to give us a spiritual message—to tell us of his love and his plan for us. Because of this focus, we can't always expect everything we read in the Bible to fall in strict chronological order.

Some scholars see problems in the differences between the accounts of the creation of humans in Genesis 1 and Genesis 2. Others, however, see the account in Chapter 2 as an elaboration of Chapter 1. But notice the emphasis in both accounts: God did it. The emphasis in this account is not upon the creation, but upon the Creator.

God Creates Adam

In Genesis 2:7 we see a bit of the "how" of Adam's creation. It's interesting to note that humans were the first of creation not simply spoken into being. God personally formed Adam out of the earth. And then one more difference appears: God breathed life into Adam, and he became a living being. Many here translate being as soul. No other creature was given that designation. Genesis 1:27 tells us that humans were created in God's image. And after the creation of humans, God announced that his creation was not only "good," it was "very good" (Genesis 1:31).

God Creates Eve

Adam's need for a mate didn't come as a surprise to God. The parade of animals for Adam to name had a purpose beyond the naming: It pointed out to Adam that he was alone, that he didn't have a mate like him—someone who could share his life. After helping Adam come to this realization, God created woman.

Adam and Eve Become One

Many appropriate conclusions have been drawn from Eve's being created from Adam's rib—from his side—such as the intent that the two work side by side, that they be equal to each other in standing before God, and that they become "one flesh" in the bond of marriage. However, Adam lost a rib to make Eve. Without her, he was incomplete. And without Adam, Eve wouldn't have existed. Together, man and woman became a whole being, able to stand together and support each other against the forces that oppose them—just as God had planned from the start.

God made us his very special creation, and because

The Jesus Connection

God is good, he gave us Jesus to show us the way to live for God's glory. Take a moment to thank God for the individuals in your ministry and for the unique and beautiful way he created them. You can ask God to help you show them how important they are and write your prayer here.
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Build a Buddy Supplies

Bibles scissors glue sticks paper markers

Teacher Pack

"People Features" posters

Build a Buddy Easy Prep

Cut apart the squares of the "People Features" poster. Separate each feature type into its own pile. You'll have three piles: heads, torsos, and legs.



Build a Buddy

What You'll Do

Welcome kids warmly as they arrive, and ask them how their week went.

Gather everyone together.

Open your Bible to Psalm 139:14, and show it to the kids. Help them find the verse in their own Bibles.

Say: Our Key Verse today is about how special we are. Let's read it together from Psalm 139:14. Have kids follow along in their Bibles. Say: "I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made" (Psalm 139:14).

Say: GOD MADE US. We know we're important to God—he made us all different from one another. Each of us is a wonderful, totally special creation of God's.

Ask:

■ How are people different from one another?

Say: Because God made all of us special and different from one another, people's features come in so many different colors, shapes, and sizes. Let's wonderfully build some special buddies using different features.

Give each child a glue stick and a sheet of paper, and have kids form three groups. Assign each group one of the piles you created earlier. Allow each child to choose a square from that pile. Then have the groups rotate to the other piles. Continue until each child has one head, one torso, and one set of legs.

Allow kids a few minutes to build their buddies by gluing the features to their papers. When kids have finished, help them write their names on their buddies. Then have group members tell one another why their buddies are special.

Talk With Kids

Lead children in this discussion.

Ask:

- Explain what's unique about the buddy you made.
- Tell some unique things about you.
- What can you do to praise God for making you?

Say: ► GOD MADE US special, so we're all different. Let's find out now about the very first people God wonderfully made.

Fall Quarter

Lesson 2

Grades 1 & 2





Sing It!

What You'll Do

Open your Bible to Genesis 2:4-7, and show kids the passage. Then help kids find the verses in their own Bibles. Read the verses, encouraging kids to follow along. Say: **God made everything—even people! He made you.** Point to one child. **And you.** Point to another child, and continue to call out each child. **Let's sing "Genesis 1:1" to remind us that God made everything.**

Have kids stand in a circle to get ready to sing. Say: **As we sing, we'll walk in a circle.** Lead kids in walking clockwise. Then stop them and say: **Think of a movement that you can do during the song. Maybe you'll clap, maybe you'll pat your legs, maybe you'll wave your hands in the air.** Pause. **Each of you will do your own movement as the song plays and we move around the circle.** Check that kids are ready with an idea.

