

Teacher Preparation

Readings: Gen 1:26-31; 1 Cor 6:19; Eph 3:17-19; 1 Jn 3:4-9, 16; 4:8, 16; Lk 23:34

Lesson Objective: The children will learn that we were created for God's love.

Materials: Bible, paper, scissors, markers

Memory Verse: "God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him." 1 John 4:16

Lesson Summary

Did you know that your body is specially designed by God to be the temple of the Holy Ghost? Unfortunately, we are born with sin living in this special temple, and the Holy Ghost will not live in the same temple as sin. Thankfully, because God loves us, He sent His only Son, Jesus, to die on the cross and free us from the bondage of sin. Therefore, when we repent of our sin and receive the love of Jesus in our heart, sin is thrown out of the temple and we are able to receive the Holy Ghost in its place. When the Holy Ghost is living in our temple, we are able to be like God. Since God is love, everything we do should reflect God's love as well. God's love is for everyone and it stretches far beyond what we can understand. With Him we have the ability to love strangers and our enemies just as easily as we love our friends and family. The Good Samaritan had God's love and showed it by taking care of the stranger in need. Stephen was full of God's love and showed it when he prayed and asked God not to punish those that stoned him. Jesus is a picture of God's perfect love. A man who had never sinned gave himself as a sacrifice so that everyone in the whole world could be forgiven and freed from all sin. He even prayed and asked God not to punish those who persecuted Him. He said, "Forgive them Father, for they do not understand what they are doing" (Lk 23:34). What is living inside your temple today? The Bible says if we do not love then we do not know God, for God is love (1 Jn 4:8). Let us take time and pray and ask God to fill our temple with the Holy Ghost and love, so we can be an example and lead others to know God's love.

Bible Point:

God Is
Love



Ideas to Illuminate:

Cut out a heart shape from paper for each child and write at the top, "God is Love". Allow the children to write or draw ways we can show God's love to the world. Write the memory verse on the back of the heart as a reminder.

Questions for Class Discussion:

1. What is so special about how God created us? Is there anything else in His creation like us?
2. How can we have the love of God in our temple?
3. How can we show God's love to others so they can know the love of God is real?

Theme: God Creates Man and Woman

Faith-N-Focus Lesson: Created for His Purpose

for Young Disciples

Lesson Text: Gen1:26-28; 2:7, 18, 20-23

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Readings: Gen 1:26-28; 2:7, 18, 20-23; Eph 4:24; Jn 14:12

Lesson Objective: The children will learn why God created us.

Materials: Bible, tools, paper, crayons

Memory Verse: "I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made." Ps 139:14

Lesson Summary

God created man in His image. After God created Adam he said, "It is not good for man to be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him" (Gen 2:18). So he caused Adam to go into a deep sleep and removed one of his ribs. God then made Eve out of Adam's bone. When Adam saw Eve he said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called woman, because she was taken out of man" (Gen. 2:23). The relationship between Adam and Eve is a symbol of the relationship between Jesus and His church. Adam gave his body in order to create Eve; Christ gave His body in order to create the church. Eve was created to be Adam's helper; the church was created to be Jesus' helper. Adam's helper had to be like him; the church must be like Jesus (Eph 4:24). We must look at the big picture of our lives. God created us for His purpose. He completes us and we complete Him. God has filled us with His love and has given us the responsibility of taking care of all His creation and spreading the gospel to every creature in the world (Gen 1:28; Mark 16:15). Jesus even said we would do greater things here on earth than He did (Jn 14:12). We are God's creation and His tools to be used for His purpose (Is 43:7; Eph 2:10). Everything we do should be a reflection of God. Take time to pray and ask God to show you what kind of tool He has created you to be. God has a special purpose for everyone!

Ideas to Illuminate:

Bring different kinds of tools to show the children for discussion. For example, talk about what a hammer and a screwdriver are used for.

Discuss how a hammer can't turn a screw and a screwdriver can't hammer a nail, but they are both needed to build something. Relate it to how God has a job for every person. We can only do the job He has created us to do, but when we all work together we build God's church. Show the children an example of building plans. Then relate it to the Bible as our plan of how to build God's church. Talk about how each building project has a leader; someone they can talk to for direction and understanding. Relate it to how God is our leader who we talk to in prayer for direction and understanding.

If time allows, the children can draw a picture of the different tools of God (teachers, preachers, deacons, worship leaders, prayer warriors, etc).

