

# GOD MADE ME

## REVIEW - CREATION

### BIG TRUTH: GOD MADE ME

Genesis 9:6; Psalm 139:1-4, 13-16; Matthew 6:26-29; Matthew 10:30-31; Luke 12:7

### BIBLE VERSE: GENESIS 1:26

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

### BIG IDEAS

- God made me in His image.
- God made me valuable.
- God made me unique.
- God knows me.
- God makes His children a reflection of Him.

### BIBLE STORY: JOHN 1:43-51 (JESUS CALLS PHILIP AND NATHANAEAL)

God created all of the world. But, when He created man, He made him special and in His image. God also created each person unique and special, including you! The story of Philip and Nathanael reminds us of this because Jesus knows who Nathanael is even when they had never met before. God created us individually, and He knows each one of us.

### 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:

- They are personally created by God



**FEEL**

#### Every child should feel:

- Awe at how big God's story is, yet thankful that He would choose us to be part of it



**DO**

#### Every child should:

- Recognize ways that they are created uniquely



**WANT**

#### Every child should want:

- To use their lives to honor God

### FAMILY DEVOTION

Guide 9 acts as a review for the preceding weeks. Use this guide and devotion to support, reinforce, and review concepts learned throughout the past weeks and to test your child's understanding and memory of these truths.

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**God created the world.**

- In the beginning, there was only God.
- Nothing else existed but God until He created the world.
- Everything that is in the world, God created.

**God made man in His image.**

- When God made man and woman, He made them unique from every other creature that He had created.
- God made man and woman in His own image and after His own likeness.
- God created Adam and Eve, the first man and woman, to be unique and to have special value.
- This was different than the way that He created other things like animals or plants.

**God made man to have dominion.**

- God did not only create Adam and Eve to be unique, He gave them a unique role in His creation.
- God gave Adam and Eve the job of ruling over the other animals and the earth.
- This is special because humans reflect God's ultimate Rule over the whole earth.
- We are made in His image and we operate in His image as well.

**BIBLE STORY: LUKE 5:1-11****Opening Illustration:**

Bring in a large piece of blank paper and tape it to a wall or to the board. Give the children several markers. Tell the children that you are going to create a story with pictures about a boy and girl going to school one day. Help the children come up with the story and draw pictures to tell the story on the large piece of paper. (Older children can write parts of the story.) Once they have finished, talk with them about how their story is created by God and controlled by Him.

- Who created the story about our girl and boy? (We created the story.)
- Who controlled what happened to the boy and girl? (We controlled it.)
- God creates our stories. He gives us life and is involved in our lives.
- God also controls our stories. He is in charge of all things and He watches over our lives and cares for us.

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### **BIG IDEA: GOD MADE ME IN HIS IMAGE.**

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."*

See Guide 4 for more information on this Big Idea.

### **BIG IDEA: GOD MADE ME VALUABLE.**

BIBLE VERSE: PSALM 139:13-14

*"For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it well."*

See Guide 5 for more information on this Big Idea.

### **BIG IDEA: GOD MADE ME UNIQUE.**

BIBLE VERSE: PSALM 139:15

*"My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth."*

See Guide 6 for more information on this Big Idea.

### **BIG IDEA: GOD KNOWS ME.**

BIBLE VERSE: PSALM 139:16

*"Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me when as yet there was none of them."*

See Guide 7 for more information on this Big Idea.

### **BIG IDEA: GOD MAKES HIS CHILDREN A REFLECTION OF HIM.**

BIBLE VERSE: 1 PETER 2:9

*"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light."*

See Guide 8 for more information on this Big Idea.

## HOOKS



KNOW

**God Created Me In His Image**

Bring in some string, fish-shaped pieces of paper and paper clips. Hang the string up across the room and give each child a fish-shaped piece of paper. Ask the children to write the name of someone they know on the paper. Use the paper clips to attach the fish to the string. Once everyone's fish is attached to the string, talk to the children about how God has a purpose for us in His story.



DO

- Jesus told the disciples that they would become fishers of men instead of fish when they followed Him.
- He had a purpose for them in His earthly ministry.
- God has a purpose for us in His story, too.
- Those who have saving faith in Jesus have a purpose to share the good news about Jesus with others. We, too, are fishers of men.



FEEL



WANT

**Hope In God**

Bring in a large container and several small plastic ping pong balls. Ask the children to take turns tossing the ping pong balls into the container. The child who tosses the most ping pong balls into the container will get a prize. After all of the children have taken a turn tossing the ping pong balls, talk to them about how they all probably hoped to be the winner. Help them think through and talk about what hope feels like. Remind them that we have hope because we are created in God's image.

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