

## **God Made Me**

### **Lesson 2**

#### **Key Verse**

All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

—John 1:3

**Key Verse Thought:** List the five greatest things God has made (or, if in a group setting, have a general discussion, and then list the top five of the consensus of the class). Focus on the fact that the greatest thing God created was mankind. Emphasize that we are God's greatest creation, for God created man in His image. God made each and every one of us.

**Emphasis:** Recognize that God created us for fellowship with Him. Because sin separated man from God, we must trust Jesus to reconcile us, restoring that relationship.

**Lesson Summary:** God created the world and everything in it, especially man. Man disobeyed God, which caused separation, and individuals could no longer fellowship with God as before because of this separation. But God promised One would come to bridge the gap between sinful humans and God.

When was that promise fulfilled?

How did God intend us to be?

How does God want us to live?

#### **Suggested Bible Reading to Prepare for This Lesson**

- Monday: Psalm 139
- Tuesday: Genesis 1–4
- Wednesday: Galatians 4
- Thursday: 1 Corinthians 15
- Friday: Romans 5
- Saturday: Acts 17

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1. God Made Me
  - God created the universe and everything in it (Genesis 1–2).
  - Man was created in righteousness and holiness (Genesis 1:26–28; Ephesians 1:4).
  - Why did God create man? (Ephesians 2:10; Luke 1:74–75; Revelation 4:11).
2. Separation from God—Sin (Disobedience)
  - Man disobeyed God’s command (Genesis 3:6–8).
  - Man was spiritually and physically separated (Genesis 3:22–24).
3. How to Be Reconciled—Jesus Promised
  - Genesis 3:15.
  - Fulfilled in Jesus (Titus 2:11–15).
4. How Does God Want Me to Live, and What Does He Want us Me to Know?
  - How to live
  - To know His Word
  - To talk with Him; have a relationship with Him

## 1. God Made Me

Genesis 1–2: All things were created in six days, and on the seventh day, God rested.

- Day one: light divided from darkness (Genesis 1:3–5)
- Day two: separated the waters; made the heavens (Genesis 1:6–8)
- Day three: dry land separated from the waters; created all plants (Genesis 1:9–13)
- Day four: sun (to rule the day), moon (to rule the night) and stars (Genesis 1:14–19)
- Day five: all sea life and fowls of the air (Genesis 1:20–23)
- Day six: all of the animals that live on land, and man (Genesis 1:24–31)

The world was formed by God. He created everything (see Genesis 1). The crowning glory of his creation was man, which He created in His own image. “26. And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. 27. So God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them” (Genesis 1:26–27).

Man was created without sin—sinless, just like God. God created man in righteousness and holiness. “According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love” (Ephesians 1:4). God talked with man in the garden. “And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day...” (Genesis 3:8a). God met with man to fellowship with him.

Why did God create man? From the beginning of time, God wanted man to walk with Him. “For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them” (Ephesians 2:10).

He wants man to serve Him. “74. That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear, 75. In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life” (Luke 1:74–75).

God created man for His pleasure, “Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created” (Revelation 4:11).

**A Deeper Path:** Read Psalm 139:1–18. Understand just how special and individually God made each of us. Also be encouraged to see that God loves each person who belongs to Him and knows each of them (Psalm 139:1) and that God is always with them (Psalm 139:7–12).

God knew Jeremiah before he was even born. “Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, *and* I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations” (Jeremiah 1:5).

## **2. Separation from God—Sin (Disobedience)**

God told man not to eat of one fruit in the garden. “16. And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: 17. But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die” (Genesis 2:16–17). But they disobeyed.

6. And when the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food, and that it *was* pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make *one* wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. 7. And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they *were* naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons. 8. And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden. (Genesis 3:6–8)

When man disobeyed God’s command, it separated him from God. Adam and Eve hid from God. When confronted with their disobedience, they could have confessed their sin. Instead, they passed the blame (see Genesis 3:9–21).

When man fell (sinned), his spirit was changed. Before, he met with God in the cool of the day. When he sinned, man fled from God because he now loved evil more than righteousness. “19. And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. 20. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light,

neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved” (John 3:19–20). Man was no longer perfect as when God created him, no longer innocent. He died spiritually. Man no longer possessed the same godlike character.

Because God is perfect and holy, He cannot have sinful man in His presence. There was now a separation between God and man. God cast man from His presence and out of the beautiful garden He had created for man. “22. And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever: 23. Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. 24. So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life” (Genesis 3:22–24).

### **3. How to Be Reconciled—Jesus Promised**

“And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel” (Genesis 3:15). This is a promise of Jesus.

Jesus came to destroy the work of Satan. “He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil” (1 John 3:8). Jesus came to restore that broken fellowship and allow us to be changed back into the same image we once were before sin entered the world.

- “But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, *even* as by the Spirit of the Lord” (2 Corinthians 3:18).
- “And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness” (Ephesians 4:24).
- “And have put on the new *man*, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him” (Colossians 3:10).

How is this done? “11. For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, 12. Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; 13. Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious

appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; 14. Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. 15. These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee” (Titus 2:11–15). That is why God promised Jesus – to “redeem us from all iniquity.”

By God’s grace, all people have the opportunity to be saved. Jesus allowed that relationship with God to be restored. We can now fellowship with God. How? When we read God’s Word, we can hear from God. When we pray, we are talking to God. We need to have those lines of communication open. He then teaches us. He wants us to please Him in all that we do.

#### **4. How Does God Want Me to Live, and What Does He Want Me to Know?**

##### **To Serve Him**

- “74. That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear, 75. In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life” (Luke 1:74–75).

##### **To Know His Word**

- “Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee” (Psalm 119:11).
- “Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth” (2 Timothy 2:15).
- “16. All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17. That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works” (2 Timothy 3:16–17).

##### **To Be Like Him**

- “And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness” (Ephesians 4:24).

## To Communicate with Him

- “Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not” (Jeremiah 33:3).
- “He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I *will be* with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him” (Psalm 91:15).
- “Then shalt thou call, and the LORD shall answer; thou shalt cry, and he shall say, Here I *am...*” (Isaiah 58:9a).
- “... they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It *is* my people: and they shall say, The LORD *is* my God” (Zechariah 13:9b).

**A Deeper Path:** Understand that God visits those who belong to Him each day to see how they are doing in their walk with Him. “17. What *is* man, that thou shouldest magnify him? and that thou shouldest set thine heart upon him? 18. And *that* thou shouldest visit him every morning, *and* try him every moment?” (Job 7:17–18).

*Try* means “to prove, test, examine, search out, purify, to look out, to watch. The word suggests an investigation to determine the essential qualities, especially integrity. ”

**Reinforcement:** If you are in a group study, have the students reconsider their unique differences yet their remarkable similarities as they consider that God made them too. Understand that God made each person unique and different from anyone else, and He has a plan for each life!

**Closing:** It would be good to close with a short prayer, reinforcing today’s lesson. Always include any prayer requests you may have. *Today, pray that we will recognize that God made us, and God made us to fellowship with Him. Pray that we will recognize the need for Jesus in our hearts, for only He can reconcile us to God.*

**Note:** We have always heard Jesus was the One promised from the beginning (Genesis 3:15). We will spend the next few months seeing how the Bible fits together, and we will follow the lineage of Christ throughout history.

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