God Made Me

A Memory Book for six- to eight-year-olds



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Lesson God Made My World.

God created everything in the world. He even created the world itself. God made the trees and flowers. God made the clouds in the sky. God made the oceans and the lakes.



God made the stars that twinkle at night. There is not one thing anywhere that God didn't create.

Everything I see is made from things God created. People put cars together, but God made the metal that forms them. People build houses, but the wood comes from the trees God created.

The Bible tells me that Jesus, God's Son, is the Creator. All He had to do was speak, and whatever He said became real. And everything He made was good. Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

Exodus 20:11 For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is ...

John 1:3 All things were made by Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made.

Legion God Made All People.

God is the three-in-one Trinity – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. God created me in His image. That means He created me to be like Him.

I am also three in one. I am made of body, soul, and spirit. My body is – the part other people see. My soul is – the way I feel and act and think. My spirit is the part of me that can love God and worship Him. That is what makes me different from animals.

God also made me different from anyone else. No one else is exactly like me. I am one of a kind! God has given me my own gifts and abilities. I thank God for making me special!



Genesis 1:26-27 And God said, "Let us make man in Our image, after Our likeness" ... So God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them.

Genesis 2:7 And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

Psalm 100:3 Know ye that the Lord He is God: it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves ...

Lesson God Made Me to Please Him.



God could have made robots instead of people. Robots do whatever they are told to do. They always obey because they cannot make choices. They cannot choose to do good or bad. They only do what their creator made them to .do.

But God didn't want

robots. He wanted people like me who could choose to love Him or not love Him. He wanted me to make up my own mind about Him.

Some people choose to live their own way and ignore God. The Bible says I please God when I trust in Him as my Savior. God wants me to obey Him and love Him with all my heart. God is happy when I choose to live for Him each day. 1 Samuel 12:22 ... it hath pleased the Lord to make you His people.

Proverbs 16:4 The Lord hath made all things for Himself ...

Revelation 4:11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power: for Thou hast created all things, and for Thy pleasure they are and were created.



God Made Me for His Purpose.

God has a purpose for me. He wants me to bring Him glory. That means I should try to please God every moment of every day. I should help others to see how wonderful God is.

Some people only live for themselves. They want to hear others tell them how great they are. But God is the only One who deserves my praise. He made me what I am. Everything I have comes from Him. I

can't take any credit for how God made me.

God has a plan for my life. He has given me special talents. I can use them to bring Him glory. I want to please God, and obey Him, for making me who I am.



Isaiah 43:7 ... for I have created him for My glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him.

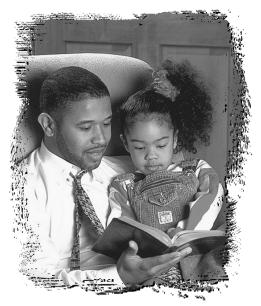
Ephesians 2:10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works ...

Colossians 1:16 ... all things were created by Him, and for Him.

Lesson God Prepares Me for Heaven.

Heaven is God's home. God says that everyone who trusts Jesus as their Savior is welcome there. God is perfect. He can't allow sin in His home.

God knew before He created the world that I would choose to do bad things. He knew I would sin against Him. But He



still loved me. He wanted me to live with Him forever in heaven. That's why He sent His only Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to die on the cross to pay the price for my sins.

If I trust Jesus as my Savior from sin, He will forgive me of <u>all</u> my sins. Then someday I can live forever with God in His home in heaven.

John 3:36 He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

1 John 1:7

... the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin.



Heaven for Me.

If I trust Jesus as my Savior, He will give me a wonderful gift: I will live with Him someday in heaven.

The Bible says there won't be anything bad in heaven. There will be no crying, no fighting, no death, and no sin. Everything will be beautiful. The streets are paved with gold. The gates and



walls are made out of jewels. And the best news of all? If Jesus is my Savior, I will live there with Him forever.

