

BIG TRUTH: GOD MADE US IN HIS IMAGE

Genesis 5:1; Ephesians 4:24; 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

- We have value and worth because God is ultimately valuable.
- We long for companionship because God is a communal being.
- We have purpose because we were created to reflect God to the world.

BIBLE STORY: GENESIS 1:26-31; 2:4-7

After God created the heavens and the earth, He created man. He created Adam first and then He made Eve, Adam's companion. God created mankind in His own image as a reflection of Himself to the world.

THE STORY

The Story is the good news of the gospel. All of Scripture tells the Story of God the Father's work to redeem a people from the power of sin through God the Son so that they might live for His glory through the power of the Holy Spirit. During this series we will explore the four main movements of the Story of God, and our response to the life-altering Gospel Story!

BIG AIMS**Every child should know that:**

- God is the author, subject, and hero of the gospel story
- Salvation comes by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone

**Every child should feel:**

- Brokenness over the depth of our sin against God
- Joy in Jesus, our Savior and King

**Every child should strive to:**

- Describe the gospel message through Creation, Fall, Redemption, and New Creation
- Memorize the Bible verse each week

**Every child should want:**

- To study the Bible so that they can better understand God's story of redemption
- To share the gospel story with those who are separated from God in their sin

WITH PURPOSE AND VALUE

As a family, create a collage that displays the value and worth your family has. Ask your child to name some of their favorite things about your family and include these in the collage. Display the collage somewhere in your home and remind your child that he or she was created with purpose and value.

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

Genesis 1:26-31; 2:4-7

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

After God made the heavens and the earth, He made people. God made people in a different way than the way He created the rest of creation. God was more intimately involved in the creation of man and woman. God didn't just speak people into existence like He did the rest of creation. He used His hands to create man from the dust of the ground. God breathed air and life into the man's nostrils. The way in which God made man was different from the rest of creation, but God also set man apart from the rest of creation by making man in His own image. God placed His image upon man and gave man a greater purpose than the rest of creation. Because God made us in His image, we have great value and purpose. We reflect God to the world. Because God is valuable and has great worth, we do, too. God is also a relational God. Because He created us in His image, we long for relationship and companionship. We desire to know people and be known by others. We desire to live in communities and this is all because we are made in God's image. Every person is a reflection of God.

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

- In whose image is mankind made? (We are made in God's image.)
- What is the significance of being made in God's image? (It means we have great value and worth.)
- How does God's image give us value and worth? (Because God is valuable, being made in His image means we have value.)



As a family, memorize Genesis 1:27 by posting the verse somewhere it is easily seen every day in your house. Create a game in which the first person to memorize the verse gets to plan a family night or a special dinner.



As a family, create a list of positive character traits for each family member. Talk through God's creation of people and how we all have value and purpose. Help your child see his or her value and worth because God created him or her with value and worth.



Share with your child how understanding that people are made in God's image has helped you love people as God tells us to. Share with your child the importance of placing value on people because God places great value on people.



Spend time praying as a family thanking God for creating people in His image. Ask God to help your child understand the truth that he or she is created in God's image and has great value and worth.