

## Sunday School at Home Lesson 1st – 6th Grades

August 9

### GOD CREATED PEOPLE

**Life Point:** God created people to live in families.

**Level of Biblical Learning:** God created people in His image.

**Scripture Reference:** Genesis 2:4-24

**Unit Verse:** “I will praise you because I have been remarkably and wondrously made. Your works are wondrous, and I know this very well.” Psalm 139:14 (CSB)

**Weekly Bible Verse:** “I will praise you because I have been remarkably and wondrously made. Your works are wondrous, and I know this very well.” Psalm 139:14 (CSB)

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### Practice Bible Skills

**Materials:**

- 39 Index cards (On individual cards, write each of the books of the Old Testament.)

**Instructions:**

- ❖ Lead kids to review the Old Testament books in order.
- ❖ Place the Old Testament Books of the Bible notecards face-down in random order.
- ❖ Guide children to flip over two cards and name the books that come in between the two books on the cards. Kids with advanced Bible skills should work from memory; kids with beginning skills may look at their Bibles.

### Introductory Activity

**Instructions:**

- ❖ Explain that you will call out a number and a body part. Kids should gather together to show the correct number of body parts. For example, if you call 12 toes, then one or more kids would gather to show you 12 toes.
- ❖ Keep the pace quick and silly as you call out these instructions: 11 fingers, 4 elbows, 15 toes, 8 lungs, 6 eyebrows, and 19 fingers.
- ❖ Comment that none of the combinations you mentioned could be completed by a single person. Similarly, because it is not good for people to be alone, God created people to live in relationship with one another and with Him.

### Bible Story: God Created the World (Genesis 2:4-24)

- ❖ Invite a volunteer to find and read aloud Genesis 1:1-3.
- ❖ Explain that Genesis 1 presents the entire “big picture” of creation. Genesis 2 follows up with the details about God’s most precious creation—people.
- ❖ Open your Bible to Genesis 2 and tell the Bible story, or watch the *Bible Story Notebook* portion of the August 9 *Lifeway Kids at Home* video from your Digital Pass Dashboard.\*

When God created the heavens and the earth, at first, there were no shrubs or plants growing because God had not yet made it rain and there was no one to care for the land. So God made water come out of the ground to water the entire surface of the land. After that, God formed man out of dust from the ground. He breathed the breath of life into him, and the man became a living being.

Then God made a garden in a place called Eden. He put the man there and gave him the garden to work it and watch over it. God made beautiful trees grow that were good for food. In the middle of the garden, He also placed the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The man was allowed to eat from any tree in the garden, but God commanded him not to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. He warned the man that if he ate from that tree, he would certainly die.

God looked at the man and said, “It is not good for man to be alone.”

Then God made every wild animal and every bird in the sky. He brought them all to the man to see what he would call them. Whatever the man called the living creature would be its name. Among the animals the man still did not have a good helper, so God caused a deep sleep to come over the man. While he slept, God took one of the man’s ribs and used it to form a woman.

When God brought the woman to the man, the man said, “At last! This is bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh. I will call her woman because she was taken from man.”

This is the reason a man leaves his father and mother and marries his wife.

- ❖ Ask: “Why do you think God said that it was not good for man to be alone? (Emphasize that God created the perfect partner for man—woman!)
- ❖ Talk about how God created the man from the dust of the ground and the woman from a rib of the man. God created them to live in the garden as a family.
- ❖ Explain that families come in all shapes and sizes, but every family has one thing in common: families are made up of people who were created in God’s image, and that is very good!

## Review Questions

- ❖ What did God use to create the man? (*He used dust from the ground.*)
- ❖ What was man’s assignment in the Garden of Eden? (*He was to work it and watch over it.*)
- ❖ What was the name of the only tree the man could not eat from? (*The tree of the knowledge of good and evil.*)
- ❖ Why did God bring all of the animals and birds to the man? (*The man was to name them.*)
- ❖ Why did God make the woman? (*God made her so the man would not be alone.*)
- ❖ How did God make woman? (*God took one of the man’s ribs and used it to form woman.*)

## Life Action

- ❖ Sing “[Family Time](#).”
- ❖ Ask: “How important do you think families are to God since that is one of the first things He created in the beginning?”
- ❖ Share that God created families to encourage, strengthen, and relate to one another. We spend time with our families, talk to them, and share what is important. God wants that kind of relationship with each person He created.
- ❖ Explain that a *relationship* is a special connection you have with someone else, like a friend or family member. You spend time with that person, talk to them, and share what is important to you.
- ❖ Share that God wants people to be in relationships with Him and others. That is why God sent His Son, Jesus—so anyone who trusts Jesus as Savior can be in a relationship with God.
- ❖ Invite kids to pray with you, thanking God for their families.

**Option:** Watch the “Mooseberry Life Application” portion of the August 9 Lifeway Kids at Home video from your Digital Pass Dashboard.

## Suggested Activities

### Choice 1: Team Effort

#### Materials:

- Hair tie or medium width rubber band
- 4 lengths of yarn cut into 2-foot long pieces (Tie 4 equally spaced pieces around a single hair tie.)
- 6 plastic cups

#### Instructions:

- ❖ Instruct children to place their cups upside down in front of them.
- ❖ Explain that each team will work together to stack the cups into a pyramid. (*Three cups on the bottom, two cups in the middle, and one cup on top.*) Kids are not allowed to touch cups with their hands. Kids may only use the yarn to pull the hair tie to fit around a cup and move it.
- ❖ After finishing, ask kids if they think they could have done this task alone.
- ❖ Share that it is not good to be alone! There are many good reasons God created people to live in families, help each other, and be in a relationship with Him.

### CHOICE 2: Better Together Tag

#### Materials.

- 4 sheets of paper (Write one word per sheet: “parents,” “kids,” “grandparents,” “others.”)

#### Instructions:

- ❖ Ask: “Why do you think God said that it was not good for man to be alone?”
- ❖ Emphasize the concept that God intended people to live in relationships with others and with Him.
- ❖ Invite kids to share how your family supports and encourages them.
- ❖ Post four sheets of paper in different parts of the room.
- ❖ Explain that “others” can include any family members not specifically mentioned, such as step-siblings, aunts, uncles, and cousins.
- ❖ Choose a volunteer to be *It* and begin a tag game. The remaining players will stand beside any of the four signs.
- ❖ *It* will call out the names on any two of the signs, such as “grandparents” and “kids.” Players standing beside those signs must switch places before they are tagged.
- ❖ If a player is tagged, he or she should identify a way that grandparents and kids (or the last named combination) can encourage and support one another. He or she will then become the new *It*.

## Wrap Up

- Remind kids that God created people to live in families.
- Challenge kids to find a way to serve a family member this week.

## Resources for Your Week

Videos can be viewed for FREE on Right Now Media by signing up for an account at <https://fbcalexandria.org/right-now-media>

[Doorpost Songs: Wonderful \(Psalm 139:7-16\)](#)

[Seeds Family Worship: Wonderfully Made \(Psalm 139:14\)](#)

\*Go to <http://www.fbcalexandria.org/fbca-at-home#children> for information about how you can set up a free Digital Pass account through Lifeway to access videos and other downloads for each week's lesson.