In the Beginning...Jesus

Lesson 3
God Creates His Image Bearer

Themes:
- God is the Sovereign Ruler of all creation.
- God created man to be His image bearer.
- God created man in His image so man might enjoy a special relationship with Him forever.
- Man is to love, trust, and obey God.

Scripture:
Genesis 1:1-27a; 2:7-9, 15-17

Memory Verse:
Isaiah 53:3b (and review verse 3a)

Today's Clues:
GOD'S IMAGE BEARER, PERFECT OBEDIENCE—LIFE

Home and Heart:
Discuss with your child what it means to be made in the image and likeness of God. Point out that man is very different from any other creature in God's creation. Even though dogs, monkeys, and other animals understand and respond to some things, they do not have the ability to know, love, or respond to God in conscious trust, obedience, and joy. Read and discuss Psalm 139:13-18. Do you praise God because you have been wonderfully made?

Why does God have the right to decide what things are best for His creatures? Read Psalm 24:1 and Daniel 4:34-35. Did God want the man to be happy? Did God know what would make the man happy? Why? Did God give the man a command for his happiness? What was it? Why would this command be good for the man? Read and discuss Psalm 16:11. What do you think a perfect relationship with a good and loving God is like? Are we living in a garden like the one described in Genesis 2? What is different and why? Is God still the Sovereign Ruler over His creation? Over your life? Do you think your heart demonstrates that you trust, love, and obey God as your Sovereign Ruler? Has God made known to you "the path of life"? Is it through obeying a command not to eat the fruit from one kind of tree? Why not? Can you think of any verses in the New Testament that show us what the path of life is?

Read and discuss Psalm 145:1-7, 9-10, 15-16. Although we no longer have the garden of Eden on earth (what changed?), do we still see God's goodness, kindness, love, and greatness in the world He created? In what ways? In what ways does man still act as the "manager" of God's creation? Read and discuss Psalm 8:3-9.



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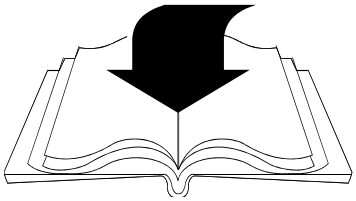

Genesis

This week, read through Genesis 1 and 2. As you read, think about what an awesome Creator God is. Think about all of the different kinds of creatures He made—flying ones, swimming ones, and creeping ones; large and small; tame and wild; furry and scaly. Think about how each creature shows the greatness and worth of God. Be amazed by all the smells, tastes, sounds, and sights He made for us to enjoy. Think about how His creation shows what a good and loving God He is. Use the boxes below to check off verses after you read them. Then, in your best handwriting, write out Isaiah 53:3. Practice reciting this verse every day this week. Use the second set of boxes to check off each day you practice your verse.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
☑ 1:1-10	1:11-19	1:20-26	1:27-31	2:1-9	2:10-17	2:18-25
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Isaiah 53:3