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GOD MADE ME IN HIS IMAGE

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BIG TRUTH: GOD MADE ME IN HIS IMAGE

Genesis 1:26; 5:1; 9:6; Psalm 100:3; 139:13-14; 2 Corinthians 3:18; Ephesians 4:20-24; 1 Peter 1:16

BIBLE VERSE: GENESIS 1:27

"So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them."

BIG IDEAS

- God designed us with purpose.
- God created us to know Him.
- God created us for community.
- God created us to be holy.

BIBLE STORY: GENESIS 2:15-25

Every person is created in the image of God. We are all His image bearers. We reflect Him to the world around us. God created man and woman with a purpose. No one's life is accidental or for no reason. God created us all to be holy and in a relationship with Him.

STORY: CREATION

God created everything. Everything we see, hear, feel, taste, and that exists was created by Him. Not only did He create everything, but He created everything perfectly, including humanity. He created mankind in His very image and likeness to reflect His worth. All of creation was made just like He wanted and designed it to be. To His delight, God looked at everything He made and declared that it was good. All creation exists for God, is good, and was created to bring Him glory.

BIG AIMS

KNOW

Every child should know that:

- God created man and woman in His image

FEEL

Every child should feel:

- Unique among all creation as an image bearer

DO

Every child should:

- Respect other people as image bearers

WANT

Every child should want:

- To be holy and reflect God's image well

FAMILY DEVOTION: WE ARE MADE FOR COMMUNITY

God created each one of us in His image. This means that we reflect Him individually and we reflect Him when we live in community with one another. We are created to live in community.

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BIBLE VERSE: GENESIS 1:27

"So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them."

God created man in His likeness.
- Adam was created to reflect God.
- Eve was created to reflect God.
- All people are created in God's image or in His likeness.
- We are created to reflect who God is to the world.
- God's creation of man was to show the world His own glory.

God created man as male and female.
- God did not create one gender.
- God created male and female and both reflect God to the world.
- God uniquely and distinctly created a man and a woman.
- God's creation of Adam and Eve reflects His creation of gender.

God created man and woman with a purpose.
- God's creation of man and woman is not without a purpose.
- When God created Adam and Eve, He created them as male and female to completely reflect His image to the world.
- God's purpose for both man and woman is to glorify Him.

God created man and woman to be in community and to be holy.
- People were not created to be alone.
- God created people to be in families and communities, to live together as His children.
- He created people to be holy like He is holy.
- We are all created with a special purpose to be like God.

BIBLE STORY: GENESIS 2:15-25

The Creation Of Man And Woman

Opening Illustration:
Play a game of follow the leader with the children. Begin the game as the leader and then allow other children to take turns being the leader. Lead the children in a discussion about how whoever was the leader was in control of the class's' actions. God is in control of everything. He controls all of creation.

- Who was in control of what we did as a class? (The person who was the leader was in charge.)
- Who is in control of everything in the world? (God is in control of all things.)
- God controls all of creation. He rules over it and controls everything that happens.

Alternate
Bring in several small utensils and appliances, such as salad tongs, a saucepan, a frying pan, etc. Show each item to the children and ask them to describe its purpose. Lead them in a discussion about we are created with purpose; every person is created by God with a purpose

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BIG IDEA: GOD DESIGNED US WITH PURPOSE.

Every person is created with purpose.[1]

- This is always true of people no matter how we live our lives.
- We are all created in God's image so that we may reflect His glory.
- We are created in God's image and we are to be His image bearers.
- We are created with a purpose, also.
- Our purpose is to glorify God and enjoy Him always.
- We are given the purpose of reflecting God's glory to the world.

FEEL

Bring in the following objects: a plastic spoon, a fork, a plate, a cup and a pitcher of water. Keep the cup hidden at first. Ask the children to pour a cup of water from the pitcher using one of the items you brought. When they can't, show them the cup and ask them to use the cup. Talk with them about how each item has a purpose and only the cup is meant to drink from. God made us with purpose. We aren't made accidentally or for no reason.

Work is part of our purpose.

- We are designed to work.
- Work was not given to Adam after he and Eve sinned. It was given before they sinned.
- Work is part of our purpose on earth. God designed us to work and when we do, we glorify God.
- Adam was placed in the garden to work it, to tend it, and to care for it.
- Adam's work was part of his purpose on earth.
- We glorify God by being workers.

Our purpose is to maintain and care for creation.

- We glorify God by caring for the created world.
- Adam was placed as overseer of creation.
- Man was given headship over the earth and told to subdue and rule it.
- We glorify God by obeying His created order.

How did God design people? (He designed them with purpose.)
Why was Adam given work to do? (Work is part of God's purpose for man and it glorifies God.)

