



LESSON 1: *God created us to be with him.*

CORE TENET FOR KIDS

COMMUNITY - GOD IS ALWAYS WITH US, SO AS HIS PEOPLE, WE CAN TAKE TIME TO BE WITH OTHERS.



BIBLE STORY

The First Friends
(Genesis 2:1–9)



FOR THE LEADER

In this lesson, we explore how God created people to be in relationship with him and one another. God's love provides the foundation for our trust and our connections with others. Reflect on a time when a friend was a source of great joy and comfort for you. Help the children understand that God made us for community and that our kindness to one another reflects his character.



MEMORY VERSE

"He made us, and
we are his."
(Psalm 100:3 NLT)



WELCOME ACTIVITY

Supplies: Lesson 1: Welcome Activity Printable and crayons.

As children arrive, invite them to color a paper "person." Say, "Welcome, friends! I'm so glad you're here. Today we are learning that God made us. We get to be in friendship with him and each other! On the table, there are paper people. Can you color one to look like you? When we're done, we are going to line them up to show that we are a big group of friends who all belong to God!"



MATERIALS

- Printable pages
- Crayons/markers



BIBLE STORY: READ GENESIS 2:1-9

While the kids are sitting down, tell the Bible story by saying, "God made the whole world! He made the bright sun, the tall trees, and all the animals. Then, God made people. He made Adam and Eve his special friends. The very best part of the garden was that God walked and talked with them every day."



PRAYER

Thank you, God, for making us and giving us friends to play with.
Help us remember you are always with us. Amen.



BIBLE ACTIVITY

Supplies: Lesson 1: Bible Activity Printable.

Hold up the photo so all children can see. Say, "Look at this picture. What is it? That's right, it's a hand! Did you know that the little lines on your hand look different than anyone else's? God made your hands, your eyes and everything about you from your head to your toes. He also gave you hands so you can reach out and hold a friend's hand! Let's practice our verse: 'He made us' [point to self] 'and we are his' [point up to God]."



MOVEMENT ACTIVITY

Lead the children in a "Follow the Leader" line around the room. Say, "In the garden, Adam and Eve walked and talked with God. Let's walk together! I'm going to be the leader. Follow me! [March, hop, and crawl around the room.] Now, stop! Give a high-five to the friend next to you. God is always with us, and he gives us friends to walk with too. Let's march one more time!"



HANDS-ON ACTIVITY

Supplies: Lesson 1: Hands-On Activity Printable, markers or crayons.

Help each child place their hand in the center of their paper. Trace around their hand with a marker. Say, "I am going to come around and trace your hand on your paper. While I trace your fingers, I want you to remember that God made every part of you! He made you to be his friend. After I trace your hand, you can use your crayons to decorate your paper with beautiful colors, just like the garden God made for Adam and Eve!"

