

Crown of creation

Man is a special creation, after making him from dust (we are made of almost the same matter as materials surrounding us, earth, water, minerals), God breathed into him, making him a living soul, a unique living being, with a purpose to have a relationship with God.

Warming up:

Lost:

This game would be best played outside if it's possible.

Ask the children to close their eyes while you throw a small ball randomly. Let the children open their eyes and look for it. The person to find it throws it the next time.

Have another ball available in case the first one gets completely lost!

Getting started:

Amazing man

Read out true or false questions from the list below and children choose a side of the room labelled "True" and "False"

Link to the human body being incredible and think about how we are made up of different ingredients.

Questions:

Eye muscles move about 50,000 times a day. (F - 100,000 times)

It takes 5 minutes for a blood cell to go around the body. (F - 1 minute)

Tongue prints are unique, everyone's tongue is different. (T)

Babies have more bones than adults. (T - babies have over 300 and adults 206)

Every inch of human skin contains more than a million bacteria. (T - about 32 million!)

A sneeze travels at 200mph. (F - about 100 mph)

People with brown hair have more hair than people with blond hair. (F)

If a person stayed awake for 11 days, the person could die. (T)

Speaking takes 47 muscles. (F - 72)

Your nose and ears never stop growing! (T - unfortunately!)

In 24 hours you breathe 23,040 times on average. (T)

A nail takes 6 weeks to grow from base to tip. (F - 6 months)

Human thigh bones are stronger than concrete and can support more weight. (T)

Blood is about 25% of our weight. (F - 7%)

Human beings contain a small amount of gold. (T)

The point: Everything that we are made from is found in the world around us! Nothing is unique to people.

The aim is to lead into finding out how GOD has created the first man -Adam

Digging in:

Read: *Genesis 2:7,8*

Ask the children to:

- 1.pour a small amount of flour into a bowl,
- 2.add a generous pinch of salt and enough water,
- 3.mix it together to make firm dough.
- 4.When the dough is ready, ask them to form the body of a man to represent God making Adam.

Ask the children what God did after creating the man? He breathed into him.

What did that make happen? Man became a “living soul” (it brought him to life).

A living soul, different to any other life form, like animals or plants; man the only creation God breathed into. meaning that us people are special, and we can have a relationship with God.

Read: *Genesis 2:18-23*.

Ask children to take some of the material from their man and make a woman shape as well – not forgetting to repair the man!

Ask the children why God made woman? Why did Adam need a companion?

Man and woman are made of the same things, equal in value but different to one another.

Read: *Genesis 1:24-28*.

Ask children to (close their eyes and) imagine that they are Adam or Eve living in a beautiful garden. What might they talk to God about?

The point: To look at the start of Adam and Eve's story.

Response

Salvation in colour

Needed craft material: Beads in different colours, coloured thread, scissors, coloured paper

Colours of salvation:

Gold – In the beginning there was God.

Green – God created a beautiful world for man to live in. Man and God loved each other.

Grey – Adam and Eve chose to disobey God. That destroyed their relationship with God. Every person born since then has disobeyed God and broken his law. This means we can't have a friendship with God because our sin gets in the way.

Red – God sent Jesus into the world. Jesus died on a cross and took the punishment for our sin – the things we do wrong. He could do this because he had never sinned, because he was the son of God.

White – if we ask Jesus, he will forgive our sin and then we can have a friendship with God.

Gold – This means that we can live as Christians now and go to be with God in heaven when we die.

Children to make bracelets for themselves using the 'colours of salvation'

The point: to Explain Salvation -and to see that the consequences of Adam's sin have been forgiven.

Take away

How things could have been?

1. How do you think our world would have been if Adam and Eve had not disobeyed God? Let your imagination run wild on this and make a note of your thoughts to discuss at the next meeting

2. Adam and Eve were the first parents. Picture in your mind and prepare to talk about what you think a typical day in Adam and Eve's household would have been like:

Before they disobeyed God

After they disobeyed God

3. Besides being punished by God, what other consequences of Adam and Eve's disobedience can you think of?