

UNIT 1: CREATIVITY • LESSON 3:
“God Creates People”

GENESIS 1:26-2:4



BIBLE STORY:

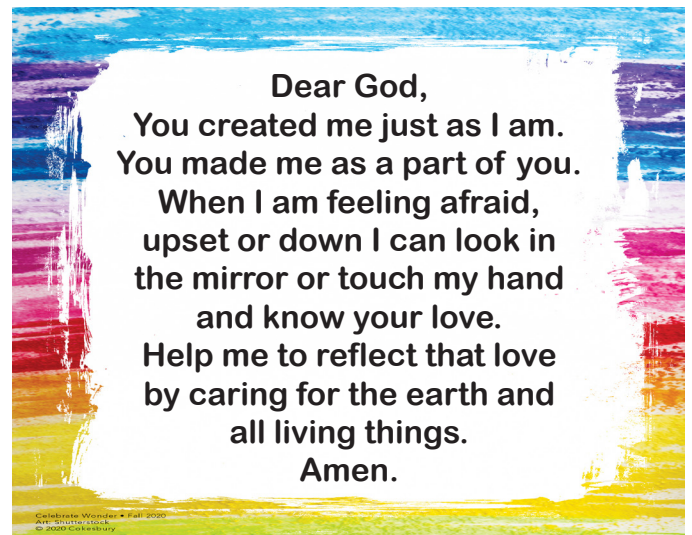
There are 2 creation stories in the Bible - in Genesis - this is the first one and very poetic and beautiful. It reminds us of God's great love for the world. This portion of the story shows God's love of humanity and reminds us that God is a part of all of us. Each of us is a **REFLECTION** of God.



On **the sixth day**, God created humans. Male and female made in God's image to care for the earth and all of the creatures in it. God told the people that all of the plants and trees yielding seeds and fruit and the grasses were there to provide food for the people and the animals. God saw that everything was good and on **the seventh day** God rested. God blessed this day and made it holy.

On the seventh day God rests, but this does not mean God will not continue to act and interact with creation. To rest actually puts things back into motion and calls for humans to help carry out God's creative process. We are then reminded that all is right, good and holy and God honors all of creation with God's blessing.

When God creates humans, God does so in God's own image. To be created in the image of God is as if we are mirrors of God in the world. Each human on earth is unique and yet on the inside we are all connected. Everyone has God within, no matter what we look like on the outside, and it is because of this that we are able to see each other as children of God. We are all important in God's eyes and God loves us and wants us to love and respect and care for each other.



WONDER QUESTIONS & ACTIVITIES:

- What is one thing that you like about yourself?
- What is a nice thing that you could say about each member of your family? ...of your friends?
- How can you be God's hands on earth to help care for the earth and the living things on it?
- How do you see God in others? ...in yourself?
- There is no one else just like you on earth. Print out the attached worksheets and see if you can discover some unique things about yourself.

Place the chart on your refrigerator, kitchen table, or in an easy-to-access place. Throughout the week, have your child mark a space each time he or she completes an item on the chart. When a vertical, horizontal, or diagonal line is completed, celebrate together!

