

Teacher Background & Preparation Sheet

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Lesson Identification

Week #: 2

Date: January 11, 2026

Lesson Title: God Creates People for Relationship

Primary Scripture Passage(s): Genesis 2

Bible Timeline Placement: Creation Week – After the creation of the world, before sin enters (Genesis 1–2)

Purpose of This Lesson

Children will learn that God personally created people with care and purpose, that humans are different from the rest of creation, and that God made people to know Him, talk with Him, and live in loving relationship with Him and with one another. This lesson reveals God's kindness, wisdom, and desire for relationship, and gently prepares children to understand why Jesus is needed when that relationship is later broken by sin.

Book & Passage Background

Book Name: Genesis

Traditional Author: Moses

Approximate Date Written: Around 1400–1300 BC

Original Audience: The people of Israel

Purpose of the Book: Genesis reveals who the true God is, how everything began, why the world is broken, and how God's plan of salvation starts from the very beginning (Genesis 1:1; Genesis 3:15).

Historical & Cultural Context

Genesis 2 gives a close, detailed view of how God created humanity. Unlike the ancient myths of surrounding nations—which described many gods, accidents of nature, or humans created to serve the gods—Genesis presents one loving, personal Creator who intentionally forms people and gives them dignity, responsibility, and purpose. God places Adam in a real garden (Genesis 2:8), gives meaningful work (Genesis 2:15), provides everything needed for life (Genesis 2:9), and creates woman so people would not be alone (Genesis 2:18). This chapter emphasizes order, goodness, and God's desire for close relationship with humanity.

Immediate Biblical Context

Before: Genesis 1 records God creating the universe by His powerful word, repeatedly declaring His creation “good” (Genesis 1:31).

After: Genesis 3 records the entrance of sin into the world when Adam and Eve disobey God, breaking the relationship He designed (Genesis 3:6–10).

Why this moment matters: Genesis 2 shows God's original design for humanity before sin—a world of closeness with God, peace, purpose, and goodness. Understanding this helps children grasp why the brokenness they see today is not God's original plan and why a Savior is needed.

Key Theological Truths — Applied to This Week's Lesson

Core Truth #1 – God: God is personal, caring, and intentional. He forms people lovingly and desires relationship, not distance (Genesis 2:7–8; Psalm 145:9).

Core Truth #2 – People: People are uniquely created by God, made in His image, and designed for relationship with Him and others (Genesis 1:26–27; Genesis 2:18–20).

Core Truth #3 – Salvation: God's desire for relationship begins at creation and is later restored through Jesus when sin breaks that relationship (Genesis 3:15; Romans 5:8).

Core Truth #4 – Trusting God's Word: Genesis presents a clear, orderly, truthful account of creation that Scripture treats as real history (Psalm 33:6–9).

Core Truth #5 – Trinity: God is one God in three Persons. The Father plans, the Son creates, and the Spirit gives life (Genesis 1:1–2; John 1:1–3).

Reliability of Scripture

Genesis is supported by its internal unity, consistency with the rest of Scripture, and by how later biblical authors treat its events as real history. Creation is consistently described as the intentional work of one true God (Genesis 1:1; Psalm 33:6–9). Old Testament writers repeatedly refer to creation as a real act of God (Psalm 95:6; Isaiah 45:18). Jesus affirmed the creation of humans as male and female, directly quoting Genesis (Matthew 19:4–5; Mark 10:6). The New Testament teaches that all things were created through Jesus, showing unity between Genesis and the gospel message (John 1:1–3; Colossians 1:16).

Apologetics Foundation

This passage answers the question: “Why are people special?” Scripture teaches that humans are created intentionally by God, in His image, and for relationship with Him. God personally formed the first man (Genesis 2:7). Humans are made in God's image (Genesis 1:26–27). God set people apart from animals by giving them moral responsibility and relationship with Himself (Genesis 2:15–17, 19–20). Scripture explains morality as part of God's design (Romans 2:14–15). Scientific observations, used secondarily, support intentional design: human DNA complexity, moral awareness, creativity, and abstract reasoning. Scripture affirms this truth (Psalm 139:13–14).

Anticipated Child Questions

Why didn't God just make people like animals?

God made people special so we could know Him, talk with Him, and love Him (Genesis 1:26–27; Genesis 2:19–20; Psalm 8:4–6).

Did God really make the first people?

Yes. God tells us He created them, and Jesus affirmed that truth (Genesis 2:7, 22; Matthew 19:4; Mark 10:6).

Common Misunderstandings

Children may think God stopped caring after creation. Scripture shows God continues to care for all He has made (Psalm 145:9; Matthew 6:26; Acts 17:24–28).

Gospel Connection

God created people for close relationship with Him (Genesis 2:8; Genesis 3:8). Sin broke that relationship (Genesis 3:6–10). Jesus came to restore what was broken (Romans 5:8–11; 2 Corinthians 5:17–19; John 14:6).

Teacher Heart Preparation

Spend time thanking God for creating people with dignity, purpose, and love. Pray for clarity, gentleness, and confidence as you help children trust God's Word and understand His desire for relationship with them.

