

Lesson Introduction

The first two people that God created were Adam and Eve. Adam and Eve were created in God's image to reflect God. That means they were given a mind, will and feelings. All girls and boys have been created in God's image and have a mind, will and feelings. Having a mind means we can learn and think. Having feelings means we can love and care about God, people and other things. Having a will means we can choose to do right or choose to do wrong. When we think, feel and do what is good and right we reflect God's image.

Lesson Poem

I have a mind so I can think and learn about what's true.
(Point to head.)

I have a heart and I can feel God's goodness flowing through.
(Hand over heart)

I have a will to tell my hands what's right for them to do.
(Thumbs up sign)

In loving Christ I use them all to reflect God back to you.
(Hands over heart. Move hands out palms up.)

Discussion Questions

Day 1: Who is man? What was man created in the image of? What is the reason God created man?

Day 2: What two people did God create first? What did God give to man that made him a whole being?


Day 3: Why did God give man a mind? Why did God give man a heart?

Day 4: Why did God give man a will? Why did God give man a soul?

Day 5: How is man different from all other animals?

Day 6: What should you do with your heart? What should you do with your mind? What should you do with your will? What should you do with your soul?

Lesson Rhyme

M—M	Sign of M	
Man	1st 2 fingers of right hand, walking on left	
Mind,	Point to head	
heart,	Make heart over heart	
will	One thumb up, other thumb down	
and soul	Connect index fingers and thumbs to make chain (rather like infinity symbol, soul connects us to God)	
M—M—Man	same as above	
By God	Lift arms in air	
created whole	Arms at side palms facing forward	

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Who is man?



M—M—Man

Mind, heart, will and soul

M—M—Man

By God created whole

Day 1

Boys and girls are people;
God refers to them as man.
And each and every one of them
fits into God's good plan.
Created in God's image,
the height of God's creation,
The purpose of man's life
is to give God adoration.

Draw a picture of a boy and a girl.

Day 6

To follow after God
you must give to him your heart.
Then with your mind you read God's word
till you become quite smart.
With your will you must choose
to follow God each day.
Devote your soul to God
so with him you will stay.

Draw a picture of you reading the Bible.

Genesis 1:26: ²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

Mark 12:29b-30: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. ³⁰ Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'

Day 5

Created in God's image
the height of God's creation,
The purpose of man's life
is to give God adoration.
There is no other animal
like man completely whole
Cause only man was given:
a mind, heart, will and soul.

Draw a picture of a person worshiping God.

Day 2

When God created man,
there were only two.
So from Adam and from Eve
are descended me and you.
At the very start,
man was completely whole.
With a body, mind and heart,
besides a will and soul.

Draw a picture of Adam and Eve.

Isaiah 43:6b-7: Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth—⁷ everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”

Genesis 1:27:²⁷ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

Day 3

God gave to man a mind
so he could think and learn
Then he could be quite smart
and for God's truth would yearn.
God gave to man a heart
so with it he could love
Then man could be devoted
to the Father up above.

Draw a picture of a person thinking.

Day 4

God gave to man a will
so he could choose God's way.
And in choosing what is right
on God's path he would stay.
When God breathed life in Adam,
he gave to man a soul.
Wanting man to dwell with him
and be forever whole.

Draw a picture of two paths.

Colossians 3:1-2: ¹ Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

Deuteronomy 10:12-13: ¹² And now, O Israel, what does the LORD your God ask of you but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, ¹³ and to observe the LORD's commands and decrees that I am giving you today for your own good?