

City LG - March 2-3, 2019

Bible Story: Art in Me (Image of God) • *Genesis 1:26-28*

Bottom Line: God made me in His image.

Memory Verse: “How you made me is amazing and wonderful. I praise you for that. What you have done is wonderful. I know that very well.” Psalm 139:14, NIV

CG: Countdown Video

WORSHIP: “I Am Yours” and “Dance”

NOTE: Take some time to teach a few of the dance moves to your group.

(Worship Leader Prays)

WELCOME:

Supplies Needed: Large Mirror (1 per campus), Dry Erase Markers, Windex and Paper Towels

“Hi, everyone! I have my Bible here with me (*hold up Bible*) and I’d love to share a verse with you from the book of Genesis. Can anyone tell me if the book of Genesis is in the Old Testament or the New Testament? (*Pause for response.*) That’s right! Genesis is in the Old Testament. In fact, Genesis is the very FIRST book in the Old Testament.

“In Genesis, we can read how God created the world and everything in it. He made light and darkness; sky and oceans; the sun, moon, and stars; land, plants, and trees; fish and birds; animals; and THEN He made people—the first man and woman, Adam and Eve. Here’s what it says in Genesis chapter 1, verse 27.

Open the Bible to Genesis 1:27 (NIV) and read.

“So God created human beings in his own likeness. He created them to be like himself. He created them as male and female.

“God created Adam and Eve ‘in His own likeness’—in His own image. He made people to be like himself.”

“Did you know that God made YOU on purpose, just like He did with Adam and Eve? That’s right! You were no accident. God made you in His image so you could reflect Him to the world around you.

“Now, you might be wondering: ‘What does it mean to reflect God to the world around me?’ Well, let me show you what I’m talking about.

Bring the mirror to center stage. Stand it up so it’s facing the audience.

“This mirror has one job. You may already know what that is, but this mirror’s job is to reflect what’s in front of it.

Stand in front of the mirror, facing toward it. Wave your hands a bit.

“If I stand here like this, you can see my reflection in the mirror, right? This mirror is reflecting my image, so you can see what I look like.

Turn back to face the kids.

“God created us to be like this mirror. He wants us to reflect who HE is to the world around us. We have the very important job of showing the world what God thinks and feels. We can do that by the way we live—the choices we make and the way we treat people.”

“While that’s a really important job, we have to be honest about something. We’re supposed to reflect who God is, but sometimes we kind of mess that up, don’t we?”

As you say these next couple of lines, use the dry erase markers to write all over the mirror so it gets dirty.

“We get mad. We lose our temper. We say hurtful words to someone at school. Is that a good reflection of how God feels about that person? No. God LOVES that person. But we’re not really showing that if we don’t treat them with love.

“Or maybe we just can’t remember the answer to that math problem, so we peek over to get the answer from someone else’s paper. Is that a good reflection of who God is? No, it’s not. God is always honest and true. If we’re dishonest, we’re not really showing the world what God is like.

“We make mistakes sometimes. We don’t always do a good job showing the world what God is like. But you know what? Even though we all make mistakes—even though we don’t always do a good job showing the world what God is like—God LOVES us. We matter to Him. He says that we always have value, no matter what we’ve done.

*Use the cleaning supplies to wipe the mirror clean again. **Take your time doing this. Wait until the mirror is totally clean before you turn around and continue.***

(Hold up Bible.) “In the Bible, we read how we can be forgiven and made clean because of what Jesus did for us when He died on the cross. Even though we’re not perfect, He always gives us a fresh start. We can still choose to reflect His love to the people around us, even if we’ve messed up. We have value—not because we’ve made all the right choices, but because Jesus paid the price for all of our WRONG choices. That’s what our video is all about today. Let’s take a look!”

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 7:00)

“Even when you mess up, that doesn’t change how God sees you. God made you in His image, and God can help you to reflect Him better.

“Say this with me.

CG: Bottom Line Slide

[Bottom Line] “God made me in His image.”

KIDS: [Bottom Line] “God made me in His image.”

“Being made in God’s image means that we MATTER. We were made to do something big in this world.

Stand next to the mirror.

“God wants to help us discover what that is as we reflect His love to the people around us.

“Let’s pray.”

Pray: “Thank You, God, for creating us to show the world what You’re like. Thank You for making each one of us different and special. It’s so great to know that even when we make mistakes, You say that we still matter. Help us to reflect Your love with the choices we make and the way we treat others. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name, amen.”

“Wow! It’s so cool to know that God made us in His image—just like He made Adam and Eve in the very beginning.

“Our memory verse this month is Psalm 139:14. Do you think you can memorize it by the end of the month? *(Pause for response.)* Awesome! Check it out.

CG: Memory Verse Slide

“How you made me is amazing and wonderful. I praise you for that. What you have done is wonderful. I know that very well, Psalm 139:14 (NIRV).

“It’s true. What God has done IS wonderful. He made you—and every person you’ll ever meet—as an amazing, unique, one-of-a-kind individual! We can choose to reflect God’s love with the way we live each day. And if we mess up, we still know that God loves us. He made us for a purpose. He’ll forgive us and give us a new start every time.”

“So let’s all decide to do something incredible this week! Let’s go out and show the world what God is like. Let’s love people this week like God does. Let’s be creative this week like God is. Let’s forgive others this week like God does. We can do it with God’s help! We’ll talk some more about this in Small Groups, but before we head there, let’s take some time to worship God with our offering!”

Offering Time:

“Offering time is a chance for us to bring our money to God, so he can use it to make somebody else’s life better. For us, here in the City, we give our offering to an organization called ‘Missions of Hope’ to help kids in Kenya have food, clothes, and learn about God’s love for them.”

Here at (your Campus name), we bring our offering to help support:

Homer Glen: Victor

New Lenox: Daniel

Orland Park: Michael and Valerie

CG: Picture of Child

“(Your Campus Child) lives in Nairobi, Kenya. Here’s a picture of some homes in Nairobi!”

CG: Kenyan Homes JPEG

If you brought your offering today, you can bring it up now and place it here in our offering container while our Offering Video plays! (*show offering container*).”

CG: Offering Video “Live Loud” (Runtime: 2:10)

Dismiss to Small Groups