

Lesson 10: God's Role for People in Creation!

Objectives: Students will...

- 1) Understand that God expects us to care for people
- 2) Understand that God has commanded us to respect the life He has created by looking at different Bible verses on how people were made and why we were made and the purpose God has for each thing in His creation.
- 3) Do activities that remind us of God's creation and our role to help others

Accommodations: See Lesson 1 for ideas

Supplies:

- Pens/Pencils
- Bible (please bring your own)
- Crayons/Pencil Crayons
- Attendance Sheet
- Stickers – one per child for attendance
- Creation Match – one per child
- 4 sugar cookies or shortbread cookies per child to decorate as gifts *made or purchased in advance.
- Icing – try to have two colors in yogurt sized containers.
- Plastic knives to spread icing (one for each child)
- Plastic spoons – one for each bowl of candies or sprinkles
- Chocolate chips in small bowl to decorate cookies
- Sprinkles or small M&M's to decorate cookies
- Damp paper towels to help with cleaning sticky fingers or Wet Wipes
- Paper plates (two for each child) one to put cookie being decorated and one to put finished cookies to be wrapped as gift.
- Saran wrap to wrap paper plate and three cookies

Optional Activities

- Snack: Left over cookies made from gift activity!
 - Napkins
 - Cups with water
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Lesson:

1) Introduction to lesson:

10-15 minutes

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

*Optional: Hand out Creation Match sheet and as you go through the different purposes below that God has for us, allow them to do the day you are discussing, so for Genesis 1:14-18, they could do number 1, 2, 3, and 4. (See below for the directions for activity if you choose to do it at the same time)

Say: Today we are going to talk about God and how God has a purpose for everything and one He created. We are also going to talk about people and what our roles are and how God cares for all of us!

Let's all get a Bible and turn to Genesis, which is the first book where the story of Creation is told.

1) God had a purpose – Follow along as I read Gen. 1:14-18, 22, 26, 29; and 2:15. God created everything with a purpose.

For each section I read, raise your hand and tell me the purpose that is stated that God had.

(Example God's purpose in Genesis 1:14-18 could be – stars were created to mark seasons, days and years. The sun's purpose is to govern the day or to light up the day and the moon's purpose is to govern or mark the night. The other purpose of stars, moon, and sun is to provide light and to separate light and darkness! That is a lot of purposes!) Continue on for each section you read.

Creation was not the result of an accident, it was planned! We have a purpose on earth too!

2) God created man in His image. Let's read Gen. 1:27; we can't see God because He is not physical but spiritual. When it says made in His image – does that mean we all look like God? Or does it mean we are made with His characteristics – patient, kind, loving, helpful, and joyful?

This means more of His personality – we are made to be like God in the way we act and behave – not the way we look.

3) God provides for our needs. Gen. 1:29; 2:9, 16. God loves us and wants to give us what we need! What are the things listed here that God provides for us?

4) God blesses His creation. Gen. 1:22, 28. How do these verses show that God blesses His creation?

5) God wants us to have friends and help each other. Gen. 2:18. What is one of the purposes man has on earth? To help each other!

What are some ways we can help others? (be nice, help them when they ask, 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.)

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! Or, you can even choose to give it to one of the members of church who would appreciate your kindness.

Should we only show our love for people in our life one day a year? (No, we should show our love and respect everyday!)

2) Cookie Decorating for a Gift

15-20 minutes

Before class: prepare or purchase four cookies (sugar or shortbread) for each student along with the suggested icing, supplies and decorations. (The children will get one cookie as a snack later if you choose that option, or you can give four cookies to each child to make for a gift for someone special. If choosing to give the fourth as a snack tell the children in advance: **we are decorating 4 cookies but only putting 3 on the plate for a gift – the other one is a surprise that I will explain later!**)

Have the children sit around the table, making sure their hands are clean – hand out a wet wipe or wet paper towel to each child to clean their hands before starting.

Hand out two plates to each child – 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 2 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 children: **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, we 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!

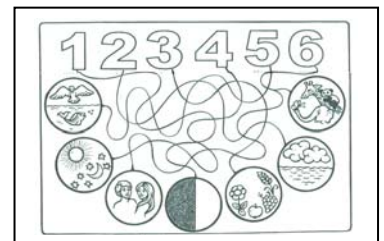
(Before children put cookies on clean plates, write their name on the bottom of the plate to ensure they will know whose cookies are whose!)

Once everyone is done, praise them for their wonderful gifts and help them clean up and wrap their gifts carefully. Put them aside until the end of class laying them flat and have the children clean their hands with their paper towels again.

3) Creation Match

10-20 minutes

Print one copy for each child. Hand out different crayons. Tell the students to use a different crayon for every number. Start at number 1 and follow the line to match it with the correct picture at the bottom. Go through each number, using a different color and see what day God created what things. If needed have all children color the pictures when done to wait for others to finish up. Talk about how God made each of these wonderful things with a purpose.



4) Sing and learn Books of the Old Testament

5-10 minutes

See song ideas from previous lessons

5) Optional: Snack - Cookies

5 minutes

“You’ve all done a great job this morning learning that God has a role for people – we have a purpose.

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). But before we eat, let’s all bow our heads and fold our hands and pray. “Thank you God for giving us a special purpose – and for teaching us that we can please you by helping others. Thank you also for this food!” Hand each child a glass of water.

After snack have kids clean up; you may want to get moist paper towels to wipe their hands. Then move on to the remaining activities.

6) Close in prayer

Thank you God for all of our families; for parents, grandparents, sisters, brothers, cousins, and friends. Thank you for the people who take care of us and help us remember to say thank you to You and to them for all they do. Help us know and remember to care and respect all of your creation including all people – not just those we love, but those who need to know about Your amazing love as well. Help us to pray for others, help others, and talk to others about You. In Jesus name, Amen.