

Lesson 7

God's Purpose For Man

Objective

Students will understand that God expects us to care for people.

Supplies

Teachers and/or Coordinators ensure supplies are ready prior to each class.

Print From the Site:

- God Made Babies Color Page (one per student)
- Dog Toy Color Craft (one sheet per four students)
- Attendance Chart
- Stickers (for attendance)
- Songs for Winter Quarter Sheet (for teacher)
- Bible
- Pens/Pencils/Crayons/Pencil Crayons
- Tape
- String (six-inch pieces, one per student)
- Plain Sugar or Shortbread Cookies (baked or store bought, four per student)
 - Cookie Decorations (icing and/or chips, sprinkles or whatever you like)
 - Paper Plates (two per student, plus however many cookie decorations)
 - Plastic knives and spoons (one per student)
 - Saran Wrap
 - Wet Wipes to clean hands (one for before and one for after - each student)

Optional Supplies

Print From the Site:

- God Made Man Color Page (one per student)
- Dolls of Family Members (enough to share)
- Books of Families or Books of Helping Others (enough to share)

Teacher Tips

- ★ See Lesson Plan 1 for tips on how to keep the classroom engaged.

1) Introduction to Lesson

As students enter, welcome them and help them find a chair to sit at. Thank them for coming. Take attendance.

Let's start with a song to get us started!

God Loves

God loves _____, Yes He does!

God loves _____, Yes He does!

God loves _____, just this way

And He loves (him/her) everyday!

*Fill in the name of each child in the room one at a time.

Today we are going to talk about God's purpose for everything He created. We are also going to talk about people and how God cares for all of us!

Genesis 2:15 and 18

2:15 The Lord God put the man in the Garden of Eden to work the soil and take care of the garden.

18 Then the Lord God said, "I see that it is not good for the man to be alone. I will make the companion he needs, one just right for him."

This tells us that God wants us to work and take care of things He created. God wants us to have family and friends and to help one another.

What are some ways we can help others? (be nice, help, take care of people who are sick or in need.) ***What are some ways we can show we love our family?*** (help with chores, don't argue, pick up after ourselves when we make a mess, listen to our moms and dads, play nice with our brothers and sisters.)

Let's sing a song about our families! (If available get dolls of each person in a family—dad, mom, brother, sister, baby—to show students while you sing the song)

With Jesus in the Family

With Daddy in the family, happy, happy home.

Happy, happy home. Happy, happy home.

With Daddy in the family, happy, happy home.

Happy, happy home!

With Mommy in the family, happy, happy home.

Happy, happy home. Happy, happy home.

With Mommy in the family, happy, happy home.

Happy, happy home!

With Brother in the family, happy, happy home.
Happy, happy home. Happy, happy home.
With Brother in the family, happy, happy home.
Happy, happy home!

With Sister in the family, happy, happy home.
Happy, happy home. Happy, happy home.
With Sister in the family, happy, happy home.
Happy, happy home!

With Baby in the family, happy, happy home.
Happy, happy home. Happy, happy home.
With Baby in the family, happy, happy home.
Happy, happy home!

With Jesus in the family, happy, happy home.
Happy, happy home. Happy, happy home.
With Jesus in the family, happy, happy home.
Happy, happy home!

Today we are going to practice what God says about showing love and helping others by making a gift for someone special in our life – it can be your mom, dad, sister, brother, grandma, friend, teacher – whoever you choose! We can show love in different ways.

2) Activity - Cookie Decorating

15-20 minutes

Prep

Before class, bake or purchase four plain cookies (sugar or shortbread) per student. The four cookies will become a gift for someone or the students can have one of them as a snack so then three cookies will be gifted to their someone special.

Activity

Before starting the activity, make sure that the students hands are clean and that they are sitting at the table. Hand each student two plates - tell them one is for decorating the cookies they are going to make for someone special. The other plate is to put their finished cookies on so they can be wrapped and handed out.

Place two cookies at a time on their plates along with a plastic knife. You can either place icing, candies, chips and sprinkles in bowls around the table with spoons or measure out a small amount on the side of each student's plate.

Tell the students, **to help remember one of our roles in life is to help others, we are going to decorate some cookies for a gift to give away to someone special in your life. We will wrap the cookies and then you can give the cookies after class today! Remember, these cookies are to be given away so try to be nice and clean and decorate your cookies however you want to show how much you care! Take some icing first (you may want to demonstrate) and spread it on the cookie gently with your knife. Once you smooth out the icing, choose some chips, sprinkles- whatever is here, remembering to share with everyone else, and decorate your gifts!**

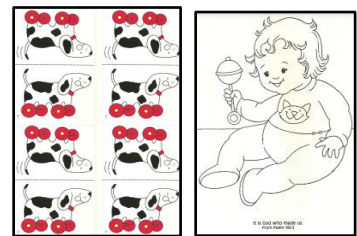
When you are done, I will give you two more cookies to decorate and then we will place them on the clean plate and wrap them in saran wrap to keep them fresh and safe until you can give it away! (Before they put cookies on the clean plates, write their name on the bottom of the plate to ensure they will know whose cookies are whose!)

