

# CREATION

## “God Created Humans for Relationships”

**Series Objective:** Students will learn:

- God is the Creator God
- God set an example for humanity in the Sabbath
- Humans were created for relationship with God and other Humans
- Humans, Male and Female, are created “In the image of God.”

**Series Theme Verse:** “So God created humanity in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.” Genesis 1:27

**Lesson Objective:** Students will understand that we were created for a relationship with God and with other humans.

**Lesson Passage:** Genesis 2:1 - 25

**Materials Needed:** Bibles, magnets, collection of everyday items to use with the magnets (examples: paper clip, coins, safety pin, cotton ball, key ring, tooth pick, etc.)

**Lesson Plan:**

**The Story:**

**Talking Points:**

- At the end of the 6<sup>th</sup> Day of Creation, what is God’s reflective thought? (God saw that it was very good)
- Why do you think God said the 6<sup>th</sup> 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)
- What did God do on the 7<sup>th</sup> day? (rested)
- How did you rest last Sunday?
- 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)
- What kind of relationships were we created for? (relationship with God, family, friends, eventually husband/wife, community of believers)
- How can we honor God through our relationships?
- 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?
- How do you feel when you hear God created you for a relationship with God and other humans?

### **The Story Retold:**

- Use magnets to represent relationships.
- Give students two magnets. Let them explore the different relationships magnets have with each other – opposite poles attract, like poles repel
- Use the different objects and see whether the magnets attract or not
- Magnets are attracted to what kind of objects? (metal)
- Humans are “attracted” to (or created for) what? (relationships)

### **The Story and Me:**

- Have students recite Genesis 1:27 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.