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TALK ABOUT IT

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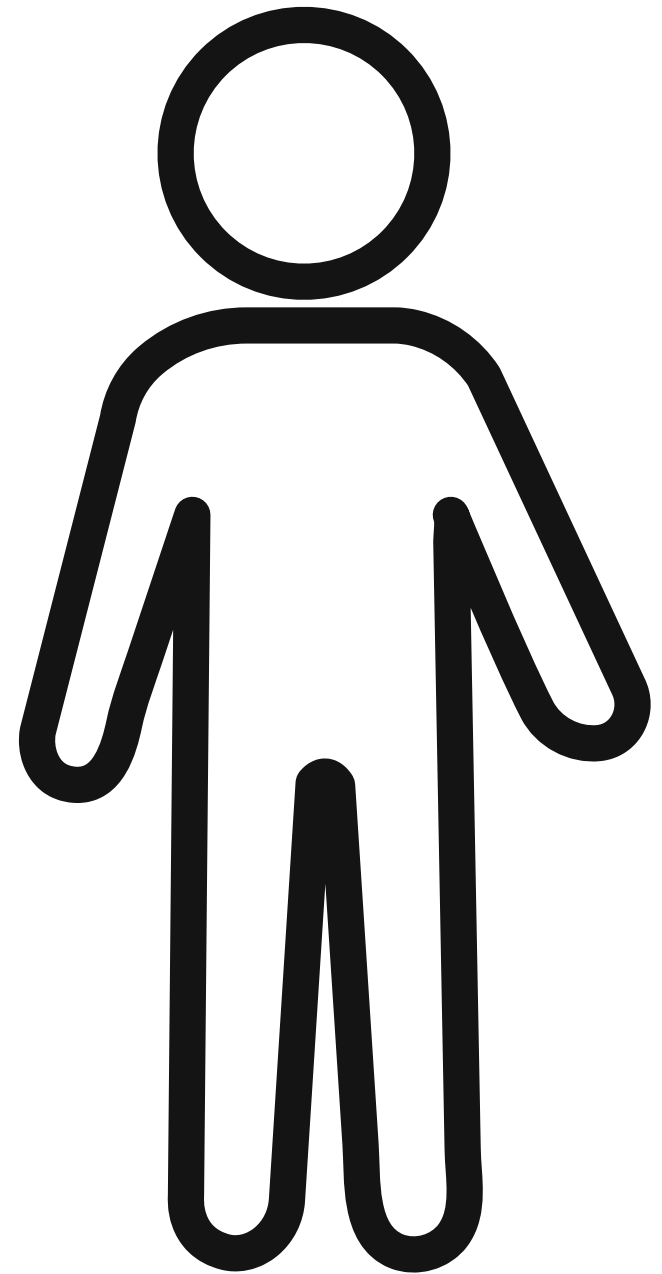
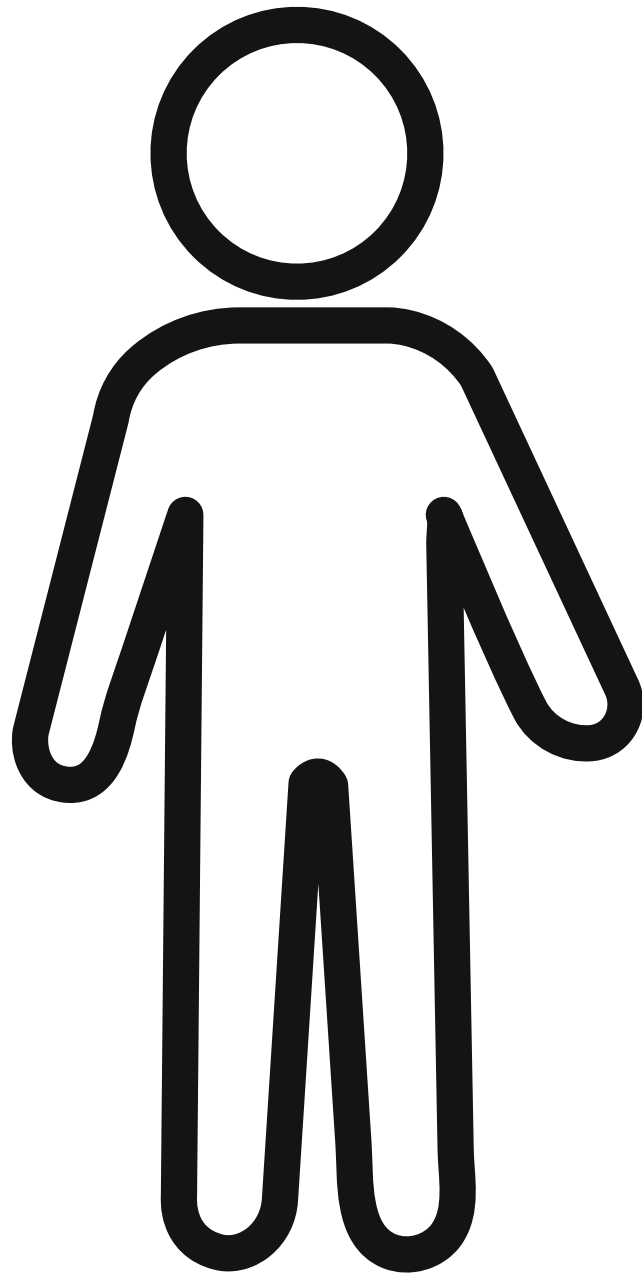
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