Once everyone is done, praise them for their wonderful gifts and help them clean up while wrapping their gifts carefully. Put them aside until the end of class, laying them flat and have the students clean their hands.

3) Activity - God Made Babies Craft

15 minutes

Hand each student a “God Made Babies” color sheet and crayons. Remind students **that God made babies and it is our job to help take care of them. We can help our mom and dad take care of our little brother or sister if we have one by being willing to go get blankets or towels for them, clean up their toys with them, hold them gently, etc.** Have the students name some ways we should be careful and take care of babies.



Next, hand out pieces of string and the “Dog Toy Craft,” cutting them out so that each student gets two halves of the dog. Explain: **we are going to fold the dog toy in half so you can see it on both sides (demonstrate with one.) We are then going to use the string**

and tape it to the baby's hand and the other part we are going to tape to the inside of the dog toy so that it looks like the baby is playing with the rolling dog toy! Help the students as needed.

God is wonderful; He made babies and we can help take good care of them because that is what God wants us to do!

4) Optional Activity - Parents Says Action Game

5 minutes

Line the students up in a row so that they can all see you and have enough space to move their hands and feet without hitting someone beside them.

Say to the students: **We are going to play a game about listening to our parents. That is one of our roles or responsibilities as children. It makes God happy when we obey our parents. I want you to follow and do what I say. When I say “parents say,” I want you to do what they tell you, ok? Ready? Everyone quiet and listen.....good job.....**

Parents say to put your toys away (pretend to clean)

Parents say go to bed (lay down and pretend to fall asleep)

Parents say put on your socks (pretend to put on socks)

Parents say help your mother (act like you are helping mom with something)

Parents say stand up straight (practice good posture)

Parents say eat your supper before dessert (pretend to eat)

Parents say brush your teeth (pretend to brush teeth)

Parents say give a hug (pretend to hug)

Parents say I love you (say I love you)

Thank the class for playing and then have them sit at the table for the next activity. Play again if you have time and if students enjoyed it.

5) Optional Activity - God and Families

5-10 minutes

Pass around dolls, books about families and other things that will help the students remember that God made us with a purpose and that is to help each other, including those in our families.

Say, **“The Bible tells us that God made families. And, our role is to help our families and listen to our moms and dads. As we play with these books and dolls let’s remember that**

God made our families and that includes our church family too! We are very special because we have been blessed with grandpas, fathers, sisters, aunts, moms, babies, and uncles. We have also been blessed with the people at church who love us – our Sunday school teachers, friends, evangelist, etc. We need to remember to thank God for all the good things He has made for us, because God is great! He made our families and church families! And, it is our job to help those in our families!

Let's play with our dolls and books and pretend that we are doing nice things for our families.

6) Optional Activity - God Made Man Color Page

5-10 minutes

Hand each student a "God Made Man" color page and crayons. Say: **God created man with a purpose or plan. We are to take care of others and take care of the world God gave us. We are also to thank God and praise Him for what He has done.**

Read this shortened verse from 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Praise be to the God... who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort others.

He has done so many nice things for us – our earth, animals, food, family, friends, church and because God is so good and kind to us – we need and can be good and kind to others. Who are some people you can be kind to? What are some animals you can be kind to?

7) Optional Snack - Cookie

10 minutes

"You've all done a great job this morning learning that God has a role for people – we have a purpose. We also had fun making cookies for a gift. Did you notice there were a few extra cookies? That is because you all get to have a cookie as well! Let's all take turns sharing our cookies. Let's all take the cookie we made and give it to the person beside us. Let's share our cookies.

(Make sure each child ends up with a cookie and that they share – praise them for sharing their cookie). **We are sharing our cookies and that helps us remember all the times others in our life have shared their things with us! Let's all bow our heads and fold our hands and pray. "Thank you God for knowing we have a special purpose you have given us – and that we can please you by helping others and thank you for this food!"**

After snack, have students clean up.

8) Optional Activity - Sing

5-10 minutes

Practice songs sung earlier or find different songs in Songs for Winter Quarter

9) Closing Prayer

**Before the prayer, make sure the activities/snacks have been cleaned up.

Ask if there are any prayers the students want to share. Say closing prayer remembering to thank God for the world He has created for us and that we take good care of it.

Thank you for serving Christ in this way!