

Lesson 4

God Created Adam and Eve

Genesis 1:26–31
2:7,8,15,18–23

Memory Verse

“So God created man in
His [own] image, in
the image of God created
He him; male and female
created He them”
(Genesis 1:27)

Teacher’s Objective

At the end of the session,
the students should
be able to:

Define what it means to
be created in the image of
God

Locate verses in the
Bible
which tell about God’s
love and care

Describe evidences of
how truly special man is
to God

Express in their own way
how they are unique
in the eyes of God

Materials Needed

See “Teaching Activities”

Teacher’s Bible Study

To understand that God is reproducing Himself through mankind is essential for understanding the nature of man. The fact that human beings were made with the potential and the destiny of entering God’s Family as His literal children and thereby actually sharing His God-level plane of existence is fundamental to our knowledge of who and what we are.

Man was created as a physical being, a “living soul” (Genesis 2:7). The English word *soul* is translated from the Hebrew word *nephesh* and simply means a “living, breathing creature.” The same word is used in reference to all “breath-bearing life” (which is a good working definition of *nephesh*), animal as well as human life.

Although man and animal have identically mortal “souls,” man has been created superior to animals in a number of important respects. First, God shows that man was made in His own “image” and “likeness” (Genesis 1:26), the animals are simply made “after their kind.” In addition, God has given “the spirit of man” to humans. The spirit in man is that essence which imparts human mind power to physical brain tissue. It is the means by which man exercises his promised “dominion” over all other creatures (Genesis 1:26).

Man was created physical, mortal, and limited so that God could work with and prepare him for his ultimate destiny. God’s moral character is self-determined by His own free choice. If man is to be like Him and share eternity on His level, he must also be *free to decide* and thus to build his own character.

The Bible states that when God created man, He “saw everything that he had made, and, behold, it was very good” (Genesis 1:31). Man was thus *not* created with an evil nature. This is confirmed in Ecclesiastes 7:29 : “Lo, this only have I found, that God hath made man upright.” On the other hand, man was not created with the righteous, holy character of God, which is impossible to create instantaneously. One might say man was created morally *neutral* so that he could develop moral character through experiencing life.

Let your students know that God created Adam and Eve with thought, care, and love. God is our Creator. God created us, and

Presenting the Bible Story

Genesis 1:26–31

In our past lessons, we have learned about the wonderful world God has created. God was pleased with everything He made. Review with your students what was created on each of the seven days.

Genesis 2:7

What does *image* and *likeness* mean? Have some pictures of parents and their children. Discuss with your students how the parents and children are alike and how are they different in these pictures? In some ways, human beings are like God, and in some ways they are not alike. Now show pictures of people who are reading, studying, making something, playing, hugging, etc. What are the people in these pictures doing that is like God? They are using their minds to do things, they are showing emotion, and they are showing a will to make right choices. God can think, God has feelings, and God can decide to do things.

Evidence That
We are Special
to God:

Genesis 2:7 *Adam*, the first man, means “mankind.”

Genesis 2:9 God gave man the ability to appreciate beauty. All plants

in the Garden “were pleasing to the eye.”

Genesis 2:15 God knew man needed work to be satisfied. God let Adam “work [the Garden] and take care of it.”

Genesis 2:19 God knew man would want to use his mind. All the animals were brought to Adam “to see what he would

name them...and that was their name.”

Introduce the
Memory Verse:

Genesis 2:16,17 God knew man needs freedom to choose. God placed the

forbidden tree in the Garden. Now man could value and make a choice.

Genesis 1:27

Genesis 2:18 God knew man would need intimacy. God created Eve.

Genesis 3:8 God knew man needed fellowship. God gave Adam and Eve His presence.

Genesis 2:8,15

God our Creator is a God of love. We were created “in His own image.” God is deeply concerned about the needs of man. Man is special to God.

God made a beautiful Garden for Adam to live in. The name of this Garden was Eden. This was a perfect setting. The Garden provided a place to test the obedience of man. Adam was to tend and keep the Garden.

Genesis 2:18–23

God declared that all the plants were there in the garden for them to eat and enjoy. However, there was one tree that man was not to partake in. It was the “tree of the knowledge of good and evil.” God warned that if they ate the fruit of that tree, they would surely die. God did not create robots. God expected man to choose.

Just imagine what it must have been like to live life in the Garden of Eden where there was no sin. Did you know there were no weeds, thorns, or thistles in the Garden? Adam and Eve were not afraid of the animals. There was no reason to be afraid because they were friendly. Even the tigers and lions were gentle and friendly. I suppose you could say the animals were like pets.

Art and Activities

Everything that God provided for them to eat was pleasant to the taste buds. Everything was delicious. There was plenty of everything. Adam and Eve were in want of nothing. Our loving God and Creator provided all their needs. Adam and Eve did not get sick. Why? Because sickness is the result of sin. There was no sin in the Garden of Eden.

Explore with
your students
the following
questions:

Teaching Activities

Young Children

Provide copies of the Activity Page suitable for your students.

Older Children

Provide copies of the Activity Page suitable for your students.

Explore the Subject

1. What does it mean to be in the image of God?
 - (a.) To have emotions.
 - (b.) To be creative.
 - (c.) To have values.
 - (d.) To appreciate beauty.
 - (e.) To know right from wrong.
 - (f.) To love.

2. Discuss the responsibility God gave man when He created man to have dominion.
 - (a.) We are to take care of the land.
 - (b.) We are to take care of the animals.
 - (c.) We are to have control (dominion) over our lives.

Always close your
class with prayer

Activity

God Created Me

As a child of God our Heavenly Father cares for us.

**As a father has
compassion for his
children, so the Lord
has compassion for
those who fear him.**

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Activity Page

God Created Me

There is no one exactly like you. You are very *special* to the Creator.
Draw a picture of yourself:

This is Me...

My name is: _____

My age is: _____ My eyes are the color: _____

My hair is the color: _____

My favorite food is: _____

My favorite drink is: _____

My favorite drink is: _____

I enjoy: _____

When I grow up I want to be: _____

Activity Page

Genesis 1-3 The Story of Creation

Read the chapters listed and find the words listed below within the puzzle.

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B	H	E	N	E	D	R	A	G	L
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GARDEN
GROW
GOOD
EYES
EVIL
EVE
EAT

FOOD
DAY
VOICE
HID
COAT
FREELY
TREE

SERPENT
TOUCH
SEWED
SKIN
GROUND
LIFE
NAKED

GARDEN
WIFE
FIG
LORD
KNOWLEDGE
WISE
BEGUILE

SUBTLE
WALK
GOD
EVIL
HEAR
SWORD
LIE

Activity Page

The Image of God

An *image* is a reflection of, or representation of a certain thing.

What can we do to reflect God's character and please Him?

Color the pictures below and circle the things that would please God.

