

Lesson 1
Created by Love

“So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.” Gen 1:27

What we hope the children **discover** through this lesson:

**That Jesus’ love has been looking to hold us close since the very beginning of time
You were formed by Love...for love**

In the beginning...is when the greatest story ever told begins.

Read from Gen 1:1-5 (For Students Read all Gen 1 through Gen 2)

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from darkness. God called the lightness day and the darkness he called night. And there was evening and morning the first day.

And then God dreamed up the very best at the very last.

When God dreamed of a face like yours, and yours and yours and yours...

His voice filled with the gentlest love, and he smiled. “Let us make human beings...

God the Father, gathered close with God the Son, Jesus Christ and God the Holy Spirit and all the glory of the Trinity gathered close when they imagined the masterpiece of YOU. And God in three persons scooped a handful of dust together and knelt down, and together They kissed warm life into God’s children with the breath of His love.

The whole world was made by God’s word. But God’s children alone were made by all of God’s love. You and I were formed by a huddle of holy hearts.

Reflect on this with your children:

No matter what happens in this world, the truth is always this:

You were formed by Love...for love.

Close in prayer.

Repeat: No matter what happens in this world, the truth is always this:

You were formed by Love...for love.

And the greatest gift we can give back to our great God is to let his love make us glad.

Discussion Questions for younger children

- **What was special about the way God created humans?**
- **How do you know God loves you?**

Discussion Questions for students: (Middle School/High School)

- **What lies to you hear in the world right now and how does Truth counter these lies?**
- **How can we experience gladness when everything around us feel unstable or sad?**

Activity:

Encourage your children to send a text, or video text or call someone who may need to be reminded that they are loved and not forgotten. Social distancing is important to right now but reaching out and connecting in safe ways reminds others they are not forgotten. Video texts can bring a smile to the most down cast soul.

Game

Bible Trivia basket ball

Grab the bathroom trash can, a bowl, or even a hat will do.

Crumple up little pieces of scrap paper and have your children try to make baskets with these little pieces of paper.

If they make it in, they are asked a bible trivia question. If you have numerous children you can make it a competition, if you have one child they can earn points redeemable for an extra 30 minutes of snuggle time/tv/or a little treat. Whatever parents decide.

They seem to love this fun way to quiz their bible knowledge and it's a fun indoor game!

<https://icebreakerideas.com/bible-trivia-questions-answers/>