Grades 3, 4, 5 Session 2

Adam and Eve God Made us to Love Us

Start with the sign of the cross and the Our Father.

Before beginning, use the clay to make a buddy or a friend. If there is enough, parents can join in too. You will need your buddy for this session.

Read together the workbook page included in this lessons packet titled, "Believe! God Made You and Loves You."

There are 2 stories of creation in the Bible. Ask your child to tell you about the first story we went over in Lesson 1 before you begin.

Then read together Genesis 2:5-25.

After we read the second story of creation, we get to learn a little bit more about who God created us to be and how much He loves us.

From reading the stories, ask your child if he or she can

- 1. Tell about some of the great things God made for us.
- 2. If you had to pick one of the animals to be your companion, what would you pick?
- 3. Why?

Now look at your clay buddy. We read about clay in Genesis today. Ask your child to tell you about his/her buddy if they haven't already.

- 1. Is he real? Or is he clay?
- 2. God made a man out of clay. What's the difference between your guy and the man God made?

Your project is pretty good and you might be proud of it. You might even like to keep it and show it off a little bit. But this buddy you made, even though you like him, even though he looks pretty cool, even if you can tell him stuff about your day, he is still clay.

You are clay, too. Even though we know Adam was formed out of clay, how do we know we were made like Adam? When we are born, we are not clay. The Bible always tells stories that tell us a truth that God wants us to know about, sometimes it is not very scientific though. Sometimes they are more like fables with some important truths in them. One of the truths in this story is that we are clay (or dust) with God's life in us. We know this is true because after we no longer need our bodies, our bodies turn back into dust.

We are different. All of God's creation is good and amazing, even clay. But we are the only ones with God's breath in us, His life in us. Out of all of His creation, only we are His children. Not dogs, not trees and certainly not mosquitos. They might be His creation, but not His children.

God created everything but he saved the best for last, another person so we could have a human family too. But she was different from Adam. God didn't make us to be all the same. God knew that having another human around that was not exactly the same would help us to be happy.

God is love, we were made to love, by love, and for love.

God is our Father and we are his children. God wants the best for us like a good Father does. He loves us every day.

Closing prayer, Sign of the Cross, Our Father. Close the prayer with a special blessing on the child/children by the parent(s).

If you would like to show off pictures of your clay buddies on our Facebook page, submit pictures to Julie Fischbach at fischbachi@stcharleslima.org