



Relational - Family Lesson 4

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

Do you remember last week when we talked about Adam and Eve and their broken relationship with God? It was sad. After Adam and Eve chose

not to follow God, their relationship with God was broken. Let’s sit quietly as we hear about this story in the beginning of the Bible.

Do you remember that God created the heavens and the earth? He made day and night, seas and dry land, flowers, trees, all the animals, and even people! And it was good! He also made a beautiful garden called Eden. God put Adam and Eve in the Garden to “work it and watch over it.” It was a perfectly wonderful, easy life!

But do you remember the story from last week? There was one rule Adam and Eve were supposed to follow: “You may eat the fruit of every tree in the garden- except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.” Did Adam and Eve obey God? (Let your child answer.)

No, they ate the fruit. Adam and Eve chose sin. Because of their sin, work became hard and they couldn’t live in the Garden of Eden with God anymore.

Because of sin, life is not the way God wanted it to be for us. Adam and Eve could not fix their relationship with God, and neither can we.

But there is good news! Everyone say, “good news!” (Let your child cheer.) God loves us so much that he wants us to be in a good relationship with him. He doesn’t want our relationship with him to be broken. Even though we choose sin, God chose to make a way to fix our relationship with him.

God sent his son Jesus to take our punishment for us. He is the only person who NEVER disobeyed God. Have you ever disobeyed? (Let your child answer—and then give a few illustrations of disobedience such as not sharing toys, hitting someone, not obeying right away, etc.) We have all disobeyed, and that is sin.

But, Jesus never sinned. He did not deserve to be punished for sin. But because he loves us, Jesus died on the cross and took all of our sin on himself. He took our punishment instead. If we trust him as the one who paid for our sin and we are sorry we disobeyed, he forgives and forgets all of our sin! Isn't that good news? That is wonderful news! Not only does Jesus fix what we broke, but he makes it even better than before! The Bible says he makes us brand new. Even though we do sin, we can have a relationship with God because of Jesus. He loves us that much!

Sin causes our relationship with God to be broken, but Jesus makes our relationship with God whole again. We can choose to follow God and have a relationship with him. Isn't that great news?

Let's pray together and thank him for loving us and making a way to fix our relationship.

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for loving us and sending Jesus to be the One who gives us life. Your love is amazing. Help us to follow you and see that you are the only one who can make us new. Amen.

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. **What breaks our relationship with God?** (Sin.)
2. **Who made a way to fix our relationship with God?** (Jesus, God.)
3. **Who does God want a relationship with?** (Us.)
4. **Who lived a perfect life and never sinned?** (Jesus.)
5. **Who took the punishment for our sin?** (Jesus.)
6. **Who should we follow?** (Jesus.)

Optional Additional Activities

Tumbling Tower

Supplies

Blocks

See how high your child can make a tower of blocks without it falling. Then, tell them to remove the bottom block. When it topples, talk about how taking just one block out makes the whole building fall. Have a discussion about how even one sinful thought or act separates us from God and we need Jesus to fix our relationship with God.

