

Relational - Family Lesson I

Divine Attribute: God is Relational

Heart Response: Follow him

Memory Verse: Genesis 1:27 “God created man in his own image.”

Points of Emphasis:

1. God created us to have a relationship with him.
2. God created us to have relationships with others.
3. Sin breaks our relationship with God.
4. Jesus restores our relationship with God.

Family Worship

Gather your family and play the [worship video](#) found on the curriculum resource page! Have fun, sing loud, and follow along with the motions!

Memory Verse

Supplies:

[Memory verse video](#)

Optional printed memory verse poster

Open your Bible to Genesis 1:27. Show your child that this is where we find today’s verse in the Bible. Watch the memory verse video together. If you printed the memory verse poster, display it for your child to see. Practice the verse and motions with the video. Then, practice it as a family. Consider saying it in funny voices or as you stand, hop, or do other fun motions. Maybe even try making it a song!

Bible Lesson

***Note to - the lesson is written to be read like a story. Read the bold words aloud. The words in parenthesis give direction to pause, allow for response, or read Scripture.*

Supplies:

Bible

Who remembers what we learned about last week? (God created us in his image; God made Adam and Eve; we reflect what God is like.) **That’s**

right. God created a man and a woman in his image to reflect what he is like to all of creation.

Remember when we learned about God creating the heavens and the earth? He made the land and the trees, the birds, and all of the animals. Well, God also made a special place called Eden. It was a beautiful garden. “God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food.” (Genesis 2:9) He made orange trees, and cherry trees, and apple trees. YUM!

The Lord placed Adam in the garden to enjoy taking care of it. Then, Adam was also given the job of naming all of the animals. While he was naming the animals, Adam discovered there was no suitable helper for him.

So God did something amazing! Remember? He put Adam into a deep sleep, took one of his ribs, and made a new kind of person—a woman named Eve.

God made a woman so Adam wouldn’t be alone. Adam could have a friend and a helper to enjoy working and taking care of creation with. God is relational. God made Adam and Eve relational, too. God loves his people and wants his people to love him and each other.

After God made Eve, she joined Adam in the Garden of Eden, and they worked and lived there. Adam and Eve cared for each other and had a perfect love relationship with God and with each other. They were a family, and God told them to “be fruitful and multiply” and to “fill the earth” with children.

If you are a boy then you are male, like Adam. If you are a girl then you are female, like Eve. Both boys and girls were created in the image of God, but you are different.

Adam and Eve were both created special by God and for God. You were also created special by God and for God with special work to do. He made some of you girls and some of you boys. Each of you was created in God's image to work together and have a relationship with God and with each other.

Remember, God said it is not good for man to be alone. We need God and each other because we were created that way. God is relational and so are we.

What are some things you do to work together with your family at home? (Give your child a chance to respond.) What are some ways you can work and help other people at church?

When we work or play, we need to work in a way that brings honor and glory to God. That means when you help your mom set the table, you are happy to do it because you love your family. Or if your friend is hurt or sad, you help them because you want to show your friend how God loves his creation. God gave us the job of caring for all of creation, and we need him and each other to do this special work.

Let's pray together and thank God for making each of us special and giving us friends to love and share life with.

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for loving us and making each of us special with special work to do. Thank you for giving us friends to help us and to love and share life with. Help us love and follow you with all of our hearts. Help us to love our friends and help each other with our special work—to take great care of all of your creation and show the world what you are like.

Coloring Sheet

Supplies:

Coloring sheet (found on [Kids Resource Page](#))

Crayons

Have your child color the picture. They can cut. Have your child color the picture. While your child is coloring, consider asking them the review questions below. These questions can also be saved for conversations over dinner or while driving.

Review Questions

- 1. Who made the Garden of Eden? (God.)**
- 2. Who lived there and enjoyed taking care of it? (Adam and Eve.)**
- 3. Who did Adam and Eve have a relationship with? (God and each other.)**
- 4. Who should we have a relationship with? (God first. He gives us his love to share with other people.)**

Optional Additional Activities

Wonderful Work

Supplies:

Large bucket of blocks

Put blocks on the floor in one area of the room. Explain to your child that you need their help doing some work. Have your child help you move the blocks to a basket/bucket on the other side of the room. Make a point to encourage your child to work together with you. Remind them that God has given the blocks to them. Remind them that it is important to take good care of what God has given them.

Then sit down and say, **"Whew! Did you enjoy doing all that work?"** Remind your child that God gave Adam and Eve wonderful work to do when he created them!

