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Teaching resources for understanding **identity**



The Bible's answers to our big questions

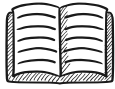


Lesson 2

I AM MADE TO LOVE OTHERS

Genesis 1:26-27; 2:18-25

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READ

I am made to love others

GENESIS 1:26, 2:18

TRUTH = God made us like him to love others.

FAITH = We're willing to love others, not just seeking others to love us.

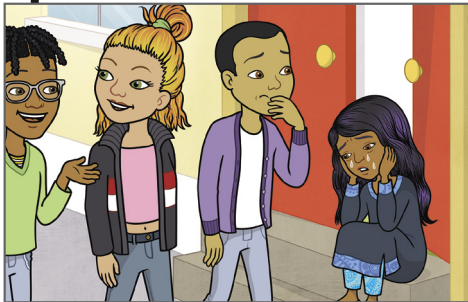
Then God said, 'Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness.'

GENESIS 1:26

The Lord God said, 'It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.'

GENESIS 2:18

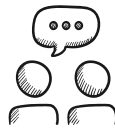
She hates feeling alone and longs for friends to help her feel happier.



He's not sure he wants to be her friend; she's different to him.

GOD'S BETTER STORY

- We're made like God - relational like he is.
- We need friends - we're made to enjoy others.
- We're made to be friends - to love others like God does.



TALK

Adults and children, ask each other...



UNDER 7's

- What do you love doing with friends?
- When have you felt lonely?
- Could you be a friend to each of these children? Would anything stop you being their friend?



OVER 8's

- What are your friends like?
- What does God tell us about friendship?
- What does God tell us about marriage?
- Do you know someone who's often lonely? How could you be a friend to them?

To talk about sexuality, start by finding out what they've heard about relationships and sexual attraction. Clarify the difference between friendship and sexual attraction.

FEELINGS

Use the sad (☹) to happy (☺) scale to show how you feel when...

You aren't invited to the party.



You see someone sitting alone at lunch.



You feel different from everyone else.



You show love to a friend.



LIVE

Look for opportunities to talk and pray about friendship this week.

Start a conversation when someone in your family is a good friend.

ASK

- How were you a good friend?
- How has someone been a good friend to you?
- How did that make you feel?

CONNECT TO THE TRUTH

God made you to love like he does!

- We're made to be friends
- We're made to need friends

That's why friendship matters!

PRAY

Ideas to help you pray.

1. FRIENDS – After fun with a friend, thank God for Jesus. Just like a good friend knows you, Jesus knows and loves you even more.

2. PHOTOS – When you see or take a photo of you and your friends, thank God for them and ask him to help you to love others.

Being greatly loved by God changes how we think about loving others.



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