



St. John Lutheran Church
Fall 2020 Sunday School
Third/Fourth Grade
Week 2 (September 27)

God made us Genesis 2:4-22

Key Verse: Psalm 139:14

I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Activity 1: Garden of Eden Gazette - Help Wanted

- Sometimes when people need help, they'll place a "help wanted" advertisement in the newspaper. Use the forms in your packet to write Help Wanted ads.
- Ad 1: pretend you are God, looking for the first man to put in the beautiful Garden of Eden. List qualities that God would want in the first man, and skills God would want him to have.
- Ad 2: pretend you are Adam, looking for a helper. List qualities and skills that Adam (and God) would want in a helper for Adam.

HINT: Read Genesis 1:26-31 and 2:15-23 for ideas of what responsibilities Adam and Eve might have.

- God made Adam and Eve for a reason and he made you for a reason, too. Think about what reasons God may have had for making you - the kind of jobs he might want you to do. Think about your strengths and talents and the things you like to do
- Ad 3: pretend you are God, looking for YOU! List qualities and skills God gave YOU!

Activity 2: Talent Chain

- Remember God made us special. Think about the want ad you wrote for yourself. On strips of paper, write one of your strengths or skills or talents.
- Take one strip of paper and curl it around so the two ends meet. Tape the ends together to make a link. Make sure your word is on the OUTSIDE of the loop.
- Feed the next strip through the middle of your first chain link. Curl the ends of the second strip until they meet and tape the ends together. Make sure your word is on the OUTSIDE of the loop. Repeat until you've included all your strengths and skills and talents.
- Hang your Talent Chain by your front door, so you can be reminded that God made you special as you head out into the world each day!

INTERVIEW TIME!!

Ask your family members the following questions and write their responses:

- What strengths and talents do you think God gave you?
- What strengths and talents did you always have, even when you were a little kid?
- What strengths and talents have you gained as you grew up?

REMEMBER: God had a reason for making you, just as he did for Adam and Eve. You may not know exactly what that reason is yet, but you can be sure God knew what he was doing when he made you.

Please share your Help Wanted Ads and your Interview Responses
with your St. John family and friends
by emailing a photo to stjohn@ruraltel.net

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Closing Prayer

Dear God, we thank you for making us special. Help us serve you by using our strengths and skills and talents in our homes and in our communities. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.



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Week 3 (October 4)

God doesn't want us to sin Genesis 3

Key Verse: Romans 3:23

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God

Activity 1: Bridging the Gap

- Fold the blank sheet of paper in half. On one half draw Adam and Eve. On the other half draw a heart to represent God's love for us.
- Dip your finger in a cup of water and then run your finger along the fold in the paper. Repeat this process until the fold is completely damp.
- Rip the page apart. Sin (the water) separates us from God just like it separated Adam and Eve from God.
- Cut out the cross and "reconnect" the two pages by gluing each picture to one of the arms of the cross. Remember that Jesus is the bridge that connects us with God.

INTERVIEW TIME!!

Ask your family members the following questions and write down their responses.

- What was the first sin?
- What are other examples of sin?
- What should we do when we sin?
- Will God forgive you when you ask him?

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Activity 2: Close Makes it Easy

- Grab a laundry basket and a bean bag or sock filled with rice.
- Place the basket in the middle of the room, and take six giant steps away from the basket.
- Try to toss the bean bag into the basket TEN times. You may miss the mark sometimes, just like no matter how hard you try you sin sometimes.
- Take two giant steps closer to the basket.
- Try to toss the bean bag into the basket TEN times. Do you have more success hitting the target?
- Take two more giant steps closer to the basket.
- Try to toss the bean bag into the basket TEN times. Did you make it every single time?

REMEMBER: The closer we are to God, the easier it is to resist sin and temptation. We can never be perfect and "hit the target" every time, but because Jesus is perfect and died for our sins, we can be forgiven.

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Closing Prayer

Dear God, we thank you for helping us resist sin and temptation.

We know we can't be perfect all the time, so we are grateful
you gave your only Son so that we may all be forgiven.

In Jesus' name, amen.

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