1. *Ecclesiastes 12:13: Man's purpose is to glorify God. God created man with purpose and gave Him work to do.*

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BIG IDEA: GOD CREATED US TO KNOW HIM.

How important are friendships to us as people? (They are important; we are sad if we don't have friends or people to talk to about things.)

Adam was known by God.

- God intimately created Adam by forming him from the dust with His hands.
- God intimately forms every person.[2]
- We are known by God because He is our Creator.
- We are made to know God because we are created in His image.
- God interacted with Adam and involved Adam in the organization of life on earth.

KNOW

Divide the children into pairs and ask them to spend two minutes finding out as much about each other as they can. After the two minutes, lead the children in sharing some of the things they learned about one another. Remind them that God created us to know Him in the same way. We are made to know Him like we know each other.

We are created for a relationship with God.

- Every person is created by God in His image.
- We are created for a relationship with God.
- God had a perfect relationship with Adam when He first created him.
- Our purpose is to be in a relationship with God.
- We glorify God by knowing Him.

How was Adam known by God? (God interacted with Adam and involved him in the organizing of the garden.)
How are we intimately known by God? (He forms us in our mother's womb. He creates us on a personal and intimate level.)

2. *Psalm 139:13: God forms every person in their mother's womb. He knows every person ever created.*

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BIG IDEA: GOD CREATED US FOR COMMUNITY.

What is a community? (A community is a group of people who live around one another.)

The garden was the first community.

- God placed Adam in the garden and gave him work.
- God created Eve to be Adam's companion forming the first marriage.
- Adam and Eve were the first family and the first community.
- They interacted daily with God.

We are all created for community.

- We are all made to be a part of God's family.[3]
- We are not created to be alone.
- God's design for us is to live in community.
- Adam and Eve lived in community with God and with each other.
- Part of our purpose is to live in community. This glorifies God.

FEEL

Bring in a city map and hang it on the board where the children can see it. Help them find the area of your city in which your church is located and, if possible, help them find the area they live in. Mark the areas with pushpins, if possible. Talk with the children about how there are communities within the city made up of different neighborhoods. God created us to be in a community. He made us to live in community with one another.

What is part of our created purpose? (Part of our purpose is to live in community with one another.)
With whom did Adam and Eve have community? (They had community with God because He interacted with them daily.)

3. *Ephesians 1:5: We are chosen as God's children to be His sons and daughters. This is part of our purpose.*

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BIG IDEA: GOD CREATED US TO BE HOLY.

What does it mean for someone to be holy? (It means they are in right standing with God; God sees them as righteous.)

WANT

Bring in a pitcher of water and a small bag of dirt. Show the water to the children and talk about how the water is clean and pure of anything bad. This is how God is. Next, put some of the dirt in the water. Now the water isn't pure. The pure, clean water is like God's holiness because He is holy. The dirty water is not.

Our purpose is to glorify God.

- We glorify God by obeying Him.
- Adam and Eve were given rule or authority over the earth.
- They were also given boundaries to help them obey God.
- Without boundaries they could not submit to God's rule over them.
- We are all created to submit and obey God's rule over our lives.
- We glorify God when we obey Him.

God is holy and we are created in His image.[4]

- God always does what is right.
- He expects us to always do what is right.
- He gave Adam and Eve boundaries and He has given us boundaries.
- He expected them to obey and He expects us to obey His boundaries.
- We are His image bearers and we should take that seriously.
- We will not reflect His holiness if we are not seeking to be holy ourselves.
- God created us to be holy because He is holy and we are created in His image.

Why should we be try to be holy? (God is holy and we are created to be like Him. He created us to be holy.)

4. *1 Peter 1:16: God is holy and He commands His people to be holy. He sets the example for us and we are to follow Him.*

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HOOKS

KNOW

God Made Us With Purpose

Bring in several pictures of individuals who help others, such as police officers, nurses, firemen, doctors, lawyers, etc. Show the pictures to the children and ask the children to describe what each person's purpose is. Lead them in a discussion about how God made every person with a purpose.

DO

- How do each of these people help others? (They keep them safe, help them get better, etc.)
- God made each of us with a purpose.
- Our purpose is to glorify Him.
- No one is created by accident or for no reason.
- We all have a purpose and we are all created with purpose.

FEEL

WANT

We Are Made To Know Him

Give each child a blank piece of paper and some colored pencils. Ask the children to draw a portrait of someone in class. Ask them to include some of the things that they think make them stand out from others. Lead them in a discussion about how God created us to know Him like we know our friends.

- God is our Creator.
- He not only created us, but He created us with purpose.
- He created us to know Him.
- We all know our friends and some of us know special things about our friends that everyone else doesn't know.
- God created us to know Him like we know our friends.
- He wants to be in a relationship with us.