

GOD CREATED ME FOR HIS PURPOSE

REVIEW - CREATION

BIG TRUTH: GOD CREATED ME FOR HIS PURPOSE

Genesis 2:15; Exodus 9:16; Isaiah 14:26; 42:21; John 15:16; Luke 4:43; Acts 13:36; Romans 8:28

BIBLE VERSE: 2 TIMOTHY 1:9

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BIG IDEAS

- God has a plan for us.
- God created me for His glory.
- God created me for worship.
- God created me for holiness.
- God created me for love.

BIBLE STORY: ACTS 9:1-19

Acts 9 tells the story of Saul's conversion. This story reveals that it is God who saves us, and that He can save anyone who He wants, no matter what they have done before. Through this story we meet another man, Ananias, who goes to lay hands on Saul so that he will regain his sight. Even though Ananias was afraid because of how Saul had previously treated Christians, he went because he trusted that God would use both of them for His own purposes.

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 created us for His purposes



Every child should feel:

- Awe at the intentionality of God to create us with purpose



Every child should:

- Strive to worship God and pursue holiness because He has created us for those things



Every child should want:

- To bring God glory through all of life

FAMILY DEVOTION

Guide 9 acts as a review for the preceding weeks. Use this guide and devotion to support, reinforce, and review concepts learned throughout the past weeks and to test your child's understanding and memory of these truths.

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We were created with a purpose.

- When God created the world, He did not do so aimlessly or for no reason.
- We were created to bring God glory.
- Because we did not create ourselves, we also do not get to determine our own purpose in life.

We were saved with a purpose.

- Just as we were created with a purpose, we were also saved with a purpose.
- When God brought us from death to life in Jesus, this was not because of something we had done, or because of our works.
- Instead, God saved us because of His grace and for His own purpose.

God defines the purpose of our lives.

- We may think that we can choose our own purpose, but we are wrong.
- God sets our purpose; in fact, He set the purpose for our lives before we were even born.
- God is in control of all things, and before we even existed He was giving us purpose through Christ Jesus.
- We are responsible to live for the purpose that God has given us: to bring Him glory in all things and to live as His ambassador in the world.

BIBLE STORY: ACTS 9:1-19**Opening Illustration:**

Bring in a large piece of blank paper and tape it to a wall or to the board. Give the children several markers. Tell the children that you are going to create a story with pictures about a boy and girl going to school one day. Help the children come up with the story and draw pictures to tell the story on the large piece of paper. (Older children can write parts of the story.) Once they have finished, talk with them about how their story is created by God and controlled by Him.

- Who created the story about our girl and boy? (We created the story.)
- Who controlled what happened to the boy and girl? (We controlled it.)
- God creates our stories. He gives us life and is involved in our lives.
- God also controls our stories. He is in charge of all things and He watches over our lives and cares for us.

Guide 9 acts as a review for the preceding weeks. The Big Ideas in Guide 9 are the Big Truths that were learned in Guides 4-8. Use this week as an opportunity to review and reinforce these truths. For further study, information, or resources, refer back to Guides 4-8.

BIG IDEA: GOD HAS A PLAN FOR US.

BIBLE VERSE: PSALM 138:8

“The Lord will fulfill His purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.”

See Guide 4 for more information on this Big Idea.

BIG IDEA: GOD CREATED ME FOR HIS GLORY.

BIBLE VERSE: 1 CORINTHIANS 10:31

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

See Guide 5 for more information on this Big Idea.

BIG IDEA: GOD CREATED ME FOR WORSHIP.

BIBLE VERSE: ROMANS 12:1

“I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.”

See Guide 6 for more information on this Big Idea.

BIG IDEA: GOD CREATED ME FOR HOLINESS.

BIBLE VERSE: 1 PETER 1:15

“But as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct.”

See Guide 7 for more information on this Big Idea.

BIG IDEA: GOD CREATED ME FOR LOVE.

BIBLE VERSE: JOHN 13:34

“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.”

See Guide 8 for more information on this Big Idea.

HOOKS

**Every Story Summary**

Divide the children into small groups or pairs. Give each group a story from the Old Testament to look up. You can use the following or add any others that you like: Genesis 1:26-31 (The Creation of Man), Genesis 22 (The Sacrifice of Isaac), Exodus 12:29-50 (Tenth Plague and Passover), etc. Ask the groups to read the stories and then summarize them for the class. Lead the class in a discussion about how each story is actually a story about Jesus. These stories are part of the world's history. They show us how God works in the world, but ultimately, they point to Jesus.

**Blindfold Purpose**

Use a bandana as a blindfold. Have the children take turns wearing the blindfold and guessing an object that you place in their hands, such as a pencil, a pair of scissors, a glass, a credit card, etc. Once the children have all taken a turn, lead them in a discussion about how our purpose is found in Jesus.



- God created the heavens and the earth for His glory.
- He made each of us to bring Him glory.
- We find our unique purpose in Him when we seek to live lives that bring Him glory.
- We can live fulfilled lives when we are living to glorify God in everything we do.