

# GOD CREATED US IN HIS IMAGE AND LIKENESS

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Genesis 5:1; Ephesians 4:24; James 3:9

### BIBLE VERSE: GENESIS 1:26-28

*“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 every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.’ So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. And God blessed them. And God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.’”*

### BIG IDEAS

- We were created to be in right relationship with our good Creator.
- We were created with value and worth to reflect the value and worth of our good Creator.
- We were created to fill the earth with the worship of our good Creator.

### BIBLE PASSAGE: GENESIS 1:1-25

### KNEEL - I AM AN IMAGE BEARER

The Kneel Year is an exploration of what it means to worship God with our all (Luke 10:26-28). Worship is not something that is limited to a service once a week, but instead occurs every day, in all of life. We are unceasing worshipers. Worship never stops, it only changes directions. In order to worship God with all of our heart, soul, strength, and mind, we must embrace our identity as image bearers. It is out of that identity that we can begin to live for God's glory in all of life (Colossians 3:17).

### SERIES AIMS



#### Every student should know that...

- They were created in God's image and likeness for the purpose of worship.
- Value, purpose, significance, and worth are found in and flow from God alone.



#### Every student should feel...

- Awe that God created them in His own image.
- Loved by their heavenly Father who knows them better than they know themselves and still pursues them.



#### Every student should strive to...

- Understand and embrace who God created them to be.
- Talk about gender and identity as a gift from the Lord for His purposes and His glory.
- Memorize the Bible verse each week.



#### Every student should want...

- To have a deeper relationship with the God who made them in His image.
- To pursue a lifestyle of worship that centers on the true Savior and rejects false saviors.

### FAMILY WORKOUT:

This week we will lead our son or daughter to ponder what it means to reflect God's image. We will pray with them and for them to recognize ways they do not live with themselves or think of others as having value and worth. We will lead them to practice sharing the gospel with a friend.

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**Read and meditate on Genesis 1:26-2:3 this week.**

- Consider how you can model for your son or daughter what it means to value others as fellow image bearers? How can you lead your son or daughter to worship God as the good Creator? In what ways can you lead your son or daughter to recognize how he or she reflects the image of God in the world?
- Consider how you can share with your son or daughter what it means to fill the earth with worship of the good Creator? How can you lead your son or daughter to share the gospel with their friends?



**Spend time praying for your son or daughter this week.**

- As you pray, ask the Holy Spirit to show your son or daughter the ways that he or she has not valued themselves or others. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you wisdom to lead your son or daughter to worship their good Creator.
- Spend time praying with your son or daughter or student this week. When you pray with them, pray that they would be bold in sharing the gospel with their friends. Pray they would seek to reflect God's image in the world and that they would feel awe and wonder that all people are image bearers.



**Set aside time to discuss with your son or daughter ways that he or she can share the gospel with their friends.**

- Brainstorm ways for them to treat their peers as fellow image bearers and to reflect God's image rightly.
- Set aside a time to discuss ways that your student can worship God for being the good Creator this week. Help them think of the aspects of creation they love and then expressions of worship that can coincide with those aspects.