

Family Battle Plan

A discipleship pathway to assist parents in engaging their children on their journey of faith

Week 1: Creation

Middle School

Theme Verse

"Then God said, 'Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness. They will rule the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, the livestock, the whole earth, and the creatures that crawl on the earth" (Genesis 1:26).

Objective

Creation testifies as to the existence of God, and people are without excuse for their disbelief and disobedience.

Teach

Have you ever made it a priority to take a break from the business of life and just pause for a moment? Take a deep breath and be still. Now, reflect on all the incredible creations all around you!

Look around the table, look throughout the house, look outside, or look at your pet. All of creation is full of unique qualities that reflect the fingerprint of God. Let's go one step further; look at yourself. Have you ever examined the many details and designs that go into creating a person? I think we can all agree feet are funny (and smelly, but they are still part of God's creation to make you, you!) Isn't it unique how you can think in your mind "grab the spoon" and immediately your hand obeys? If you really want to be blown away, do a quick study on the eyeball and how it functions in such a miraculous way.

Read Genesis 1:26. It teaches us not only about God's incredible hand in all of creation, but also His detailed design in creating you. As we see God's fingerprint in ourselves and in our surroundings, we should believe God is the Creator. He is worthy to be worshiped and obeyed.

Discussion Question(s)

- 1. Do you believe God created you?
- 2. What are ways you can display your faith in God by obeying His commands?
- 3. Is there someone you know that needs to hear this good news that God created them?

Play

Someone needs to leave the room for a little game. Take all the items and food at the dinner table (after you've finished eating) and let each person create something fun on a plate. Once everyone's artwork is completed, let the person who left the room guess who made each creation!

Sing

"So Will I"

Live it Out

God demonstrated His love and power through creation. He has given us authority to rule over and enjoy it. We can live this truth out by being kind to those around us. Slow down and reflect on the Lord when you see a sunset or enjoy the spring colors. In the moments when you see bullying or oppression, speak up. Give out compliments like a grandpa standing at the back of the church handing out mints!

Closing Prayer

Dear God, thank You for Your creation. Help me to be faithful to reflect on Your glory in all of creation. Forgive me in the moments when I have made it all about me. I truly desire to make You known to those around me and to walk in obedience according to Your plan for my life. Amen.