

GOD CREATED ME FOR HIS GLORY

STORY: CREATION / YEAR: PURPOSE

BIG TRUTH: GOD CREATED ME FOR HIS GLORY

1 Chronicles 16:8-36; Psalm 19:1; 95:6; 100:1-5; 145:1-21; 150:1-6; Isaiah 43:7; Romans 11:36; 1 Peter 2:9; 4:10-11; Revelation 4:9-11; 5:13

BIBLE VERSE: 1 Corinthians 10:31

“So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.”

BIG IDEAS

- God is perfectly glorious.
- All creation exists to bring God glory.
- Our lives exist to bring God glory.
- Through Jesus all life can be lived for God’s glory.

BIBLE STORY: JOHN 9

All that God does He does for His glory. Our lives are for His glory. God created the young blind man so that God might receive glory from His life and God did.

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



KNOW

Every child should know that:

- God created them with purpose for a purpose



FEEL

Every child should feel:

- Awe at the intentionality of God in giving purpose to our lives



DO

Every child should:

- Live in a way that is honoring to the Lord



WANT

Every child should want:

- To learn more about God’s purposes for their lives

FAMILY DEVOTION: GLORIOUS LIVES

Our main purpose is to glorify God with our lives and to enjoy Him. When we enjoy God, we bring Him glory. Jesus is the only way that we can truly glorify God and really enjoy Him because Jesus is the only way to know God.



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God is worthy of all glory and praise.

- God is always perfect and good.
- Everything that God does is perfect and good.
- He alone is holy and righteous.
- He is worthy of all worship because He is righteous and holy.
- He makes wise decisions and all that He does is for His glory and our good.

We are made to glorify God.

- We are not made for ourselves or for each other.
- We are made for God’s purposes and plans.
- He is wiser and greater than we are.
- He alone is all-knowing and all powerful.
- He created man to bring Himself glory.
- Our lives are for God’s glory.

Our lives should be lived to bring God praise.

- God did not create man because He needed to.
- He did not create man because He needed a companion.
- God created man to glorify Him.
- Our lives are for God’s glory and we are happiest when we live them to bring God glory.
- When we praise God with our lives, we are bringing Him glory and are living as we should.

BIBLE STORY: JOHN 9

Jesus Heals The Man Blind From Birth

Opening Illustration:

Before class, write the words “marriage”, “life”, “people”, “glory”, and “God” on index cards. Place the cards inside of small boxes and wrap the boxes with gift wrap. (You can use gift bags as well.) Show the gifts to the class. Ask them to take turns trying to guess what it inside of each box. Next, open each box or bag and ask a child to read what is written on the card. Once all the gifts are open, talk with the children about how every good gift is from God. He gives us life, marriage, families, and everything else for His glory.

BIG IDEA: GOD IS PERFECTLY GLORIOUS.¹**God's glory is all consuming.**

- God's glory is so magnificent that man cannot stand in its full presence.
- No person can stand in the full radiance of God's glory because He is so magnificent.
- He is light itself. His glory shines brighter than the brightest star. It shines even brighter than the sun.
- His glory envelops everything around it.



Bring in several flashlights. Have the children take turns shining the flashlights at different spots in the room. Ask the children to name the brightest light in the room. Remind them that God's glory is brighter than the sun.

God's glory is radiant.

- God's glory shines brighter than the sun.
- It is radiant and glorious. It is brighter than anything else on earth.
- It causes people to worship God as they are in awe of His glory.
- God's radiance is breathtaking and magnificent.

God's glory is everlasting.

- God is perfect.
- Everything He does is right and perfect.
- He makes no mistakes.
- His glory is perfect.
- His glory is everlasting because He has no end.
- He is everlasting and because He is always glorious, His glory is everlasting.

What is God's glory brighter than? (It is brighter than the sun.)

1. Revelation 21:23: God is radiant and glorious. He is more radiant than the sun.

BIG IDEA: ALL CREATION EXISTS TO BRING GOD GLORY.²**Creation shows God's magnificence.**

- All of creation was made for God's glory.
- His purpose was to reflect His magnificence through all of creation.
- Everything God made is a reflection of just how magnificent He is.
- When we look at creation, we see God's glory and His magnificent handiwork.
- Everything in creation shows God's creative power and His glory.



Divide the children into small groups or pairs. Give each group a poster board, markers, and craft supplies. Ask the groups to think of one thing from creation, such as the sun, moon, or animals. Next, ask the group to draw a picture of their chosen thing. Allow the groups to share their pictures and remind them that creation exists to bring God glory.

Creation reveals God's power.

