

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**Every child should know that:**

- They are personally created by God

**Every child should feel:**

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

**Every child should:**

- Recognize ways that they are created uniquely

**Every child should want:**

- To use their lives to honor God

REVIEW

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.

DISCOVER IT: *(Use the passage to illustrate the Big Truth.)*

John 1:43-51

THINK ABOUT IT: *(Use the commentary to reinforce the Big Truth.)*

At the beginning of Jesus' ministry on earth, He chose several men to make His disciples, or His followers. Two of these men were Philip and Nathanael. First, Jesus came to Philip and called Philip to follow Him. After that, Philip went to Nathanael and told him that they had found the Messiah, the One that their Scriptures had all been pointing to. Philip told him that this Messiah was Jesus of Nazareth. Nathanael asked him how anything good could come out of Nazareth, because Nazareth wasn't known to be a great city. Philip invited him to come and see Jesus anyway. When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, He recognized that he was an Israelite and that there was no deceit in him. This means that Jesus not only knew who Nathanael was, but He knew his thoughts as well. Nathanael was amazed and asked how Jesus knew him, professing faith in that Jesus was the Son of God. Jesus knew Nathanael because Jesus is God, and God created Nathanael. Each person is individually and specially created by God, and so God knows us.

TALK ABOUT IT: *(Use the questions to discuss the Big Truth)*

- What did Philip do in this story? (Philip invited Nathanael to come and see Jesus)
- Why was Nathanael surprised? (Because Jesus knew him)
- What do we learn about God from this story? (God knows us)
- Who is your Creator? (God is my Creator)



Help your child memorize 2 Corinthians 5:20a by singing the verse to the tune of "Frère Jacques."



Cut out several small fish-shaped pieces of paper and then one large fish-shaped piece of paper. Tape the small fish on the floor in a pattern leading to the big fish. Tape a piece of candy or a small prize on the big fish. Help your child follow the small fish to get to the big fish. Talk with them about how God invites us to be part of His story because we are made in His image.



Spend some time this week thanking God that we are made in His image.

At bedtime this week spend some time telling your child a story that you make up. As you tell the story, ask your child to help you tell the story. Remind your child that God invites us into His story since we are made in His image.



As a family we spend some time singing songs of praise. Share with your child how we have hope because we are made in God's image.