

City LG—August 14th, 2022

Today's Bible Story: I'll Take Care of You (Creation) • *Genesis 1–2*

Today's Bottom Line: God made us to take care of each other.

Monthly Memory Verse: *Here is what love is. It is not that we loved God. It is that he loved us and sent his Son to give his life to pay for our sins.* 1 John 4:10 (NirV)

REMINDER: Kids will need to be grouped into Small Groups to begin Service

WORSHIP: “Love’s Running After” and “All of Me”

“Hello, friends! It’s great to be here with you as we journey through God’s Big Story in the Bible. (*Hold up Bible.*)

“God’s story really is a love story for the ages! And it all began when God created the world. In the very beginning, there was nothing. No trees, no mountains, no stars, nothing. Nothing . . . except God. Then God created the world out of LOVE.

“Today, I want to tell you all about it, but before I do, I have a question for you...

SLIDE: Question (“How do you know when someone loves you?”)

“Talk about it with your Groups. Ready? GO!”

CG: Question Video (Runtime: 3:00)

“Great job everyone! Today, we’ll look at all that God created, and why He did it. I’m so excited for you to see how amazing our God is. Let’s take a look at this week’s video to learn some more!”

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 7:30)

“Listen to God’s words that are recorded here in the first chapter of Genesis.

Open the Bible to Genesis 1:26-27 (NirV) and read.

“God said, ‘Let us make human beings so that they are like us. Let them rule over the fish in the seas and the birds in the sky. Let them rule over the livestock and all the wild animals. And let them rule over all the creatures that move along the ground.’ So God created human beings in his own likeness. He created them to be like himself. He created them as male and female.

“God told Adam and Eve to have children and take care of the earth—including all the animals that lived on the land.

“And listen to this part again. *God created human beings in his own likeness. (Genesis 1:27, NirV)*

“You see, Adam and Eve were made in the image of God. They were made to REFLECT what God is like. Kind of like a mirror!”

“Everything God had made was very, very good. God had created everything we know and everything we see, out of love. Finally . . . after God had made the whole world, animals, and people . . . God rested.

“God created EVERYTHING in this amazing world out of love. God made PEOPLE to show love. Remember . . .

Open the Bible to Genesis 1:27 (NirV) and read.

“God created human beings in his own likeness.

“Adam and Eve were made in the image of God. They were made to show God’s love—by taking care of each other and taking care of the world God had created.

“In fact, all of us today are made in the image of God. We were made to REFLECT what God is like, for the whole world to see. We were made to share God’s love with the world! We were made to take care of each other. And that’s what we need to remember today. Let’s learn this week’s Bottom Line!”

CG: Bottom Line Video (Runtime: 1:00)

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] “God made us to take care of each other.

“Let’s pray.”

PRAY: “God, thank You for all the amazing things You created. Thank You so much for making us in Your image! It’s so cool to know that we can show the world what You’re like with the way we show love each day. Please show us how we can do that, God. Please help us care for each other the way You care for us. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

“What an EPIC story! God made a beautiful world. And God did it all out of love.

“Not only that, God gave people the job of taking CARE of this world and taking care of each other. That was true for Adam and Eve, and it’s true for us today. We need other people. We need people to take care of us, and we need people that we can take care of, too.

“That might seem like a lot. But with God’s help, we can do it!

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] “God made us to take care of each other.

“This is something that Jesus said is super-important. In fact, Jesus said it’s the MOST important thing for us to love God and love others. We can show how much we love God by the way we show love to other people.

“So how do we do that, exactly? Well, we can start by thinking, **‘I should treat others the way I want to be treated.’** If someone looks sad, we can brighten their day by being willing to listen or maybe by asking them if they want to play. We can give someone a hug or a cool fist bump. We can draw a picture to cheer someone up. When we do those things, we might think it’s just a simple way of being nice. But really, it’s a great way that we can take CARE of someone. It’s a way to show love, because you’re showing someone with your actions how much they matter to you.”

OFFERING:

“As you may know, all this Summer we are raising money to dig water wells in the Country of Malawi. When you bring your offering in, you are helping many people in Malawi to have clean water to drink and cook with. So, if you brought an offering today, you can bring it up now!”

CG: Malawi Wells Pictures