- Creation is intricate and detailed.
- Every part of creation is unique and reveals the power of God.
- God made creation to show us His power.
- Creation is a way that God reveals Himself.
- The mightiness of creation shows just how powerful God is.
- God spoke creation into existence through His Word. His Word is more powerful than the most powerful wind, the highest mountain, or the most dangerous animal.

Creation reflects God's glory.

- Creation was made for God.
- God did not need creation. He was not lacking something when He created the heavens and the earth.
- He made creation to reveal Himself to the world.
- His creation reflects just how glorious God is.
- His creation exists to bring Him glory.
- The sun, moon, and stars are for God's glory.
- When we see them, we can admire the handiwork of God.

Why does creation exist? (It exists to declare God's glory and to bring Him glory.)

2. Psalm 19:1: All of creation declares God's glory. Creation exists to proclaim God's glory.

BIG IDEA: OUR LIVES EXIST TO BRING GOD GLORY.³**God created man for His glory.**

- Man was created for God.
- God didn't need to make man. He wasn't lonely or missing anything.
- God's purpose in creating man was to bring Himself glory.
- Man is made to live his life so that God receives glory.
- God made man in His own image as a way to show the world who He is.
- When man lives according to God's Word, he brings God glory.



Bring in several small objects, such as a pair of scissors, tape dispenser, crayons, etc. Ask the children to identify the purpose of each of the objects you show them. Remind them that their own purpose is to bring God glory.

Man's life is meant to bring God glory.

- Man's life was meant to bring God glory.
- When God created man, he was perfect.
- Man sinned and then man stopped bringing God glory.
- Since man sinned, God made a way for man's life to bring Him glory again.
- Man fulfills his purpose when he seeks to glorify God.

Man is meant to enjoy God.

- God created people with the ability to enjoy Him.
- He has chosen to reveal Himself to the world and when we see and know God, we enjoy Him.
- God is so perfectly glorious that when we know Him, He brings us joy.
- Man can enjoy God's creation and enjoy a relationship with God through Jesus.

What is man's purpose? (Man's purpose is to glorify God.)

3. Psalm 145: Man is meant to bring God glory and to enjoy Him.

BIG IDEA: THROUGH JESUS ALL LIFE CAN BE LIVED FOR GOD'S GLORY.⁴**Jesus is the only way to know God.**

- There is only one way to know God. God is the Creator and Ruler of all things and He has established that the way to know Him is through His Son.
- If we want to know God, we must first know His Son.
- God made a way for us to know Him when He sent His Son to pay our sin debt.
- When Jesus came to the earth, He lived a sinless life and died on the cross to pay our sin debt.
- His death and resurrection means that we can know God through Him.



Help the children create road maps leading to their houses. Give them cardstock paper and colored pencils. Ask them to draw a road map leading to their house. Talk with them about how the only way to know God is through Jesus and knowing Jesus is the only way to bring God glory.

Knowing God brings Him glory.

- God created us to bring Him glory by knowing Him.
- God wants us to know Him. He chooses to reveal Himself to the world because He wants the world to know Him.
- When we know His Son, we have access to the Father. When we know the Father, we bring Him glory because we praise His name.
- Our lives have meaning and purpose when we know God because He is the reason we exist.

When we know Jesus, we know God and can bring Him glory.

- It's impossible for us to bring God glory on our own.
- Unless we know His Son, we cannot bring Him glory.
- Even when we try to do good works and things that we think may glorify God, if we do not know Jesus, our works are dead.
- By receiving Jesus as our Savior, we receive God's plan for our lives. This obedience brings Him glory.
- Our lives can be lived fully submitted to God and bring Him glory when we turn from our sin and believe in His Son, Jesus.

How can our lives bring God glory? (When we know His Son, Jesus, our lives can bring Him glory.)

4. John 13:31: God brought Himself glory by glorifying Jesus and His sacrifice on the cross.

HOOKS

**Blind Balloon Stomp**

Fill the classroom with balloons. Use a bandana as a blindfold. Have the children take turns wearing the blindfold and trying to stomp a balloon. Once every child has a chance to try talk with them about how the blind man brought God glory through his blindness.



- God was glorified through the blind man because Jesus healed him and showed the world God's incredible power.
- The blind man also began to follow Jesus and give Him praise.

**Blind Wandering**

Have the children close their eyes or cover them with blindfolds. Next, ask the children to wander around the room and then try to return to their seats. As the children are wandering, help them try to find their way. Once each child finds his seat again, take off the blindfolds or have them open their eyes and talk with them about how Jesus is the only way to bring God glory.



- There is no way for us to bring God glory on our own because we are sinful.
- It's only when we know Jesus that we can glorify God with our lives.
- Jesus is the way to bring God glory.