

# SMALL GROUP

TODAY'S WONDER TRUTH: MADE IN GOD'S IMAGE



## WORD OF WONDER:

When anyone lives in Christ, the new creation has come. The old is gone! The new is here!  
- 2 Corinthians 5:17

## GOD'S BIG STORY:

God Made Us in His Image  
(Genesis 1-2)

## GOD'S BIG STORY QUESTIONS:

- What did God create? Be as specific as you can. (See Genesis 1 for details. Kids might share general categories [like "sea creatures"] or name specific things/species [like "great white sharks"]. Either is great!)
- Who were the first two people God created? (Adam and Eve)
- What was different about the way God created people versus how He created everything else? (God molded man out of dust and breathed life into him. He formed woman from a part of the man. God created everything else by speaking.)
- What do you think was the best part of God's creation?
- What does God think about you? (Remind kids that God's thoughts about them are good! Consider reading Psalm 139:17.)
- God made people in His image to reflect what He's like! What's something about God you can reflect?

## Welcome Question

- What is your favorite thing God made? Give air high-fives and elbow bumps to each kid who shares before he sits down.
- In today's part of God's big story, we'll discover what God's favorite creation is of all that He made! But first, it's time to be curious!

## Curiosity Questions

- What do you think it would be like to be a bird, shark, or ant?
- Why do you think God made you?

## Curiosity Activity: Reflect Me

- **Before you came today, did you look in the mirror?** Allow kids to answer.
- **When you looked in the mirror, what did you see?** Allow kids to respond.
- **A mirror is a piece of flat glass that reflects whatever is in front of it. If you look in a mirror and make a silly face, you'll see a reflection of your silly face. Let's try it!**
- Invite kids to pass the mirror(s) around the circle and make a silly face. A mirror reflects what a person looks like and what a person does. Help kids pair up with partners and have them stand facing each other.
- **Let's play a game called Reflect Me. One person is the mirror, and the other person is looking in the mirror. Your goal is to work together (without talking!) so that the mirror person and the person looking in the mirror are moving at almost the same time. You want to be perfect reflections of each other!**
- **The mirror person can start by making large, smooth movements with their arms and body. Once you get that down, the mirror person can try speeding up her movements or making silly faces!**
- Allow kids time to play and then switch roles. Gather kids back together.
- **If I were to guess, every one of you uses a mirror every single day. Way back in the beginning of time, God created people. He created people in His image. We were all created to be like Him and reflect what He is like—to be like Him in our words, attitudes, thoughts, and actions.**
- Today's Wonder Truth is **GOD MADE US IN HIS IMAGE.**

## Word of Wonder Activity

- **Our Word of Wonder for the Created New series talks about being made new! Let's say the verse together.**
- Open your Bible to 2 Corinthians 5:17. If possible, display the Word of Wonder Slide or watch the [Elementary Word of Wonder Video](#). Introduce kids to 2 Corinthians 5:17 by reading it several times together.
- Give each kid a note card and a pen.
- Assign each word (or phrase) from the verse to a different kid. Then have them write the words on the cards and put the cards in a pile in the middle of the circle. (Encourage older kids to help younger kids if needed.)
- Divide the group into two teams. One team will be the timers. The other team will be the players.
- Allow each team to see how fast they can put the verse in order while the other team tracks time. Record the time and switch roles.
- Repeat a second time to see if teams can beat each other (or even their own time).

## Responding in Worship: Reflecting God Mural

- Today in God's big story, we learned that God created us in His image. We were created to be like Him and to reflect who God is and what He is like. There are so many different ways we can reflect God!
- One way we can reflect God is to love others because God loves everyone. Another way is to be patient because God is patient with us. We can also show kindness, humility, joy, and forgiveness. And these are only some of the ways we can reflect Him. There are so many more!
- Spend some time thinking of the ways you can reflect God and be like Him. Think creatively about the ways you want to be more like God and then draw those things on the paper.
- Let's create a giant mural of the beautiful parts of who God is and how we can be like Him!
- Give kids time to draw on the mural. As they draw, write "God Created Us in His Image" in large
- letters across the top or invite a kid with nice handwriting to write it. Play music from the [Created New Elementary Spotify playlist](#) as kids draw.
- As kids finish their drawings, continue talking with them.
- **Wow! Your drawings display such wonderful ways to reflect God's image!** If time allows, invite several kids to tell the group about their drawings.
- **God understands that because of sin—the wrong things we say and do that pull us away from God—being like Him is hard. We can't do it on our own! That's why He gives everyone who follows Jesus the Holy Spirit to live in us. The Holy Spirit gives us strength to help us reflect God better!**
- When everyone is done drawing on the mural, invite kids to help you tape the mural to the wall. If possible, leave it up for several weeks as a reminder that we're made in God's image and can reflect Him.

## SMALL GROUP PRAYER

Isn't it amazing to look at all that God made? He is such a creative God! He is reflected in all of creation and especially in you! Look at your friend and say: **God made you in His image!**

Invite kids to join you in a circle to spend time talking to Jesus. Ask whether anyone has a question, something they would like to share with Jesus, or a prayer request. Give each kid a chance to participate, then close in prayer, remembering to thank Jesus for loving us!