**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 strive to:**

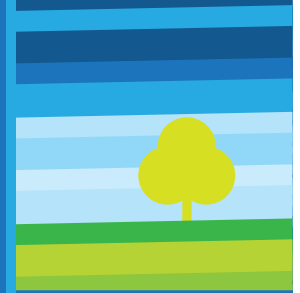
- Describe the gospel message through Creation, Fall, Redemption, and New Creation
- Memorize the Bible verse each week

**Every child should feel:**

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

**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



## CREATED IN HIS IMAGE

Set aside time this week to look through photo albums with your child. Show your child pictures of relatives and friends. Talk about the things we have in common, such as same hair color or eye color. Talk about differences, such as height. Remind your child that every person is created in God's image.

### 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.)



KNOW

As a family, memorize Genesis 1:27 by writing the verse on a poster board or a chalkboard in your house. Spend time in the mornings saying the verse together each day. Remind your child that we are all made in God's image.



DO

As a family, create a family portrait using craft supplies. Help your child draw pictures of each family member. Next, use the craft supplies to put on hair, clothes, eyes, etc. As you create the family portrait, talk with your child about how each of you reflects God's image to the world.



FEEL

Spend time each day pointing out different positive character traits of your child. Help your child see each day that he or she has value because they are made in God's image. Discuss some of God's character traits with your child and point out the way your child brings God glory daily.



WANT

Spend time praying with your child this week. Set aside a time every day to pray with your child. As you pray, ask God to help your child understand that he or she is created in His image.