

Family Activity

Lesson 3: Why Did God Make Us?

Materials Needed: Paper, coloring supplies

Kids ask Parents/Parents ask Kids: What makes you happy?

Discuss: God made us in his image and likeness to share in his love and glory forever in heaven.

1. God created everything good.
 - a. Think about the diversity of our human family. What does that tell us about people and about God? (possible answers: every human person is good, we need incredible diversity to show us God's image and likeness because God is beyond our knowing)
 - b. **ACTIVITY:** Share something good about each member of your family.
2. God gives us the gift of faith
 - a. Our faith helps us to trust God's goodness and to live as the people he created us to be. When was a time you trusted God and acted on that trust?
 - b. **ACTIVITY:** Make a sign or post it notes to hang in your home to remind you to trust God. Here are some suggestions:
 - Trust in the Lord with all your heart (Proverbs 3:5)
 - Be still and know that I am God (Psalm 46:10)
 - The Lord your God is with you wherever you go (Joshua 8:9)
 - All things work for good for those who love God (Romans 8:28)
 - Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen. (Hebrews 11:1)
 - I come that you may have life and have it abundantly (John 10:10)
3. God created us as body and soul
 - a. How can we take care of our bodies? How can we take care of our souls?
 - b. **ACTIVITY:** You are already doing it! Talking about faith and praying together are a great way for your family to help each other care for your souls.
4. God wants us to have eternal joy with him in heaven
 - a. What is the difference between momentary happiness on earth and eternal joy in heaven? How could striving for heaven bring us joy on earth as well?
 - b. **ACTIVITY:** What do you imagine heaven to be? Think of the best possible place where everyone is happy. Draw your idea of heaven.

Challenge: The Apostles creed is a profession of faith. Pray this together with your family and talk about what you may want to learn more about this year:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son Our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into Hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from thence He shall come 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 life everlasting. Amen.

Turn In: On the Christ in Us platform, have each child complete an assignment.