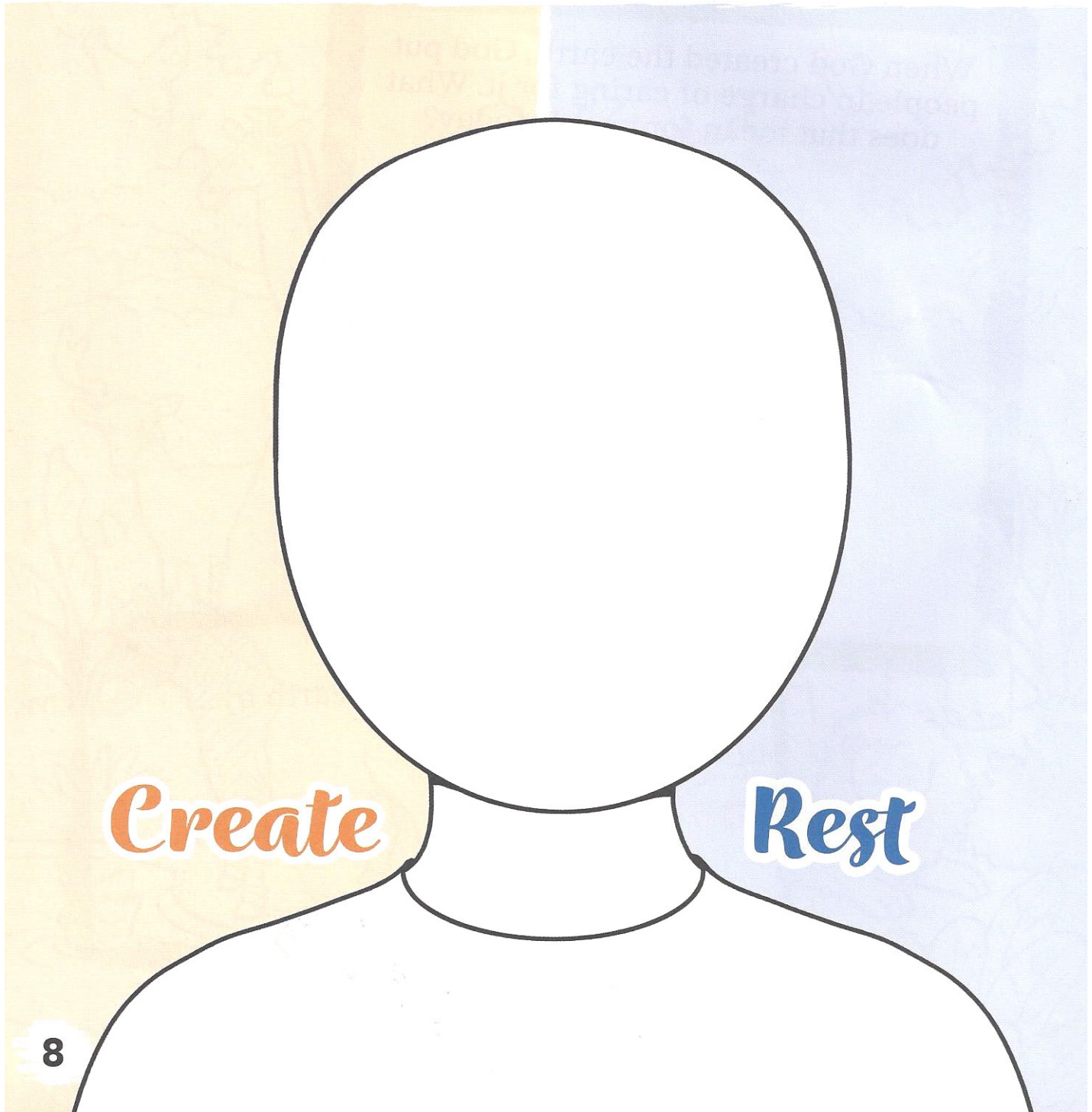
CELEBRATE				
Saw beauty in nature	Was kind to animals	Cared for living things	Was kind to a friend	Helped someone
Saw something good	Spent time in nature	Cleaned up trash	Took care of plants	Recycled
Laughed	Made someone laugh	Free Celebration!	Encouraged a friend	Showed hospitality
Said a table blessing	Shared with someone	Prayed for blessings	Prayed for good choices	Blessed someone
Prayed for someone	Prayed for peace	Made peace	Was friendly	Prayed for community

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Fill in the Face

Instructions

Our Bible story (Genesis 1:26–2:4) says that God created humans in God's image. It also says that after God was done creating, God rested. Use the face template to draw yourself as God sees you. In the empty space around your self-portrait, on one side, write things that you create. On the other side, write things that help you rest or relax.



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What God Sees...

CELEBRATE
WONDER™

Write or draw your answers.

What I like about myself...

I am good at...

What God sees in me...

I am happiest when...

God made me special
because...