

BIG TRUTH: GOD CREATED US IN HIS IMAGE

Genesis 1:26-27, 5:1-2, 9:6; James 3:9

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 created us to be like Him.
- God created us to be in relationship with Him.
- God created us to be a reflection of Him for a watching world to see.
- God’s decision to create us was very good.

BIBLE STORY: GENESIS 1:26-31

God is the creator of all things, including mankind. He created man differently than the rest of His creation. When He created man, He created him in His own image. Man is a reflection of God. God’s creation of man in His own image reveals His purpose for man, which is to glorify God. When God created man, He saw His creation as very good. When man was first created, he was created perfectly.

FOUNDATION: GOD IS CREATOR—GOD GIVES LIFE

Everything that is and that has ever existed was created by God. All of creation He created from nothing. He created everything for the purpose of bringing glory to His name, and after He created all things, He declared everything He made to be good. Since God is creator, it is He who gives life to all things, including us. Our lives and the purpose for our lives is found in Him.

BIG AIMS



Every child should know that:

- God is the creator of all things
- All life comes from God



Every child should feel:

- Awe that God made everything out of nothing



Every child should be able to:

- Point out things in their daily lives and acknowledge that they were created by God



Every child should want:

- To trust God their Creator

The Family Devotion on the next page is a weekly tool for the home. It is designed for you as family to gather for a few minutes on a set night of the week to unpack the Big Truth together. Use the model below and customize it to fit your family. As you continue to learn, love, and live out the Big Truth, some additional Hooks (next page) are provided that correspond to the Big Aims (see above). Use them to keep the conversation going throughout the week with your family.

MAN IS A REFLECTION OF GOD

Using your phone, take several pictures of your child. Show your child the pictures and talk about why they look like your child. The pictures are a frozen reflection of your child. They reflect the attributes of your child, just like man reflects the attributes of God. God created man in His image and man is a reflection of God.

DISCOVER IT:

Read Genesis 1:26-31.

THINK ABOUT IT:

After God created the heavens and the earth and all that inhabits them, He chose to create man. Man was the last thing God created, yet he was the most important. God chose to create man using dust of the earth and to fashion him with His very own hands. God formed man in His own image. This set man apart from the rest of creation, which is not made in God's image. Man was given a special purpose to reflect God's image to the world and to be in a relationship with God.

TALK ABOUT IT:

- In whose image did God make man? (He made man in His image.)
- Why did God make Man? (He made man to reflect Him and to be in a relationship with Him.)
- How are we different from the rest of creation? (We are made in God's image and the rest of creation is not.)

**KNOW**

Read Psalms 139:13-14 to your child. Lead them in a discussion of how special they are because God created them to be like Him. Talk about their special features and qualities and how God created them to be that way. He wants them to reflect Him to the world.

**DO**

As a family visit a pet store or use your own family pet. Make a chart comparing your own pet or an animal in the pet store to humans. List the similarities and the differences. Lead your children in a discussion of how humans are the only ones created in God's image. We are different from the rest of creation because God loves us so much.

**FEEL**

Have a scavenger hunt in your house. Have your child look for things in your house that have a purpose, such as your refrigerator, your t.v., your washing machine, a bed, etc. After they finish the scavenger hunt and find all the things, lead them in a discussion about how God created your child with a purpose as well. Their purpose is to know Him and to glorify Him. They can glorify Him by reflecting Him to the world.

**WANT**

Talk with your child about God's creation of them. Lead them in a discussion of how God wants a relationship with them and He created them in His image. Help them make a list of the ways they can reflect God's image to others, such as how they can love other people, obey their parents, be kind to their siblings, etc. Help them praise God for creating them by singing praise songs with them.