



LESSON 1 OVERVIEW

GOD CREATES US IN HIS IMAGE: GENESIS 1

Dig In to the Bible

- Read: Genesis 1
- In This Passage: God makes the world. God is creative, making all different kinds of plants and animals, birds and fish, and land and sea. Finally, he creates the pinnacle of his creation: humans! He makes people in his own image, so we can be creative, too!
- Bible Point: God is creative...
- Application: ...so we're creative.
- Summary Verse: "Have you never heard? Have you never understood? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of all the earth. He never grows weak or weary. No one can measure the depths of his understanding" (Isaiah 40:28).

Dig Deeper

- You'll Be Teaching: *God is creative.* Most younger kids think they're creative. But as kids start to age, some get the message that creativity just isn't their thing. Help kids see that they're created in the image of the Creator. God is creative, and that creativity is infused into each of us in different ways.
- Think About: What's the last creative thing you did? What does that show you about God's creativity?

Dig In to Prayer

- Pray that God would reveal his creativity to each child as kids consider how he made each of them specifically.

Quick Tip

- Creativity is not just revealed in art and music. It can show up in creative problem-solving, a new idea for how to play a game, or a wild imagination. Look for creativity in your kids this week. Try to affirm each child for how he or she is reflecting God's creativity.

Home Supplies

- Bible
- Electronic Device



MUSIC VIDEO

Sing songs of praise to God.

“**Made for This**” | watch or download [here](#)

Listen to the song as a family and begin your lesson together!



OPENING

Share about a topic related to the lesson.

Supply: Bible

Welcome | Introduce the Lesson

Say: *Today we’re going to learn that God is creative. He made everything and said it was good.*

Share

- Tell kids about something you made that you are proud of.

Summarize

Open a Bible to Genesis 1, and say: *Being creative is fun! We all have creativity in us because God is creative and made us in his image. Let’s find out more about what the Bible says about that. The Bible isn’t an ordinary book; it’s God’s special book. The Bible is one way God shows us his heart and how we can reflect him. God is here right now, ready to talk to you. Let’s hear what he has to say as we pray.*

Pray, praising God for his creativity.



CORE BIBLE DISCOVERY

Use creativity to explore the Bible story and what it means to be made in God’s image.

Supplies

- Bible
- 1 Paper Plate
- Coloring Cutouts for the Plate
- Glue Stick

When you read the days of creation show the different coloring page cutouts and glue them on to the paper plate.

Create

Say: *Today we’re going to discover that God is creative. God is so creative that he made the whole world! Let’s Read Genesis chapter One. As I mention the different items you can help me glue them on the plate!*

- land and seas (Genesis 1:9-10)
- plants (Genesis 1:11-12)
- sun, moon, and stars (Genesis 1:14-18)
- fish (Genesis 1:20-22)
- birds (Genesis 1:20-22)
- animals (Genesis 1:24-25)



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Use creativity to explore the Bible story and what it means to be made in God's image.

Say: *Wow, God is creative! He made the skies, the land and seas, and everything in the skies, on the land, and in the sea. That's amazing! But you know, **you** were pretty creative when you made your displays. That's because there's something very special about the way God made his last creation: people.*

Read Genesis 1:26-27

Ask:

- **What do you think it means to be made in God's image?**
- **What's something about you that you think reflects who God is?** Give your own example first, such as that you love kids and you know God loves people, too, or that you like to garden and that reflects God's creation of flowers and plants. Have kids share with you.

Say: *We're learning that God is creative. I'm so glad I get to see God's creativity in each of you.*

Cut It Out

Say: *We're made in God's image, but we're not God. It's like when you look at a picture of yourself or look in the mirror. You see someone who looks like you, but it's not exactly you. Being made in God's image means we can see in ourselves and our friends little human-sized glimpses of what God is like. The more we get to know God, the more he'll bring out his image in us. As our friendship with God grows, those things that **aren't** a reflection of God get smaller. God can grow his awesome qualities in us! He'll help us treat others like they were made in his image, too. Today we're going to focus on how God is creative and helps us be creative. We're going to spend the next year getting to know God better and asking him to shape us more and more into his image.*

Let's pray about that.

Pray: **Dear God, thank you that you are creative. Thank you that you made us in your image so we're creative, too! Help us reflect your image more and more all the time. In Jesus' name, amen.**



TALK-ABOUT VIDEO

Watch a video and discuss the Bible Point.

"Dominic's Story" | Teaching Video (watch or download [here](#))

Say: *Today we're learning that God is creative. God made us, and he did a great job of it! God made us to be creative, too. That means we can make great and exciting things.*



Tell about something *you* make that you think is great or exciting.

Ask: **What's something you like to make that you think is great?**

Say: *Let's meet a boy who loves making things, and he likes to use his talents to share about God's love.*

Watch "Dominic's Story"

Ask: **What was the coolest thing you saw Dominic make?**

Ask: **Dominic liked to use his creativity, or ability to make things, to share about God's love. What can you make to share God's love?**

Say: *Dominic loves using his creativity. Whenever Dominic creates something, it shows that he was made by God because God is so creative. We can be creative, too, because God made us that way!*



CRAFT

Make mirror frames that remind you that you are God's masterpieces.

Supplies

- Bible
- 4 Popsicle Sticks
- Glue
- Markers
- Stickers

Make Mirror Frames

Say: *God is creative, so you're creative! Let's use our creativity!*

Show kids the sample craft you made. Set out supplies and have kids follow these instructions to make mirror frames.

- Attach 4 Popsicle sticks by gluing the edges together to make a rectangle (picture frame size)
- Decorate the outside with markers and stickers.



Take Selfies

Read Ephesians 2:10. Say: *Tape this frame on your mirror. Whenever you look at your reflection, the frame can be a reminder that God is creative and he showed his creativity in how he made **you**—his masterpiece!*

- Alternatively, the frames can be used for fun selfies! Kids can hold their frames in front of their faces and take selfies.

Talk About It

Ask: **What did you do to make your frame creative?**

What's something creative about the way God made you?

Say: *God is creative, and he's **so** creative that he made each of us different! But even though we're all different, we're **all** his masterpieces. That's because we're made in his image. Thanks for using your God-given creativity to make such fun frames!*