

Adventures with GOD!

GOD MADE A WOMAN (A.1.FALL.11)

Biblical Reference	Genesis 2:21-25
Key Verse	Genesis 1:27
Key Concept	God made me the gender I am according to his purpose.
Educational Objectives	At the end of the class today, the children will be able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Explain why God made a woman 2. Describe the differences between men and women 3. Give thanks to God for making us boys and girls

LIFE APPLICATION

God knew that by himself the man was not happy. So God made the perfect companion. God made each one of us with love and wisdom. Many people don't accept themselves because they don't accept that they've been created by the Creator, who always makes good things. This week children will understand the importance of feeling joy and thankfulness to God for making them as he did and for giving them friends to share this wonderful life with.

Possible Activities and Class Plan

Activity	Materials	Time
Opening Prayer	Candle	1 minute
Activity	Plates, paper, crayons, glue, scissors	10 minutes
Song	Puppets, music, guitar	10 minutes
Bible Story	Illustrations and Bible	10 minutes
Bible Verse	Illustration and Bible	10 minutes
Craft	Table and play doh/modeling clay	10 minutes
Creation Calendar	Sheets of paper, crayons	10 minutes
Closing Prayer	Candle	1 minute

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INSTRUCTIONS

Opening Prayer

Gather children around a candle and explain that we are entering into a special time with God. Encourage the children to hold their hands out in front of them palms up as a sign they are ready to receive what God has for them today. Light the candle

Prayer: God we light this candle remembering: you made light, you made us, and you are with us now. Amen

(For safety sake, you may wish to extinguish the candle after the prayer)

Activity: Later in this lesson you will find the instructions for what the boys and girls should do with the paper plates. The girls can make girls and the boys can make boys. It will be helpful for the children if you write the verse on the back of each plate.

Song: Repeat some of the songs that you have learned this trimester. We want to emphasize the goodness of God's creation and how special we are because we have been made by God.

Bible Story: You can begin by talking about how Adam was happy in the Garden of Eden but he wanted to share the beauty that God had given him with someone else. He looked at the fish (show pictures or use finger puppets/stick puppets) and he couldn't find a companion. He looked at the birds (show pictures, puppets), but he couldn't find a companion. He looked among the animals (show pictures, puppets) – the dogs and cats, tigers, lions, giraffes, but he couldn't find a companion. He was sad because the animals had companions, but he didn't. And God saw that Adam was sad. So God put Adam to sleep and he took out one of Adam's ribs (show them where our ribs are). And God formed, from Adam's rib a woman. A beautiful woman. When Adam woke up and saw that he had a companion he was finally happy. He knew that this woman would be his friend and companion, and his helper in the work that God had given him. Adam knew that together they could talk, and walk, and eat, and talk with God in the garden.

Adam named the woman Eve and he was very happy to show her all of the wonderful things that God had made. (Show the picture of Adam alone in the garden and then add Eve). And Adam explained that they could eat from all the trees in the garden, except one. The tree was called the "Tree of understanding of good and evil."

When God finished making the woman, God had finished all there was to do. So on the next day, the 7th day, God rested. (Hang the number 7 on the calendar)

Adam and Eve were happy in the garden. They played with the animals (which animal do you think were their favorites). They also made sure to take care of the trees and the plants and the flowers. They were content in the garden.



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The best times were when God would come to the garden and walk with them and talk with them. God had so many beautiful things that he wanted to share. One day God said, "I'm so happy because I have finished my work!" But you know one thing? Not only am I your creator but I want to be your best friend. I want to walk with you every day. I want to talk with you and give you many things. I promise to be with you every day. But you also must be obedient and not eat from the tree I showed you. You can enjoy the fruit from any other tree."

What good news for Adam and Eve. God wanted to be their best friend. Next week we will hear more about what goes on in the garden.

Bible Verse: Use the paper plate craft that you made previously to show it as you repeat the verse together.

Craft: Today the children can continue to add things to the creation art project – more animals and people.

Creation Calendar: Finish the mobiles by coloring the number 7 and hanging it up. They can take their mobiles home at the end of the class or at the end of the class next week when the trimester ends. You will find other options for crafts in this lesson as well.

