

# GOD IS MY CREATOR

## STORY: CREATION

**BIG TRUTH: GOD IS MY CREATOR**

Job 10:3, 8; Psalm 95:6; 100:3; 139:13-16; Isaiah 44:24

**BIBLE VERSE: GENESIS 1:27**

*"So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them."*

**BIG IDEAS**

- God made Adam and Eve.
- God made me.
- God made man and woman in His image.
- God made us with purpose.

**BIBLE STORY: GENESIS 1:26-28; 2:15**

God is the good Creator. He spoke everything into existence. Not only is He the creator of the heavens and the earth, but He is the creator of man and woman. He created Adam and Eve with His own hands and He breathed life into them. God created every person and gives mankind a purpose.

**STORY: CREATION**

God created everything. Everything we see, hear, feel, taste, and that exists was created by Him. Not only did He create everything, but He created everything perfectly, including humanity. He created mankind in His very image and likeness to reflect His worth. All of creation was made just like He wanted and designed it to be. To His delight, God looked at everything He made and declared that it was good. All creation exists for God, is good, and was created to bring Him glory.

**BIG AIMS****Every child should know that:**

- God is actively involved in creation

**Every child should feel:**

- Safe and secure in God's rule over creation

**Every child should:**

- Remember the ways that God is faithful

**Every child should want:**

- To trust God's control over creation

**FAMILY DEVOTION: GOD MADE US IN HIS IMAGE**

Mirrors reflect our image to us. We see what we look like at the exact moment we are looking in the mirror. Each person is a reflection of God's image because every person is created by God in His image. We are a reflection of God to the world.

**BIBLE VERSE: GENESIS 1:27**

*“So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.”*

**God created man in His likeness.**

- Adam was created to reflect God.
- Eve was created to reflect God.
- All people are created in God’s image or in His likeness.
- We are created to reflect who God is to the world.
- God’s creation of man was to show the world His own glory.

**God created man as male and female.**

- God did not create one gender.
- God created male and female and both reflect God to the world.
- God uniquely and distinctly created a man and a woman.
- God’s creation of Adam and Eve reflects His creation of gender.

**God created man and woman with a purpose.**

- God’s creation of man and woman is not without a purpose.
- When God created Adam and Eve, He created them as male and female to completely reflect His image to the world.
- God’s purpose for both man and woman is to glorify Him.

**BIBLE STORY: GENESIS 1:26-28; 2:15**

*The Creation of Adam and Eve*

**Opening Illustration:**

Bring in a container of dirt. Allow the children to take turns feeling the dirt. Ask the children to create a person using the dirt. When they cannot, lead them in a discussion about how God created Adam from the dust of the ground. He created Eve from one of Adam’s ribs. God is the creator of all people. He gives life to everyone.

- Who made Adam and Eve? (God made Adam and Eve.)
- God made Adam from the dust or dirt of the ground.
- He made Eve from one of Adam’s ribs.
- God breathed life into both Adam and Eve.
- God is the Creator of every person. He created each one of you.

**Alternate**

Bring in several pictures of you at various stages in life. Show the pictures to the children. Lead them in a discussion about how they know the pictures are of you and not someone else. Talk with them about how we are created in the image of God, or to be a reflection of Him

- How do we know these pictures are pictures of me? (The face is the same; the hair is the same; the eyes are the same, etc.)
- Are these pictures actually me? (No, they are reflections of your image. They are not living.)
- How are we reflections of God? (We are created male and female; we are created like Him. We reflect some of His character traits, such as love, kindness, patience, goodness, etc.)
- We are all created in the image of God. This makes us very special and important.

**BIG IDEA: GOD MADE ADAM AND EVE.****Opening Question:**

*What does it mean to create, or make something? (It means to form something or build something that didn't exist before.)*

*Who made Adam and Eve? (God made Adam and Eve. They didn't exist before God made them)*

**God created male and female.<sup>1</sup>**

- God's creation of Adam and Eve was perfect.
- He chose, in His wisdom, to create a man and a woman.
- God created mankind and made them male and female as part of His perfect plan.
- God's creation of Adam and Eve was the beginning of all of mankind.
- God's creation of Adam and Eve was very good. It was perfect.

**When God created Adam and Eve, they were a family.**

- Adam and Eve were the first family.
- All people come from Adam and Eve.
- They were the first people created.
- God's creation of Adam and Eve gave birth to the rest of mankind.
- All people originate, or come from, Adam and Eve.
- It was God's plan to create male and female to create a family.

*Who created Adam and Eve? (God created Adam and Eve.)*

*What does it mean that Adam and Eve were created male and female? (It means that both male and female reflect God's image to the world. Both male and female are important.)*



Help the children make a list of all the things that God has created or given life. Write the list on the board where it is visible. Remind the children that God can be trusted because He is our Creator.. If He can speak life into existence, He can take care of us every day.

1. Genesis 1:27: God made man and woman male and female. When He created mankind, He gave them gender. Gender is important to God's design for mankind.

