



Family Battle Plan

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

Week 1: Creation

Older Preschool

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

God created people able to make choices.

Teach

Do you like to make choices? What is the hardest choice you have ever made? The Bible tells us, in Genesis 1:26, "...Let us make man in our image." God made the first man from the dust of the ground. Can you imagine going outside, digging up some dirt, and shaping it like a man?

God took that dirt man and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life. That man became a living person. God named the man Adam. He made Adam different from the animals, and God gave Adam the job to name all the animals. How would you have liked to choose the name for each animal? Later, God performed the first operation on man. After putting Adam to sleep, God opened Adam's side and took out a rib. Then, God closed Adam's side, and God made the first woman from that rib. God placed the man and the woman in a beautiful garden named Eden. They were to take care of it.

God loved them very much and wanted them to love Him, too. Every day, God would spend time with them. What do you think they talked about? (Allow the children to suggest things they may have said or asked.) God wanted Adam and Eve to choose to love Him,

spend time with Him, and obey Him. This is very important to God. Do you spend time talking to God each day?

Do you take time to learn your Bible verses? Our verse this week is Genesis 1:26, "...Let us make man in our image." (Repeat the Bible verse several times by having your child(ren) stand, jump in place, hop around the table, crawl under/around the table while saying the verse.)

Discussion Questions

- What was the most important choice God gave to Adam and Eve? (God wanted them to love Him, spend time with Him, and obey Him.)
- What did God use to make the first man? (Dust)
- What did God use to make the first woman? (A rib from Adam's side)
- Can you say our Bible verse? ("*...Let us make man in our image.*" Genesis 1:26)

Play

Play the game "This or That." Make a choice between two items. Here are some examples:

- Favorite flavor of ice cream: Chocolate or Vanilla?
- Favorite animal: Cat or Dog?
- Favorite meal: Hamburger or Pizza?
- Favorite place to play: Backyard or Playground?
- Favorite holiday: Christmas or Easter?
- Give several choices that are special to your family as well.

Sing

["Made for This"](#)

Live it Out

Today, we learned God made man and woman. He gave them choices. God wanted them to choose to love Him, spend time with Him, and obey Him. How do you think we can do this? (Allow your child(ren) to give suggestions.) Answers could include:

- Listening to God's Word
- Going to church
- Obeying Mommy and Daddy
- Learning Bible verses
- Praying to God

Closing Prayer

Dear Jesus,

Thank You for making us and giving us a choice. May we always choose to love You, spend time with You, and obey You. Help us to always make the right choice.

In Jesus' name,

Amen!