

Family Battle Plan

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

Week 2: God

Middle School

Theme Verse

"For everything was created by him, in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through him and for him" Colossians 1:16.

Objective

God is Creator. All creation is a result of His work, and people were created to live in relationship with Him.

Teach

Last week, we talked about how God made everything. He created time, geckos, light, and tiny ants. He also created you! All the things we took time to study last week about ourselves, God made! So, in light of this truth, you might be asking "why." Why did God make us?

Let's look at Galatians 4:4–7ESV together. It says, "But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So, you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God."

This passage tells us through Christ, we can be made sons and daughters of God! If you think about an earthly father and son, the son is a picture of his dad, right? He may grow up to have some of the same mannerisms and interests. They may even look alike! The purpose of the dad having and raising the son is not to just provide for them and help them when needed. Yes, that is a part of it, but a good father also desires to know his son.

That's what God is for us. He created us to not only provide for us and to save us but to have relationship with Him!

Discussion Questions

Today, we've discussed what it means that God created us and why He created us—to be in relationship with Him. Now, let's see how we can apply this truth to our lives?

- 1. What about yourself makes you have faith that God created you and created you uniquely?
- 2. How has He shown that He wants to be in relationship with you?
- 3. What can you do to honor God and stay close to Him?

Play

You'll need paper, a pencil, and tape. On the paper, softly draw a large patch of pencil marks. Hands are clean and dry, press your finger on the pencil marks. Then, press your finger to the sticky side of a clear piece of tape, and it'll show you your fingerprint! Compare fingerprints and see that no two are alike!

Sing

"We are Messengers—Image of God"

Live it Out

We live out this truth by demonstrating God's love in how we interact with not only nature but also with each other. We are all created by God and for His glory. If the love of God is in you, then it should come out of you. Reflect on God today.

Closing Prayer

Dear God, thank You for this reminder of how many times I seek to make life about me. Forgive me. I know I am cherished and loved by You. Help me to demonstrate this same love to the people around me.