Play "Genesis 1:1" (track 2 on the CD). After the song plays for about a minute, pause it. Say: Let's add a move. Continue to do your own moves, but every time you hear "Genesis 1:1," jump. Check for understanding, and then play the CD again.

Genesis 1:1:
It's a whole lotta fun,
'Cause that's where it all started,
Before the Red Sea parted,

Before God told Noah To build a big boat, Way before Joshua Marched around Jericho.

(Chorus)

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. Yeah! In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. Yeah!

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Genesis 1:1: It's a whole lotta fun, 'Cause that's where it all started, Before the Red Sea parted, Before God told David That he could slay a giant, Way before me And everything I see. Yeah! (Sing chorus 2x.)

Genesis 1:1; Genesis 1:1; Genesis 1:1!



Sing It! Supplies

Bibles CD player **Teacher Pack** CD: "Genesis 1:1" (track 2)

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When the song is over, have kids sit.

Talk With Kids

Lead children in this discussion.

Ask:

- How was your own movement like or unlike other people's moves?
- How are you like or unlike others in our group?
- What do you like about knowing God made you both like and unlike others?

Say: We know GOD MADE US, and he made everything in the world. We're all made in God's image, and we're all made different! Now let's find out more about the very first person God made.

Adam's Animals Supplies

Bibles CD player **Teacher Pack** CD: "Adam's Animals" (track 6)

Adam's Animals

What You'll Do

Say: After God made the very first man, he put the man in a beautiful garden to take care of it. The Bible says the garden grew all kinds of trees and was watered by a river. This is where the man, Adam, worked.

Open your Bible to Genesis 2:18-20, and show kids the passage. Then help kids find the verses in their own Bibles. Read the passage aloud.

Say: I can't imagine what it must have been like for Adam to name every beast and bird God made. What names have you given your pets? Allow time.

Say: Adam didn't give animals names like George, Pepper, or Cutie. He actually named all the animals in the world by saying what they were called. Let's listen to what that job might've been like for Adam.

Have kids stand in a line. Say: **As we listen, you'll each have a chance to act like animals.** Explain that the first child in the line will act like the first animal Adam names. When Adam names the second animal, the first child will move to the back of the line, and the second child will act like the second named animal. Kids will continue this process, at times having to move quickly as they listen to the CD.

Say: As you listen, choose your favorite animal that Adam names. Keep it a secret until I tell you to share it. Play "Adam's Animals" (track 6 on the CD).

When the track is over, have kids pair up, and say: **Choose your favorite animal Adam named, and explain to your partner why you like that animal.** Allow about a minute.

Say: Great job! It must've been fun to have all those animals around, but even with all those animals, the Bible says there wasn't a suitable helper for Adam.



Talk With Kids

Lead children in this discussion.

Ask:

- Why do you think Adam still needed a helper?
- Why is it important to you to have other people in your life?
- Tell about someone God's put in your life.

Say: God made Adam and FGOD MADE US. He made people to be in relationships with each other. That's why Adam still needed a helper after he'd named all the animals.

Pair Pursuit

What You'll Do

Say: In a moment, I'm going to whisper to you a secret part to act out. Then without saying what your part is, everyone will act their parts out, and you'll try to find another person who has the same part. No talking! Check for understanding.

Say: When you find the person with the same part as you, link arms and stand still. Whisper one of the following roles into each child's ear, being careful to tell two children each animal role, and only one child the "person" role. It's okay if you don't use all the animals. If you have over 25 kids, feel free to add more animals to the list.

person monkey lion sheep bear cow bunny horse turkey dolphin dog pig shark

Then have kids find their partners by everyone acting out their parts at once.

When everyone has a partner, except the child who was given "person," stop the game. Say: There's no partner for our person? Let's try again. Give kids new roles and play again.

Say: God knew Adam needed a friend. But just as the "person" was alone during our game, Adam was alone in the garden with all that work to do and no one to talk to, laugh with, play with, and work with. Let's see what God did to show Adam how important he was.

Open your Bible to Genesis 2:21-22, and show kids the passage. Then read aloud the verses.

Say: Of course God didn't leave Adam alone! He made a woman, Eve, so Adam would have a special friend.



Pair Pursuit Supplies

Bible

Lesson 2



Talk With Kids

Lead children in this discussion.

Ask:

- What are some good things about having a friend?
- Tell about a time you were lonely.
- How does that experience help you understand why God made a helper for Adam?

