

Morning Overview

Lesson: Adam and Eve

Lesson Objective:

"All of creation reflects God's glory in its beauty, but human beings are actually created in God's image" (The Gospel Story Bible, Page 4). This week we study the crown of God's creation – humanity – and how Adam, Eve and every person born is a little mirror to reflect God's glory and who He is. Our lesson this week discusses only Adam and Eve and their creation – no talk of sin yet, that is for next week. The hope is to tell children who they are: God's image. This is an incredible honor God gives us; we are the only part of His creation like Him. A helpful note on what it means to be like God is that we are faithful and adequate representations of God, but we are not Him, hence the word "likeness" in Genesis 1:26.

Teaching Points:

- God created Adam, Eve and every person alive!
- Every person reflects God – we are like little mirrors of His glory (we are His image bearers).
- Every person God creates is unique, special and He loves greatly.
- God gave Adam and Eve a home in Eden.
- God appointed Adam and Eve to care for His creation (God gave them a job).

Scripture: Genesis 1:26-31; 2:7-8, 15-25

Story: *Vos Child's Story Bible*, Pages 5-6; *The Gospel Story Bible*, Pages 4-5; *Jesus Storybook Bible*, Pages 25-27; *The Beginners Bible*, Pages 15-19; *The Beginners Gospel Story Bible*, Pages 5-6.

Scripture Memory for September: Genesis 1:27 (ESV)

God (*point upwards*)

Created (*make fists and have them pound one on top of the other*)

Man (*point to everyone in the room*)

In His own image (*both hands covering heart*)

Male and female (*again point to everyone in the room*)

God (*point upwards*)

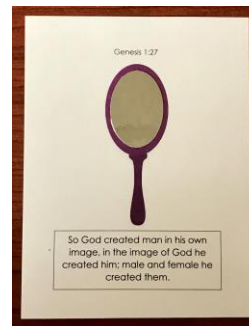
Created them (*make fists and have them pound one on top of the other*)

Craft: Made in God's Image

Supplies: Cardstock with mirror, silver oval

Instructions: 1. Glue oval to mirror.

2. Have children look at themselves in the mirror.



If child has already done craft first hour, have them work on a coloring sheet

Story

Transition

Boys and girls, last week we learned that God made everything. What is your favorite thing God has made? (Allow for answers) Today we learn about something that God made that is very, very special. Let's find out in our story about God's very, very special creation!

God Created...

The Bible tells us from the very beginning God created everything. He said it, and "whoosh!" it was made. God made the heavens, the Sun and Moon, the stars, clouds, and comets. God made the earth, the mountains, trees, flowers, and all the animals that live on it. Yes! Lions, salamanders, roses, and apple trees. There is nothing on this Earth that God did not make. But that's not all, God made the water in the ocean, and all the things that live in the ocean. Whales, sharks, starfish, and seaweed. God made all the birds in the air too! Eagles, storks, seagulls, and hummingbirds. God made the daytime and nighttime. Everything that we know, see, touch, hear, taste, and smell - God made it! God created everything!

Adam and Eve

On the sixth day of creation God said, "Let us make human beings in our image." This meant humans would be like God, but not God. There is only one God, but to be like God meant for people to be tiny reflections of God. Like a mirror, we would reflect how wonderful and awesome God is, but we are only the reflection.

God decided, the Bible tells us, that humans would "rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky." "Let them rule over the tame animals, over all the earth and over all the small crawling animals on the earth," God said. God wanted humans to look after and care for all that He created.

So, God created man and woman. But the way God created humans was special and amazing! The Lord God took dirt from the ground and formed man from it. That's right! God took dirt and made a man out of it! Then the Lord breathed the breath of life into the man's nose. Only God can give life, and He did a special thing by giving life to man. And the man became a living person. The Bible tells us his name was Adam. The Lord God had planted a wonderful garden in the East, in a place called Eden. It was a beautiful garden. He put Adam in the garden.

God created every living creature and bird on land. God brought each one of them to Adam so he could name them. Could you imagine naming all the animals in the world? "Zebra!" Or, "Anteater!" Or maybe, "Ostrich!" Whatever Adam called each living thing, that became its name. Adam gave names to all the tame animals, to the birds in the sky and to all the wild animals.

But then God said, "It is not good for Adam to be alone. I will make a helper who is right for him."

So, the Lord God caused Adam to go into a very deep sleep. While he was asleep, God took one of the ribs from Adam's body. Then God closed up his skin at the place where he took the rib. Then God used the rib from the man to make a woman. Yes, God made a woman from Adam's rib. Once God was finished creating the woman, He brought her to Adam.

Adam said, "Now, this is someone whose bones came from my bones. Her body came from my body. I will call her 'woman,' because she was taken out of man." The woman's name was Eve.

God blessed Adam and Eve and said, "Have many children and grow in number. Fill the earth and be its master. Rule over the fish in the sea and over the birds in the sky. Rule over every living thing that moves on the earth."

God wanted humans to fill the Earth! Lots of humans on Earth reflecting glory to God. God wanted His most special creation to care for everything He had created. The Lord God had put the man in the garden of Eden to care for it and work it.

As you might imagine, working in the Garden and naming all those creatures can create quite an appetite. Eventually Adam and Eve started to get hungry. So, God told them, "Look, I have given you all the plants that have grain for seeds. And I have given you all the trees whose fruits have seeds in them. They will be food for you." Not only did God provide food for Adam and Eve, He provided food for every living creature. The Bible tells us God created plants for all the animals, for every bird, and small crawling creature to eat. But (and this was a very important rule Adam and Eve needed to follow) God commanded Adam, "You may eat the fruit from any tree in the garden. But you must not eat the fruit from the tree which gives the knowledge of good and evil. If you ever eat fruit from that tree, you will die!"

The Bible tells us, "God looked at everything he had made, and it was very good. Evening passed, and morning came. This was the sixth day."

Questions for Review with Younger Children

Have children answer "yes" or "no."

1. God made everything out of nothing. (Yes)
2. God had help when He created everything. (No! God had no help.)
3. God made everything so He would have something to do. (No, God created for His glory).
4. God created everything when He spoke. (Yes)
5. God called everything good which He created. (Yes)
6. God created everything exactly how He wanted. (Yes)
7. God is all-powerful and in control of all created things. (Yes)
8. God created Adam and Eve out of playdough. (No! God created Adam out of dirt; and Eve out of Adam's rib.)
9. God told Adam and Eve to care for Creation, and to rule over it. (Yes)
10. God wanted Adam to have someone to help him care for the Garden so God created Eve. (Yes)
11. All humans – all people – reflect God's image. (Yes! We are all image bearers.)