



## WONDERFULLY MADE

**BIBLE PASSAGE:** Genesis 1:26–31; 2:4–25

**FOCUS VERSES:** Genesis 1:27; Psalm 139:14; Isaiah 43:7

**Summary:** God created Adam in His own image, and Adam lived in the perfect garden of Eden. God told Adam not to eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil. God declared it was not good for Adam to be alone. Adam named every creature, but none were good helpers for Him. God created Eve from Adam's rib. They lived in a perfect relationship with God in the beautiful garden He created.



### MONTHLY *Memory Verse*

*By Him all things were created, in heaven  
and on earth...all things were created  
through Him and for Him.*

**(COLOSSIANS 1:16)**



**God created people  
in His image.**

*We will go deeper in God's truth by answering these questions:*



#### **HOW DOES GOD FEEL ABOUT PEOPLE?**

God uniquely made people in His image. God loves His people and has always wanted a relationship with them.



#### **WHY DID GOD MAKE PEOPLE?**

God created people to know Him, to worship Him and to be loved by Him.



#### **HOW IS GOD INVITING ME TO RESPOND?**

Kids will be given the opportunity to reflect on the truth they learned about God and respond accordingly.

# Leader TRAINING

## LEADER TRAINING TOPIC: LOVING, CARING ADULTS

YOU are the secret sauce to child discipleship. If you ever question if your role matters, DON'T! One loving, caring adult can make all the difference in the discipleship journey of a kid.

- **Your presence matters.** The first step to being a loving, caring adult in the life of kids is just showing up. By being consistently present, you communicate to kids that you care.
- **Your attention matters.** When you are present with kids, be all in. Put the phone away. Save conversations with other adults for later. Come in prepared for the day so that distractions are minimized. Give the kids in your care your undivided attention for the short time you are with them.
- **Your prayers matter.** Think of one kid in your group and then consider this question: What if you are the only person who prays for that kid this week? God has put you in a role to love and support kids who may not have that spiritual support elsewhere. Pray for every kid like you are the only one praying.

## NAVIGATING A BROKEN WORLD: GENDER

About 40 percent of Americans disagree that gender is determined at birth.\* Gender has become a challenging topic in our culture. Our kids encounter references to gender identity issues via popular shows, YouTube and social media. You may have kids in your group who know someone who identifies as transgender or who expresses a desire to be the opposite gender. You may have kids in your group who have heard the discussion and have wondered about their own gender. In today's lesson, kids will learn God made two genders: male and female. He creates each of us in His image, exactly like we are supposed to be. You can remind kids God is the ultimate authority on who we are because we are made in His image. We are deeply loved by the Creator. If kids ask questions about gender, be cautious to answer gently, always pointing toward truth. For further information, a great resource about this topic is *Teaching Your Children About Gender* by Jared Kennedy.

\*For more resources on this topic, check out: [britecurriculum.com/resources](https://www.britecurriculum.com/resources)

### ELEMENTARY GLOSSARY

**Creation:** everything made by God

**Creator:** the One who made everything

**Omnipotent:** having unlimited power; stronger than anything

# Large Group ROADMAP

**1****WELCOME****(8 MINUTES)**

**SUPPLIES:** Video player, Intro Video, teaching slides, sunglasses, umbrella, clock, baseball bat, flashlight, table

**2****FIND IT IN  
THE BIBLE****(2 MINUTES)**

**SUPPLIES:** Bibles, teaching slides

**3****BIBLE  
TEACHING****(10 MINUTES)**

**WONDERFULLY MADE  
(GENESIS 1:26-31; 2:4-25)**

**SUPPLIES:** Bible, teaching slide, butcher paper, washable markers, basket, painter's tape, timer

**4****REVIEW****(8 MINUTES)**

**SUPPLIES:** Video player, Bible Review Video, teaching slides

**5****LARGE GROUP  
WRAP-UP****(5 MINUTES)**

**SUPPLIES:** Video player, Memory Verse Video, teaching slides

# Welcome



**Say:** Hey everyone! I will show you several items that someone invented. When I do, I want one of you to tell me the purpose of the item and why it was invented.

*Show each item one-by-one and allow volunteers to give answers.*

**Say:** Each one of these items was made for a specific purpose. Have you ever wondered if you were made for a purpose, too? If so, I have good news for you—that's exactly what we are talking about today! We will learn from the book of Genesis that each one of us was wonderfully made to know, love and worship God!

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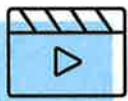
Video player, Intro Video, teaching slides, sunglasses, umbrella, clock, baseball bat, flashlight, table

## PREP:

Place the items on a table at the front of your space.