I can trust Jesus as my Savior right now. "Lord Jesus, I need to be saved. Forgive me for sinning against You. Thank You for dying for me. I trust you as my Savior today and forever. Thank You for giving me the gift of eternal life. Amen." John 14:2-3 In My Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

Hebrews 11:16 ... wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for He hath prepared for them a city.

Revelation 21:27 And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Lesson God Made My Eyes to See His Creation.



God created a wonderful world for me to live in. And He gave me eyes to see its beauty.

God made my eyes to work like a very small camera. The camera takes pictures all the time so that I can see His world and know how great He is. My eyes see the brightness of a blue sky, the colors in a

rainbow, the twinkling of the stars at night, and the important words in the Bible. I praise God for every-thing He has created.

I should take care of my eyes. My eyesight is a precious gift from God. I am thankful for the eyes He has given me.

Proverbs 20:12 The hearing ear, and the seeing eye, the Lord hath made even both of them.

Ecclesiastes 11:7 Truly the light is sweet, and a pleasant thing it is for the eyes to behold the sun.

Psalm 119:18 Open Thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of Thy law.

LeSon God Made My Ears to Hear His Words.

My ears can hear many things. They can hear sounds I enjoy, like pretty music. They hear warning sounds, like a train whistle or a fire alarm. They bring me nice words, like when my mom or dad tells me they love me.

My ears also can help me learn. My ears were made to hear God's Word. When I listen closely to God's Word and follow its instructions, I will find the

answers to many questions and problems. God always has an answer when I'm ready to listen.

I shouldn't use my ears to listen to bad things. God made them for my good.



Proverbs 5:1 My son, attend unto my wisdom, and bow thine ear to my understanding.

Isaiah 30:21 And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, "This is the way, walk ye in it." ...

Matthew 11:15 He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

Lesson God Made My Mouth to Praise His Name.

God created my mouth to praise Him, to pray to Him, and to speak words that are kind and true. That's how I should use my mouth. Sometimes I use my mouth to say bad words and hurtful things instead of good words and nice things. I know that doesn't please God.

God wants me to use my mouth to tell others



about Him, too. If I've trusted Jesus as my Savior, I can tell my friends that I am a Christian. I can tell them how their sins can be forgiven and how they can receive the greatest gift of all – living with God forever in heaven.

Exodus 4:11

- ... Who hath made man's mouth?
- ... Have not I the Lord?

Psalm 71:23 My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing unto Thee; and my soul, which Thou hast redeemed.

Psalm 139:14 I will praise Thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made ...

Leson God Made My Hands to Serve Him.



Sometimes I complain when my mom or dad asks me to help with chores. But the Bible says that's the wrong attitude. I should do all my work with a good attitude.

God tells me to always do the very best job I can, no matter what I'm doing. When I'm helping my mom set the

table or doing something nice for my neighbor or teacher, I'm serving God.

The next time I have a job to do, I'm going to remember I'm serving Him. I'll ask Him to help me do the job cheerfully. He's the One who made my hands. I'll use my hands for Him! Psalm 90:17 And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us: and establish Thou the work of our hands ...

Psalm 100:2 Serve the Lord with gladness ...

Ecclesiastes 9:10 Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might ...

Lesson God Made My Feet to Follow Him.

Before Jesus died on the cross, He showed me the right way to live. He lived His life to please God. Jesus never made fun of anyone. He helped people who were in trouble or needed special care.

I want to follow Jesus' example. The Bible teaches me how to follow Him. I should keep reading my Bible each day to learn what pleases God. Then I can be like Jesus.

I don't want to follow people who do bad things. I'm going to follow Jesus. He's the One who made my feet, so I can follow in His footsteps.



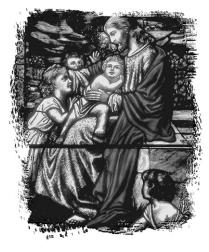
Psalm 119:59 I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto Thy testimonies.

