

# LESSON 7

# God Created Man

## Day 1

Check in with Uncle Peter, Jon and Carol

Who made the bird cage?

Who owns the cage?

Who created man (people)?

Who owns man (people)?

Did God create the earth for people to live on?



## Day 2

Read together Genesis 1:17

Notice that there are 3 statements separated by semicolons. The semicolons tell us that all 3 statements are related and equally important. What does God want us to know? He says it twice! People were created in His image!

Both men and women were created in His image. Notice that the verse is written in a poetic form. Will that make it easier for you to remember?

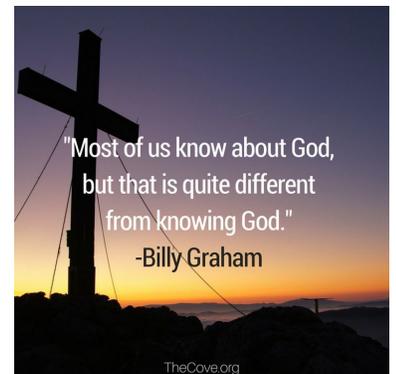
Take some time to memorize the bible verse. For younger kids: "So God created man in His own image" It does not matter what version of God's word you memorize, but we use NKJV in class.

So God created man in  
His own image;  
in the image of God He  
created him;  
male and female He  
created them.  
Genesis 1:27

## Day 3

Read together Genesis 1:26

This can be confusing, but if we think about what we already know about God we can learn many things from this short verse. We already know that God is Trinity (3 in one): God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. That is where the word "WE" comes from in this verse. We learned already that God is spirit, so "made in His image" is not what we see when we look in the mirror, but rather what we see when we look at people the way God does: at the inside. Think about what you already know about God. God is all-knowing. He created us with a thinking mind so that we could know Him. God is all-powerful. He created us with strong bodies so we can do the work He sets before us. God is Love (1 John 4:7). God gave us emotions so that we can love Him. God chose to create, and unlike the angels, He gave us the gift of choice (will) so that we could *choose* to know, love and obey Him. Will you choose to know, love and obey God?



## Day 4

Read together Genesis 1:27-31 and Genesis 2:7

We already know that God is in all places all of the time. (Church word! Omnipresent) Just as we were created with a mind but **not** all-knowing (omniscient), and with strong bodies but **not** all-powerful (omnipotent), we were created to eventually fill the earth and "subdue it" or be in charge of taking care of it. It was a blessing and an honor given to man, but also a responsibility that we choose to accept or not. God has *sovereignty* over creation, but He gave man *dominion*. Look those words up in the dictionary and talk about their similarities and differences. God made you so smart! Take some time to use that big brain to learn more about God, pray and talk to Him about all the things you are learning and ask Him how He would have you serve Him with your mind, heart and strength.



Think it through and thank God for it.

Jeopardy Questions

1. Who did God create the earth for? (Man)
2. Who is the only one who can give life? (God)
3. What part of man was created in the image of God? (Mind, Emotions, Will)
4. Who is the ancestor of all people? (Adam)
5. Whom did God intend to look after things here on earth? (Man/ Adam)
5. Why did God have the authority to put man in charge of the earth? (Because God created everything)



God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.”

**- Genesis 2:15**

## STORY

"Jon, where are you going with that cage?" shouted Carol. "That belongs to me!"

"Oh, hi, Carol," said Jon, smiling. "I was just coming to ask you if I could have it."

"No, you may not!" said Carol angrily. "I made that cage and fixed it up for my cockatoo."

"Is someone having a problem?" asked Uncle Peter, as he walked up to Jon and Carol. "I could hear you from my house."

"Hi, Uncle Peter," greeted Carol. "I'm upset with Jon. I fixed up a really nice cage for my cockatoo to live in. It has a place to put food and water, a branch for the bird to sit on, and a covering for it to get out of the sun and rain. I worked hard to make this cage just right, because this bird is very special to me. Now Jon wants to take it and use it."

"But you don't have your bird in it yet, Carol," said Jon. "So I thought I would use it."

"But I made it!" said Carol. "It belongs to me, and I should be able to do what I want with it."

"There is a good lesson to learn from this cage," said Uncle Peter.

"What do you mean?" asked Jon.

"Well," replied Uncle Peter, "Carol made this cage. She owns it, and it is hers to do with as she wants, because she made it. She designed it for a special purpose. Did you ever stop to think that God made man?"

"God made man?" asked Jon. "My school teacher says man evolved."

"The Bible tells us that God made the first man out of the dust of the ground," said Uncle Peter.

"But the body had no life in it, until God breathed into the man's body; then it became a living person. Only God could put life into man. People who think man evolved don't realize that God is the Creator of man, the owner of man. Man belongs to God. God is the one who knows what is best for man."

"Oh, I remember now, Uncle Peter," said Carol, excitedly, "you told us last time that God had created the land, light, water, plants, and trees for man, whom He was going to create next."

"That's right, Carol," agreed her uncle. "God had lovingly, carefully, perfectly created everything in preparation for His final creation: man! What a special place God gave to man. God named the first man Adam. He is the ancestor of all people. Man was to look after God's things here on the earth and to rule over the fish, the birds, and the animals. God had the right to decide to whom He would give the earth, because He created and owned everything. Therefore, He could give it to whom He pleased."

"You're right, Uncle Peter," admitted Jon. "I sure did learn a lesson today! I'm sorry I tried to take your cage, Carol. It belongs to you, and you have the right to do what you want with it, just like God has the right to do what He wants with His creation."

