

**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****Every child should know that:**

- God created man and woman in His image

**Every child should feel:**

- Unique among all creation as an image bearer

**Every child should:**

- Respect other people as image bearers

**Every child should want:**

- To be holy and reflect God's image well

**WE ARE MADE FOR COMMUNITY**

Take your child on a walk through your neighborhood. Point out the different houses in your neighborhood and talk about the neighbors that you know. Take a drive through your town pointing out the different local places that people go, such as the school, the YMCA, etc. We all live in communities. God created us for community and we are reflecting His image when we live in community.

**DISCOVER IT:** (USE THE PASSAGE TO ILLUSTRATE THE BIG TRUTH.)

Genesis 2:15-25.

**THINK ABOUT IT:** (USE THE COMMENTARY TO REINFORCE THE BIG TRUTH.)

When God created Adam, He placed him in the Garden of Eden. The animals were in the garden and Adam was given authority over them. Everything that God did was perfect, but we see that God points out that He was not finished creating because Adam didn't have a helper. God didn't create Eve because Adam was not perfect.. Adam was perfect. He created Eve because it completed the image of God and Eve was to be Adam's helper. Both Adam and Eve are a complete reflection of God's image and they show how we are created to live in community with each other. We aren't created to live away from other people because God made us to be in community with one another.

**TALK ABOUT IT:** (USE THE QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS THE BIG TRUTH)

- Why did God create Eve? (He created Eve to complete His creation of mankind and to give Adam a helper.)
- How do Adam and Eve reflect God's image of living in community? (They are two people living together in the garden. God didn't just leave Adam alone in the garden to live by himself.)

**KNOW**

As a family, memorize Genesis 1:27. Play a game of freeze tag. The person who is frozen gets to say the verse out loud.

**DO**

Create a purpose scavenger hunt for your child. Include short descriptions of an item's purpose and ask your child to find the item based upon the description. Lead them in a discussion about how God created us with purpose and gave us a purpose.

**FEEL**

Every morning during breakfast, help your child name a character trait of God. Keep a list of these displayed in a visible place. Talk about how you get to know God's character traits and how you see them displayed in your family.

**WANT**

Help your child prepare cards to give out at your local nursing home or assisted living facility. After you visit the facility, talk with your child about how they are communities that people live in. God created us for community and it is better for us to live in community with each other than to live alone.

Spend some time naming the people who are part of your family's community. Spend time in prayer thanking God for each person He has given your family to live in community with.