

Week 2 – Main Lesson, Activity & Discussion Questions

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Lesson Overview

Week #: 2

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Lesson Title: God Creates People for Relationship

Primary Scripture Passage(s): Genesis 2

Bible Timeline Placement: Creation Week – After God created the world, before sin entered

Big Idea: God lovingly created people to know Him, talk with Him, and live in relationship with Him.

Memory Verse

“The Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life.” (Genesis 2:7)

Setting the Scene

Last week, we learned how God created the whole world—light, sky, land, plants, animals, and everything in it. Today, we are going to listen carefully to what God tells us about how He created people. Read Genesis 2:7 aloud. Explain that this comes from the very first book of the Bible and tells us what God did at the beginning of the world.

Main Lesson Narrative – Read Aloud

Long before there were cities, roads, or houses, God made a beautiful world. God had already created the sky above, the land below, and every plant and animal. Everything was good, just as God said it was. But there was one thing God said was not good. God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone” (Genesis 2:18). This does not mean God made a mistake. It means God was about to show His loving plan. The Bible tells us, “The Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground” (Genesis 2:7). Imagine God carefully shaping the first man. God did not rush. God did not guess. God formed him with purpose and care. Then God breathed life into him. The man did not come alive by chance. He lived because God gave him breath. This shows us something very important. People are not like rocks or trees. People are not like animals. God made people in a special way so they could know Him, talk with Him, and love Him. God placed the man in a garden called Eden. The garden was full of trees, rivers, and food. God gave the man work to do—to care for the garden and protect it (Genesis 2:15). Work was good. It was part of God’s loving plan. God also gave the man one command. God told him he could eat from any tree except one. This showed that God was not trying to keep good things from him. God was teaching the man to trust Him and obey Him. Then God showed that people were made for relationship. God brought animals to the man to be named. The man gave each animal a name, but none of them were like him (Genesis 2:19–20). Animals could not talk with him the way people can. They could not share thoughts, prayers, or love in the same way. God showed that the man needed someone like him. So God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep. While he slept, God took a portion from the man’s side and used it to create a woman (Genesis 2:21–22). God did this on purpose. God did not take the woman from the man’s head so she would rule over him. God did not take her from his feet so she would be beneath him. God took her from his side to show that they were meant to stand together. When the man saw her, he rejoiced. He recognized that she was made from him and for him. God had made another person—someone who could share life, love, and relationship. The Bible tells us, “That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh” (Genesis 2:24). This shows us something very important about marriage. When a man and a woman are married, God sees them as one. They are two parts of one whole. God designed husbands and wives to love one another, help one another, and work together as a team. This was God’s good design from the very beginning. And even more important, God walked with people. Later in Genesis, we see that God came near to talk with them (Genesis 3:8). God was not far away. God wanted relationship.

God Revealed as Trinity

God is one God in three Persons. God the Father planned creation. God the Son was active in creation. God the Holy Spirit gives life and breath. When God breathed life into the man, it reminds us that God gives life and stays near to His people (Genesis 1:1–2; John 1:1–3).

Why We Can Trust This Account

This is not a made-up story. Jesus talked about the first people and said God made them male and female at the beginning (Matthew 19:4). Jesus always tells the truth. That means we can trust what God tells us in Genesis. When God first created people and animals, He gave plants for food (Genesis 1:29–30). After the flood of Noah, God allowed people to eat meat as well (Genesis 9:3). God knows what His creation needs and lovingly provides for them.

What This Shows Us About Jesus

Jesus was with God at creation. The Bible says all things were made through Him (John 1:3). Later, when sin broke the relationship between people and God, Jesus came to fix what was broken.

Life Application

Because God made you, your life matters. You are not an accident. God wants you to talk with Him, trust Him, and follow Him every day.

Defending the Truth

Question: Are people just animals?

Answer: No. God made people in His image so we can know Him and love Him (Genesis 1:26–27).

Discussion Questions

1. What did God use to make the first man?
2. Why did God say it was not good for the man to be alone?
3. What does this lesson teach us about how much God cares?
4. What does this lesson show us about the kind of relationship God wants to have with us?

Teacher Answer Guide

1. God formed the first man from the dust of the ground and breathed life into him (Genesis 2:7).
2. God wanted people to live in loving relationships and created woman so humans would not be alone (Genesis 2:18, 21–24).
3. God made people carefully, provided for them, and stayed near to them (Genesis 2:7–15; Psalm 145:9).
4. God wants a close, loving relationship with us and desires to walk with us (Genesis 2:8; Genesis 3:8; Jeremiah 9:23–24).

Hands-On Activity

Activity: Made with Care

Supplies: Paper, crayons

Instructions: Have children draw themselves and write or dictate one thing God made them able to do.

Scripture Connection: Genesis 2:7

Teacher Closing Prompt

God made you on purpose, and He wants to know you. You can talk to Him anytime. Pray together, thanking God for His care and love.