Ephesians 5:1 Be ye therefore followers of God as dear children.

1 Peter 2:21 ... Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow His steps.



God Made My Heart to Love Him.



God loves me more than anyone else in the world can love me. He created me to be like Him. He gave me my family. He meets my needs each day. He watches over me all the time. He sent His Son, Jesus, to take the punishment for my sins.

Because God loves me so much, I should love Him with all my heart for all He has done for me. That means I should love Him with everything I have and feel.

I should love God more than I love anyone else – including my parents, friends, and relatives. I should love Him more than I love anything else – including sports and TV and toys and hobbies. My heart should belong to God.

Psalm 95:6

O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

Matthew 22:37

... Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

2 Thessalonians 3:5 And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God ...

Lesson God Made My Family to Love Me.

God puts children like me in families because He knows we need each other. Sometimes I need a hug from my mom or dad.

Sometimes Mom and Dad need me, too. I can listen and pray for them. I can tell my mom and dad I love them.

Thank You, God, for giving me a family to love.



Proverbs 1:8 My Son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the love of thy mother.

Proverbs 3:12 For whom the Lord loveth He correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.

Proverbs 4:3 For I was my father's son, tender and only beloved in the sight of my mother.

Liggon God Made the Church to Care for Me.



God created another family to care for me, love me, and help me grow. This family is called a church. The Bible says the Church is not a building. It is a group of people who have trusted Jesus as their Savior.

Members of God's

family help each other find out what things they do best. They encourage one another to use their gifts and talents for the Lord. They pray for each other and study God's Word together. They support people who need their help, like missionaries and the poor. And they listen and learn important Bible lessons from the pastors and leaders of the church.

Thank You, God, for giving me a church family that cares for me.

Acts 2:47

... And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

1 Corinthians 12:25 ... the members should have the same care one for another.

Hebrews 13:17 Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls ...



God Made the Government to Protect Me.

God puts people over me who make rules to protect me. These leaders are found in my family, my school, my community, and my country.

The government is a group of people who make the laws that protect me. If there were no laws, anyone could hurt, kill, or steal from someone else without getting punished. God created government to help keep me safe.

Because God gives me governments, I should respect my leaders and obey the law. Thank You, God, for making the

government to protect me.



Romans 13:1 Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.

Romans 13:3 For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. ...

Romans 13:4 For he is the minister of God to thee for good. ...

God's Only Way to Heaven

AM I A SINNER?

Sin is something in me (bad thoughts, lying, stealing, disobedience, pride, cheating, etc.). God hates sin. We can't hide it from Him. Sin leads to eternal separation from God in hell.

Gods Word says:

... all have sinned ... ROMANS 3:23

For the wages of sin is death ... ROMANS 6:23

WHAT SHALL I DO ABOUT MY SIN?

Can I give God something nice to make Him forget it? How about going to Sunday School, church, or Awana, or praying, or getting baptized, or other good deeds? NO!

God says:

Not by [good works] which we have done ... TITUS 3:5

GOD HAS DONE EVERYTHING.

God gave His Son to be my Savior. God put Jesus on a cross to die for my sin in my place.

But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. **ROMANS 5:8**

IT HAPPENED AT THE CROSS.

Jesus paid for all my sin by dying, shedding His blood, and then rising from the grave and going back to heaven.

For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God ... **1 PETER 3:18**

GOD ASKS ME TO BELIEVE (trust) HIM TO TAKE AWAY MY SIN.

Believing is trusting what God did for me. When I believe that His death was for me, He gives me eternal life. Will you believe (trust) now that Jesus died in your place? Will you accept Him as your Savior? If you have, tell Him what you have done.

... as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name. JOHN 1:12

I KNOW THIS GIFT IS MINE ...

I want to thank Him for it now.

God says: ... I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish ... JOHN 10:28

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. JOHN 3:16



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