

SELF-EVIDENT
The Truths That Built a Nation
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LESSON THREE

“All People Are Created”

The Words We Are Studying

“... that all men are created ...”

The Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776

The Big Idea

You were made on purpose by God. You are not an accident. That is where your special value comes from.

Words to Know

Created. Made on purpose by someone. You were created by God, which means you were made for a reason.

Image of God. A special way the Bible describes people. It means we are made to be like God in important ways, which makes every person valuable.

Value. How much something is worth. Every person has great value because God made them.

What It Means

Before the Declaration says people are equal, it says something important: people are created. That means we were made on purpose. You are not here by accident.

When someone makes something on purpose, it has value because of who made it and why. If a famous artist paints a picture, that picture is worth a lot because of who made it.

The Bible says God made every person in His image. That means your value does not come from how fast you run, how smart you are, or how much money your family has. It comes from the fact that God made you. And nobody can take that away.

A Picture to Help You Remember

Imagine a master artist spends weeks painting a beautiful picture. Even if the painting gets a little dusty or the frame gets scratched, it is still valuable, because of who made it and how much care went into it.

You are like that painting, only far more valuable, because the One who made you is God. On your best day and your worst day, you are still precious, because of who made you.

What a Founder Said

“Among the natural rights of the Colonists are these: First, a right to life; secondly, to liberty; thirdly, to property.”

— Samuel Adams, The Rights of the Colonists, 1772

In plain words: God gives every person important rights: the right to live, to be free, and to own things. Nobody gave them these rights except God, so nobody can take them away.

Why It Matters for You

Because God made every person, every person matters. That includes you, and it includes the kid who is hard to get along with, the new student, and the person who is different from you.

When you remember that everyone is made by God, you treat people with kindness and respect, even when it is hard.

Let's Talk About It

1. What does it mean that you were created on purpose and not by accident?
2. Where does your value come from, according to this lesson?
3. How should we treat people if we remember that God made every one of them?
4. Can you think of someone who is easy to forget or leave out? How could you show them they matter?

Try This

Draw a picture of yourself. Around the edges, write three things that make you special. Remember: your biggest value is not on that list. It is the fact that God made you!

A Verse to Remember

“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him.” (Genesis 1:27)