

GOD MAKES HIS CHILDREN A REFLECTION OF HIM

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Genesis 1:27; Psalm 24:1-2; 104:24; Isaiah 43:4; 49:15; Zephaniah 3:17; Matthew 6:26, 30-34; Luke 12:4-7, 24; John 3:16; Romans 5:8; 1 John 3:1; 4:9-10

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."

BIG IDEAS

- God made us in His image to be a reflection of Him.
- God made us in His image so others can see that He is life.
- God made us in His image to reflect His worth.

BIBLE STORY: MATTHEW 5:13-16

Jesus continues His sermon on the mount in this passage and He reminds His listeners that those who are followers of Him are to be salt in this world. Salt is used to flavor food so the food tastes better. The followers of Christ are to be like salt in this world - they should enhance the lives of those around them. Those who follow Christ are set apart; they are different from the rest of the world and they are to be light in the darkness pointing people to Christ.

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



DO

Every child should:

- Respect other people as image bearers



FEEL

Every child should feel:

- Unique among all creation as an image bearer



WANT

Every child should want:

- To be holy and reflect God's image well

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THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

One evening play flashlight tag with your child. The person who is tagged by the light from the flashlight is "IT." Everyone else turns their flashlights off and the person who is "IT" leads everyone back to your house. God makes us in His image so we can reflect Him to the world. We can reflect God by being a light in the dark world.

DISCOVER IT: *(Use the passage to illustrate the Big Truth.)*
Matthew 5:13-16.

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

Salt is used to preserve and flavor food. Jesus told His listeners during His sermon on the mount to be salt in this world. We know that every person is created in God's image and those who have saving faith are made to be a reflection of Him. God's children can reflect Him by being like salt. They can be different in this world like Jesus was different. Not only are God's children supposed to be salt in the world, they are told to be lights. This world is sinful and God's children can be lights in the world shining the way to Jesus who is life. When God's children are like Him, they are salt and light.

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

- What did Jesus tell His children to be in this world? (He told them to be salt and light.)
- How can God's children be salt and light in this world? (They can be like Jesus.)



As a family, memorize 1 Peter 2:9 by dividing the verse into sections and making a puzzle out of it. Write the verse on paper and then cut the paper to make the puzzle. Spend time putting the puzzle together and saying the verse out loud.



Gather together two cups of water and two tablespoons of salt. Without your child seeing you, pour the salt into one of the cups of water and stir until the salt is dissolved. Ask your child to taste each cup of water and then point to the cup that has the salt in it. Ask your child how he or she could tell the salt was in the water and then talk with him or her about how we are made to be salt in this world by being like Jesus.



As a family, create a chart comparing the way the world lives with the way Jesus lived. Use scripture to help you create your chart by looking up verses that talk about how Jesus lived while on the earth. Once your chart is finished talk with your child about how you can be like Jesus in the world. Being like Jesus is being salt and light in the world.



Each day this week, spend some time at mealtimes or before bed talking about the ways you each were a reflection of God to the world. Talk about your reactions and responses to other people and each other. Remind your child that God's children were created to reflect Him to the world.

Spend some time as a family praying and asking God to help each of you be a reflection of Him in this world.