## LEADER TIP:

Any invented item can be substituted in this activity.



## INTRO VIDEO

*Play Intro Video then transition into discussion.*

**Say:** All those players sure had to move fast. Everyone was important in the drill today!

**Discuss:** What would happen if a baseball or softball team didn't have a pitcher? A catcher? A center fielder?

**Say:** Everyone is valuable on a team and everyone is valuable to God. Today's Brite Idea is: God created people in His image.

*Show teaching slide: Brite Idea*

*Show teaching slide: He/We/Me Questions*

## TODAY WE WILL ANSWER THESE TWO QUESTIONS:

- HE** How does God feel about people?
- WE** Why did God make people?

## AT THE END OF OUR TIME TODAY, THE QUESTION YOU WILL BE ABLE TO ANSWER IS:

- ME** How is God inviting me to respond?

FIND IT  
IN THE

Bible

**WHAT IS GOD'S BIGGER STORY?***Show teaching slide: God's Big Story*

**Say:** The Bible is real and true. God gave us the Bible so we could know Him. The Bible is filled with many books and stories, but they are all a part of one BIG story — God's story.

**Creation:** God is the one true God and He has always existed. He is the Creator of all things, including you and me. He is good, He loves us, and we are made in His image.

**Fall:** Adam and Eve sinned and disobeyed God. Sin broke the world, and people were separated from God. People could not fix their sin problem on their own.

**Redemption:** God sent His Son, Jesus, to die on the cross, to take the punishment for our sins, and to rise from the dead to conquer death. When we trust in Jesus as our Savior, our relationship with God is made right again through His grace, and He gives us new life.

**Restoration:** When we walk with Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit and learn God's Word, He renews us. One day, Jesus will return to renew all things.

**WHERE IS TODAY'S BIBLE STORY?***Show teaching image: God's Creation.*

**Say:** Last week we learned about creation and how God is the Creator of everything

*Show teaching slide: Books of the Bible.*

**Say:** This week's story comes from the book of Genesis. Genesis is the 1st book of the Bible and found in the Old Testament.

*Show teaching slide: Find It in the Bible Timeline.*

**Say:** This story falls in the "Beginning" period of the Bible. Today's true story tells us what happened when God made His absolute favorite creation...people!

*Show teaching slide: Biblical Theme.*

**Say:** This month we are focusing on the truth that God is the Creator.

**Say:** Today we are learning that God made people in His own image and loves us deeply.

**LET'S FIND IT IN OUR BIBLES!**

*Open your Bible and show the kids the title page for the book of Genesis. Help kids turn in their Bibles to today's Bible passage (Genesis 1:26–31; 2:4–25).*

# Bible TEACHING

## WONDERFULLY MADE GENESIS 1:26–31; 2:4–25



**PRAY:** God, we praise You for creating us with such great care and love. We are made to love, worship and know You deeply. May we learn and live out this purpose through Jesus. Amen.

### SUPPLIES:

Bible, teaching slides, butcher paper, washable markers, basket, painter's tape, timer

### PREP:

Draw lines to separate a large piece of butcher paper into four sections. Tape up the butcher paper in the front of your space. Place a basket of washable markers nearby.

**Say:** Today I will need the help of some artists to tell the Bible story. I'm not looking for the best drawers. I'm looking for the fastest drawers. In just a moment, I will ask for some volunteers, but first, let's pick up the story of creation from last week.

### LEADER TIP:

The drawings in this activity will be done with speed, not care. Encourage the kids not to worry about sloppy, rushed or unfinished drawings.

**Say:** God saved His most precious creation for last. Like an artist designing His masterpiece, God formed a man from the dust of the earth. God breathed His breath of life into the man.

**Read Genesis 2:7 directly from the Bible:** *then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.*

*Call on a volunteer to come to the front and draw Adam's face in the first section of the butcher paper in 10 seconds or less. The drawer must stop at the end of the timer. Once completed, lead everyone to cheer for the artist as they return to their seat.*

**Say:** God placed the man, named Adam, in a perfect garden filled with every beautiful tree and delicious fruit.

**Say:** There was also a tree called the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. God told the man not to eat from it or he would die.

# Bible TEACHING CONTINUED

*Call on a volunteer to come to the front and draw a tree in the second section of the butcher paper in 10 seconds or less. The drawer must stop at the end of the timer. Once completed, lead everyone to cheer for the artist as they return to their seat.*

**Say:** Then God said, "It is not good for this man to be alone." God brought every animal and every bird to Adam, allowing the man to name the creatures.