Bible Point:

I Am
God's
Tool



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Readings: Gen 2:16-17; 3:1-24; 1 Jn 2:1; Ja 1:15; 2 Cor 5:21; Rom 5:17-19

Lesson Objective: The children will learn the importance of obeying God.

Materials: Bible

Memory Verse: "Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and you shall be my people." Jer 7:23

Lesson Summary

God gave Adam a beautiful garden to live in. He gave him all the food and water he could need. He allowed him to name all the animals and gave him dominion over all creation. He created Eve to be his helper and gave them the ability to walk and talk with Him in the cool of the day. What more could man possibly need and want? Then, there came a voice that put questions and temptation in their minds. "Did God say you couldn't eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil? Will you really die if you touch it? Isn't the fruit beautiful? Isn't it good to eat? Don't you want to be wise like God?" Rather than go back and ask God again for direction and understanding, they relied on their own understanding and ate the forbidden fruit. Adam and Eve immediately felt ashamed and tried to hide from God. When God asked what they had done they both made excuses and put the blame on others for their choices and actions. Because God is just, He did not pity them; instead He handed out their punishment and cast them out of the garden. They no longer had God's protection. He no longer provided for them. They had to work hard for everything they had. Most importantly, they lost their connection with God. Today, God is the same. If we disobey Him, we separate ourselves from Him. However, we have hope in Jesus who can save our souls. If we repent of our sins and ask Jesus to be Lord of our lives, we can have that close connection with God. He will be our protector and provider. He will talk to us and give us peace and understanding. We can have a garden experience with God and we can keep it. When we hear the voice of question and temptation we must go to God in prayer and read His word to remind ourselves what God says and expects us to do. Do not lean on your own understanding of what is right and good. God will not listen to our excuses and blame when we make the wrong choices because He has provided everything we need to be successful. The Lord plainly states in Jeremiah 7:23, "Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and you shall be my people." What more could you possibly want?

Bible Point:

I Choose
to Obey
God!



Ideas to Illuminate:

1. Divide the room into two parts. One side of the room is the garden and the other side is outside the garden. The teacher calls out words that represent obedience and the children have to jump in the garden. When the teacher calls out words that represent disobedience they jump outside the garden.

Questions for Class Discussion:

1. What blessings did God give Adam and Eve in the garden?
2. Why did Adam and Eve have to leave the garden?
3. How do we receive the blessings of God in our lives today?
4. Can we lose God's blessings?

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Readings: Gen 4:1-16; Heb 11:4; Rev 3:19; Is 1:18; Ja 4:10; Prov 10:12; Gal 5:19; Deut 8:5; Prov 3:12; Job 5:17; 1 Jn 3:1

Lesson Objective: The children will learn the dangers of jealousy and anger.

Materials: Bible, costumes and props

Memory Verse: "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent." Rev 3:19

Lesson Summary

Did you know that your parents correct your behavior because they love you? If you are doing something harmful to yourself, your parents will bring it to your attention in order to stop the behavior and keep you safe. Did you know that your Heavenly Father does the same thing? It doesn't matter how young or old you are, if your behavior will keep you out of Heaven, God will bring it to your attention, so you can correct it. He does this because He loves you and wants you to make it to Heaven. Therefore, we shouldn't get angry when God corrects us. We should humble ourselves and allow Him to change our ways. If we are too proud and resist God, He will resist us as well. We have an example of this in Genesis 4:1-16. Cain and Abel were brothers. They both brought offerings to the Lord. God was pleased with Abel's offering but was not pleased with Cain's. Cain became angry and jealous of his brother. God encouraged Cain to change his ways. God reassured Cain that he would be forgiven if he changed. However, Cain resisted God and allowed his anger and jealousy to drive him further away until he killed his brother in the field. God tried to warn Cain about his anger and jealousy. He knew that if Cain didn't change his ways it would lead to sin and his separation from God. Our heavenly Father always knows what is best for us. As His children, we should never resist His correction, but rather rejoice that our God loves us and wants us to make it to Heaven. When we have bad thoughts and feelings, we need to pray and ask God to get rid of them. Psalm 34:15 says, "The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their cry. He is a good, good Father!"

Bible Point:

I Choose to
Follow
God!



Ideas to Illuminate:

1. Allow the children time to act out the story of Cain and Abel. Then, have them act it out the way it would have happened if Cain accepted God's correction.

Questions for Class Discussion:

1. What are the dangers of jealousy and anger?
2. Should we be upset when God corrects our behavior? Why not?
3. What should we do if we feel jealousy and anger?