

LESSON 1:

Being Who I Am Called to Be

Vocabulary



- ♦ **Called:** the act of being chosen for a purpose
- ♦ **Work:** the service we are called to in serving God and others
- ♦ **Thrive:** achieving a fulfilled life
- ♦ **Cultivate:** to carefully manage, maintain or care for something

Scripture Study



After creating Adam, the very first man, God placed him in a beautiful, fruitful garden called Eden. God gave Adam the task of cultivating and protecting Eden, but he did not intend for Adam to complete the work alone. After he followed God's instruction to name all of the wild animals, God gave Adam a companion, the very first woman, Eve. Together, they would work to tend and nurture the home in which God had placed them. God looked over all he had made, and he saw that it was very good! It was then that God had finished his work of creation, so he rested from all his work. [Genesis 1:31](#) and [Genesis 2:2-23](#)

Question 1: Genesis says God looked over all he had made and called it "very good". What do you think made the work "good" in his eyes?

Question 2: What does it show us about God's plan that work was part of life in Eden, even before sin entered the world?

For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago. [Ephesians 2:10](#)

Question 3: What does it mean that we are God's masterpiece?

Question 4: If God created us anew in Christ so we can do good things, what does that tell us about our calling to serve others?

Project Milestone

Idea Generation. By the end of the lesson, I will have identified real needs in my community and brainstormed practical ideas for how to address them.

Instructions

1. Look at each category.
2. Think about the needs around you.
3. Write one or two ideas under each category for how you could help.
4. Circle the idea that feels most exciting or doable for you.

See Figure 1 in the back of the book to view a completed sample.

Service and Care	Family or Relationships
Learning and Innovation	Leadership and Stewardship