**BIG IDEA: GOD MADE ME.**

*Who is the Creator of every person? (God is the Creator of every person. Even though people are born from their parents, they are created by God.)*

**All life comes from God.**

- God is the Creator of all things and all things come from Him.
- God created the first man and woman.
- All other life is from God because all things are from God.
- He is the beginning of all things.
- We are made by God because all life begins with Him.
- Even though we are born from our mothers, we are given life by God.
- God is the great Creator.



Bring in a small mirror. Allow each child to look at his or her reflection in the mirror. Lead the children in a discussion about how God is our Creator. He created every person and He is in charge of all things. We can trust Him with our future because He is our Creator.

**We are created by God.**

- No person is an accident or mistake.
- God is the creator of all people. He designs and gives life to all people.
- He determines who has life and who doesn't.
- God gives life to all people.
- When God made Adam and Eve, He used His hands; He was very closely involved in the creation of them.
- God knows every part of us before we're even born because He forms us.<sup>2</sup>
- God gives us life in our mother's womb. He is our Creator.

*From whom does all life come? (All life comes from God.)*

*When does God form us? (He forms us in our mother's womb. He knows us before we're even born.)*

2. Psalm 139:13: God knows every part of us before we're even born. He created us and formed us before we're even on this earth.

**BIG IDEA: GOD MADE MAN AND WOMAN IN HIS IMAGE.**

*What is an image? (It is a picture or reflection of something.)*

**God's glory is shown to the world through man and woman.**

- God reveals Himself to the world through His creation of mankind.
- Men and women are so uniquely and incredibly made, they reveal the power of our Creator.
- God made men and women to reflect Him to the world.<sup>3</sup>
- He made them to be in a relationship with Him.
- He made them to bear His image to the world.
- God shows the world who He is through the creation of mankind.



Help the children make a list of God's attributes. Write the list on the board where it is visible. Remind the children that they are made in His image. They are created to reflect His attributes. God helps us reflect His image because He is active in our lives.

**Men and women reflect God to the world.**

- God, in His great wisdom, chose to reveal Himself through people.
- Just as a mirror reflects an image, men and women reflect God to the world.
- We can learn about God through men and women.
- There are certain traits of God reflected in people.
- God shows us who He is through His creation of people.
- We get to see a picture of God through people.
- God's design or creation of mankind is one that reveals His glory to the world.

*In whose image are we created? (We are created in God's image.)*

*Whom do we reflect to the world? (We reflect God to the world.)*

3. James 3:9: We are made in the likeness or image of God. We reflect Him to the world.

**BIG IDEA: GOD MADE US WITH PURPOSE.**

*What does it mean to have a purpose? (It means to have a reason for having something or doing something.)*

**God created everything with a purpose.**

- All of creation has a God-given purpose.
- God designed man and woman with a unique purpose that is different from the rest of creation.
- He created them to glorify Him, or bring Him honor and to show the world He is holy.
- Men and women are a reflection of God.
- To be a reflection of God means to show the world who God is.
- God also shows Himself through people.



Bring in a blindfold. Take turns blindfolding the children and having them lead one another across the room. Lead the children in a discussion about how our purpose is to glorify God and we can do this by trusting Him to lead us and guide us. We can glorify Him by obeying Him.

**God created us with the purpose to be fruitful.**

- God's desire when He created Adam and Eve was for a family to begin.
- God desires for all people to be in a family and to be a part of His family.
- God desires for us to fulfill His purpose for us.
- Every person is created in the image of God to glorify God.
- We were not created by accident or for no reason.
- We were all created by God with a special purpose to be in a relationship with Him.
- Men and women are the only beings created in the image of God and they are the only beings created for a relationship with God.
- Our lives have meaning and purpose because we are created in the image of God and given a purpose by God.<sup>4</sup>

*When God created people, what purpose did He give them? (He created them to be fruitful and He created them to glorify Him. He also created them to be in a relationship with Him.)*

4. Ephesians 2:10: We are God's handiwork. We are created with a purpose given to us by God.

## HOOKS



KNOW

**God Made Us In His Image**

Bring in several medium-sized plastic bowls and several bean bags. Set the bowls up in a vertical line. Ask the children to take turns tossing the bean bag into the bowls. The object is to toss the bean bag into one of the bowls. When a bean bag lands in a bowl, the child gets to name a character trait of God. Lead them in a discussion about how God made people in His image. Discuss what God's image is and how we can reflect His image.



DO

- What are some character traits of God? (God is patient, kind, loving, good, gentle, etc.)
- Use the fruit of the Spirit to help the children name traits of God that we can reflect.)
- Every person is made in God's image.
- We are a reflection of Him to the world.



FEEL

**God Made Me**

Bring in water in a dark cup. Choose a cup that makes it impossible for the children to identify what is inside of the cup. Ask the children to guess what they think is inside the cup. Tell them that it is water. Ask them if they believe you and then discuss why they believed you. What makes them believe or not believe you when you say there is water in the cup and not something else? Remind them that God can be trusted even though we don't see him because He created them and that He cares for them greatly. They can trust God to care for them because He is their Creator.



WANT

- Who created each of us? (God is our Creator.)
- Can we trust God to take care of us? (Yes, because He is our Creator and He cares for us very much.)