Say: God specially made the first man, Adam, and he specially made the first woman, Eve. And do you know what? God has been specially making people ever since! In fact, ▶ GOD MADE US, too.



WEAVING FAITH

INTO LIFE

God Made Me Supplies

My Bible Fun
paper
pencil
crayons
CD player
copies of the lyrics page
(at the end of this
lesson)

Teacher Pack

CD: "You Know Everything About Me" (Psalm 139:1-3) (track 7) "I'm Special" stickers

God Made Me Easy Prep

Tear out the Lesson 2 pages from each My Bible Fun student book.

God Made Me

What You'll Do

Give kids their Lesson 2 My Bible Fun pages, and help them find the "I'm Special!" birth certificates. Invite a child to read aloud the Key Verse printed at the top of the certificate.

Say: ▶ GOD MADE US, and each one of us is special to him. He cares about us, and that's why he sent his Son, Jesus, to take our sins away, so we can live with him for eternity. Look at your birth certificate, and then fill it out to show how you know you're important to God.

Distribute crayons, and give kids a few minutes to fill out their certificates. Have children each choose an "I'm Special" sticker and place it in the "What I Like" box. As children work, assist those who need help reading and writing. To make fingerprints, scribble with a pencil on a piece of scrap paper. Then show kids how to first press their fingers on the pencil marks and then press their fingers on their birth certificates. The pencil marks act as ink to make fingerprints.

After a few minutes, collect the crayons, and set them aside. Then have kids sit in a circle. Ask kids to say, "I know God made me special because I..." Go around the circle, inviting each child to share.

Say: Let's read our Key Verse one more time. Lead kids in reading the verse from the birth certificate: "I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made" (Psalm 139:14).

Hand out copies of the lyrics page. Say: The person who wrote this psalm knew that God made him and that God knows everything about him. ▶ GOD MADE US and knows everything about us, too. Let's sing "You Know Everything About Me."



Play "You Know Everything About Me" (Psalm 139:1-3) (track 7 on the CD).

Oh Lord, you have examined my heart.

You know everything about me.

You know when I sit down or stand up.

You know everything about me.

(Chorus)

You know everything, every little thing about me, about me. You know everything, every little thing about me, about me.

Oh Lord, you know my thoughts and my ways You know everything about me. You chart the path that I take. You know everything about me.

(Repeat chorus 2x.)

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Talk With Kids

Lead kids in this discussion.

Ask:

- What's it like to know God made you and he knows every single thing about you?
- How might that affect what you do or say?
- What can you do to show God praise for making and knowing you?

Say: Because GOD MADE US, he knows everything about us. He already knew the things you wrote on your birth certificate—even before you were born! And God made you just the way he wanted you, just like he did with Adam and his helper, Eve. God made you special and loves you.





Daily Challenges Supplies

My Bible Fun



Daily Challenges

What You'll Do

Say: Let's think about how ▶ GOD MADE US.

Have kids find this week's Daily Challenges in their My Bible Fun pages and choose one to do this week. They can choose one or more of these three options:

- Find someone who seems down or lonely this week, and tell that person he or she is wonderfully made by God.
- GOD MADE US to have friends and people to help us. Make a card to thank someone like that who God has put in your life.
- Think of something that's important to you—it could be a pet, a toy, or something else—and thank God that you're important to him.

Make sure you choose a Daily Challenge as well, and tell kids what you chose. Kids will be more inclined to follow through on their commitments when they see you doing the same.

Talk With Kids

Ask:

■ What's a practical way you're going to do your Daily Challenge? Share a time, a place, or other ideas. Allow time.

Say: God made Adam, and he made him ruler over the animals—he let Adam name the animals. Then he created Eve to be Adam's helper. ▶ GOD MADE US, too. Let's remember this week that ▶ GOD MADE US and do our Daily Challenges.

Weaving Faith at Home

Encourage kids to talk with their parents about the Daily Challenges they chose and what they learned about how God made us. Kids can also do the activities in the "HomeConnect" section of their My Bible Fun pages with their families.

Talk to your Director about emailing the FREE FamilyConnect to all your church's families. Available at group.com/digital.

Take a couple of minutes to pray with your kids, thanking God that he made us. Pray: God, we know you made everything in the world, including us. Your works are wonderful, God. Thank you so much for making us special. In Jesus' name, amen.



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