

CREATION

“God Created Humans for Relationship with God”

Series Objective: Students will learn:

- God was in the beginning and spoke in Creation
- God’s world is good and very good
- God continues to create
- God created man and woman for relationship

Series Theme Verse: “God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.” Genesis 1:31

Lesson Objective: Students will understand that God created humans, and them, for a relationship with God and that a relationship with God requires spending time with God.

Lesson Passage: Genesis 2:4-9; 15-24

Materials Needed: Bibles, The words “Very Good” and “Very Weak” on poster board or butcher paper, note cards for each student with “Every day this week I will _____ so that I can build my relationship with God.” written on each,

Lesson Plan:

The Story: Genesis 2:4-9; 15-24

Talking Points:

- At the end of the 6th Day of Creation, what is God’s reflective thought? (God saw that it was very good)
- Why do you think God said the 6th Day was “Very Good” when Days 1-5 were only “Good”? (God created humanity and created them in the image of God, but also because 2:1 says Creation was completed)
- How did God create man in this account? (formed him from dust and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life)
- How did God create everything else in Chapter 1? (spoke it into existence)
- Why do you think God took a different approach to man? (Man was created in the image of God – God used a more personal/relational hands-on approach compared to other things created by God.)

- We see all throughout the Old and New Testament that God loves us and longs for a relationship with us. God created us to have a relationship with him. We can see that in the different approach God used to create us.
- After man was created, where did God take him? (Garden of Eden – a place God planted for man (vs8) his new home)
- What was man’s job? (to work and care for the garden vs 15)
- What conclusion did God come to in verse 18? (It’s not good for man to be alone – needs a helper.)
- We were not only made to have a relationship with God, but we need relationships with others. God saw that from the beginning. It’s not good for us to be by ourselves all the time. Who were the first candidates for man’s helper? (wild animals, birds, livestock)
- Who was created to be man’s helper? (woman)
- How was she created? (man went to sleep, God took a rib and made woman)
- What was man’s reaction to woman? (vs 23 this is bone of my bone, flesh of my flesh – we belong together, family)
- We see in God’s intimate interaction with the man, that God and man were always in relationship with each other. They talked together, and even walked together. In Genesis 3, we find God walking in the garden and calling out for the humans, which means that the perfect relationship is the relationship that humans have with God.
- What kind of relationships were we created for? (relationship with God, family, friends, eventually husband/wife, community of believers)
- We are all God’s creation. Created in God’s image. You and me. We need to think about all the people we come in contact with in this context. How would this mind set change the way we treat others? Talk to others?
- Over the next two years, we will see how God is always trying to bring humans into relationship with God. God still pursues a relationship with us today. How does it make you feel to know that God wants to have a relationship with you?

The Story Retold:

- In any relationship, there is a beginning point. In our lives, God seeks to start a relationship with us, we need only to respond and invite Jesus to live in our lives.
- Close your eyes for just a minute, without looking around raise your hand if you have asked Jesus into your heart.
- Raise your hand if you have been baptized. (Teachers use this as a way to gauge the spiritual place of each student in your class)
- Good now everyone look up.
- Have students stand in the middle of the room. On the north wall have the words “Very Good” and on the south wall, have the words “Very Weak.”
- Ask students to think of the person they are closest to, can be a parent, a sibling, a teacher, or a friend.

- Ask the students to move closer to the wall that tells how their relationship with that person would be if...
 - They talked to that person only once a month.
 - They talked to that person only once a week.
 - They talked to that person only once a day.
 - They talked to that person every hour they were awake.
 - They spent time with that person only once a week.
 - They spent time with that person every day.
- Explain to students that a relationship with God works the same way. The more time we spend with God, the stronger our relationship will be...it will be Very Good.
- Give each student a note card with the phrase, “Every day this week I will _____ so that I can build my relationship with God.”
- You might need to give students some ideas to get them thinking: Pray 3 times a day, read my Bible for 15 minutes, read a chapter of Mark, walk outside and pray to God, etc.
- Have students take their card with them and put by their bed as a reminder.

The Story and Me:

- Have students recite Genesis 1:31 together
- With a partner have the students recite the verse one word at a time.
- Partner 1 starts with the first word. Partner 2 says the second word.
- Alternate words until they have completed the verse.
- Then have the students stand in a circle.
- Say the verse as a group one word at a time around the circle.
- Remind students that the Very Good of Day 6 reminds us that God was pleased because of creation of humans and the completion of creation. For us to have a Very Good relationship with God, we must spend time with God.