*Show teaching illustration: Adam Naming the Animals*

*Call on a volunteer to come to the front and draw any animal in the third section of the butcher paper in 10 seconds or less. The drawer must stop at the end of the timer. Once completed, lead everyone to cheer for the artist as they return to their seat. Ask if anyone can name the animal the artist drew.*

**Say:** Adam named them all but didn't find a single animal that would fit as a helper for him.

**Say:** The Lord caused Adam to fall into a deep sleep. God took one of Adam's ribs and made it into a woman.

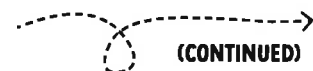
**Read Genesis 2:22 directly from the Bible:** *And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man He made into a woman and brought her to the man.*

*Call on a volunteer to come to the front and draw Eve's face in the fourth section of the butcher paper in 10 seconds or less. The drawer must stop at the end of the timer. Once completed, lead everyone to cheer for the artist as they return to their seat.*

**Say:** When Adam woke up and saw her, he said, "At last! She is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh. She will be called woman!" This was the partner Adam had been looking for. The woman was named Eve.

*Show teaching illustration: Adam and Eve*

**Say:** Adam and Eve were the first example of God's design for a man and woman to leave their families and marry each other. Why did God make people? Because He wanted to! God created people to know Him, to worship Him and to be loved by Him. He didn't need people to keep Him company, yet He created people to live in a relationship with Him. God loved people from the very beginning.



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# Bible TEACHING CONTINUED

Show teaching slide: *Point to Jesus*



## POINT TO JESUS

**Say:** God loves people. Every person, male or female, is created in His image exactly how He wants them to be. People are God's masterpiece. He created us to worship Him and to live in a close relationship with Him. Yet, the first people messed up, and we still mess up today. Our sin separates us from that perfect relationship with God. God promised He would send Jesus to rescue us from our sin. Because every person is created in the image of God, Jesus' forgiveness is available to all people who trust in Him.



# Review



## BIBLE REVIEW VIDEO

*Play Bible Review Video. Play the game below using teaching slides: Review Game*

### SUPPLIES:

Video player, Bible Review Video, teaching slides

### PREP:

None

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Tell kids to respond by calling out “strike” or “ball.” If the answer is strike, they raise a closed fist and shout, “Strike!” If the answer is ball, they place their hands behind their backs and quietly say, “Ball.”

**1. God created His most precious creation:**

Strike: First

Ball: Last

**2. God said it was not good for man to be:**

Strike: Tired

Ball: Alone

**3. While Adam was sleeping, God made Him a:**

Strike: Helper

Ball: Enemy

**4. Adam and Eve were the first examples of God’s design for:**

Strike: Marriage

Ball: Gardening

**5. How does God feel about people?**

Strike: God thinks people are just as good as animals

**Ball: God loves His people and has always wanted a relationship with them.**

*God uniquely made people in His image.*

*God loves His people and has always wanted a relationship with them.*

**6. Why did God make people?**

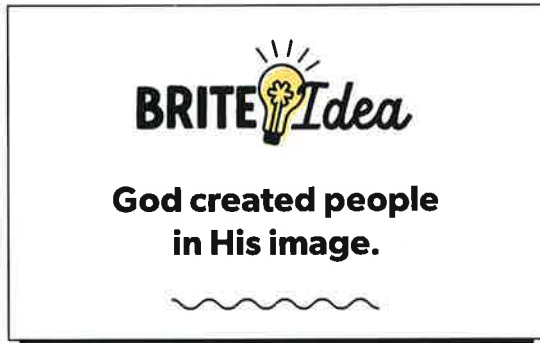
**Strike: God created people to know Him, to worship Him and to be loved by Him.**

Ball: God created people to watch for entertainment.



# Wrap – Up

Show teaching slide: Brite Idea



## SUPPLIES:

Video player, Memory Verse Video, teaching slides

## PREP:

None

Show teaching slide: He Question and Answer



### How does God feel about people?

God uniquely made people in His image. God loves His people and has always wanted a relationship with them.

Show teaching slide: We Question and Answer



### Why did God make people?

God created people to know Him, to worship Him and to be loved by Him.



## MONTHLY Memory Verse

Choose an older kid to look up the verse and read it aloud to the group. Have the whole group repeat it together.

Show teaching slide: Memory Verse

By Him all things were created...all things were created through Him and for Him.

**(COLOSSIANS 1:16-17)**



## VERSE VIDEO

Play Memory Verse Video  
after the verse is read.



**PRAY:** You alone created us and are worthy of worship, God. Thank You that we are uniquely and wonderfully made. May Your goodness lead us to follow You. Amen.