Closing Prayer

Gather children around the candle again. Light the candle

Prayer: Thank you God for making us, Thank you God for making the world. Amen

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CRAFT

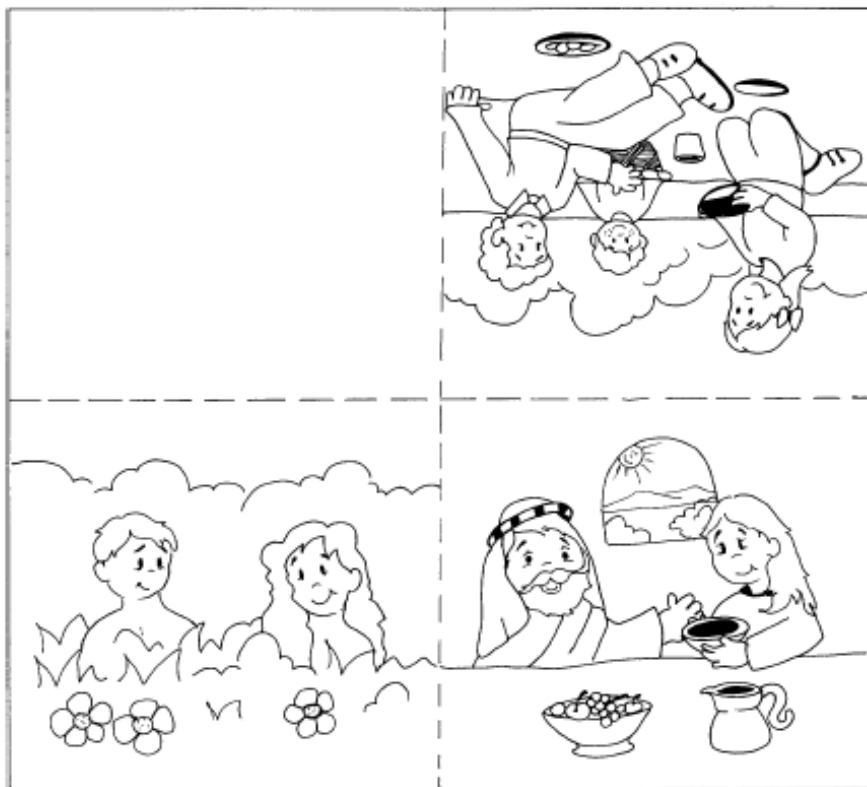
God made people

God made people – all people in every part of the world. This craft will help you to give thanks to God because God made us.

Materials: copies of the craft sheet, scissors, crayons, glue, green paper (optional), sand (optional)

Instructions:

1. Copy or trace these pictures on large pieces of poster board. Make them large enough so the children can glue on green paper on the plants, coloring the flowers, gluing on sand.
2. Explain that there are three different pictures. Help them to see the three families represented there – the first family (Adam and Eve), a family during biblical times (like Jesus' family) and a modern family (like theirs)



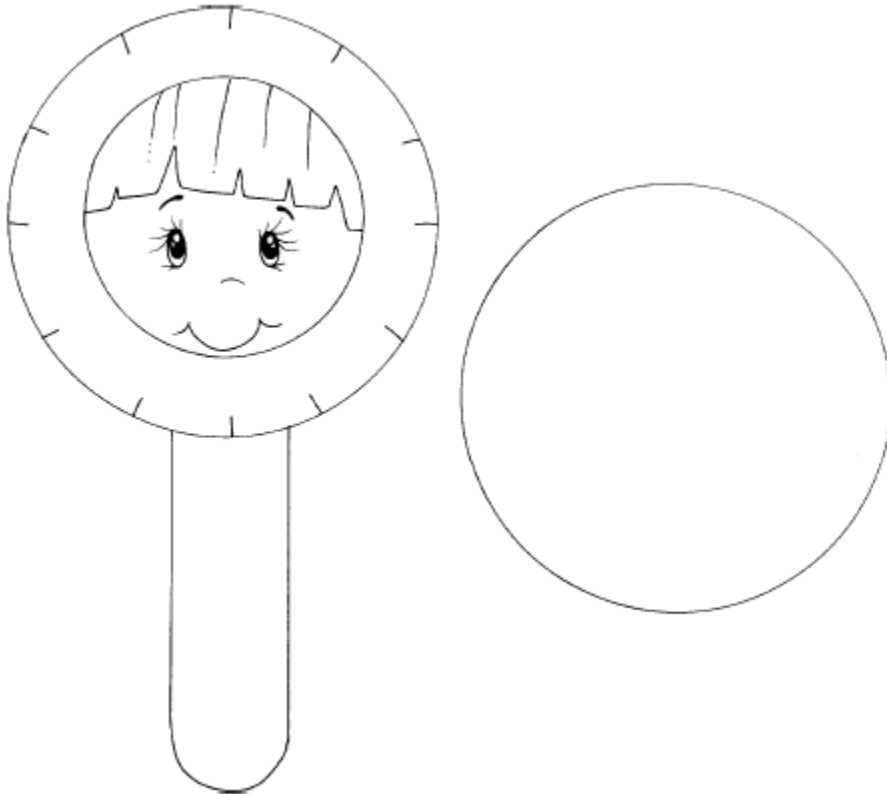
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Materials: Markers, scissors, yarn, paper plates, popsicle/craft sticks, glue, crayons

Instructions:

1. If possible enlarge the circle below and give one to each child.
2. On the back of each paper plate, write the verse.
3. In the circle the children can draw the face of a boy or a girl.
4. Help them to cut out the circle.
5. Help them to glue the face onto the middle of the paper plate.
6. Give them pieces of cut out yarn or fabric to glue to the plate for hair.
7. Then attach the popsicle/craft stick to the back of the plate.



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Creation Calendar

