

Alley Rundown—October 3rd-4th, 2021

Today's Bible Story: Someone Like You (Image of God) • Genesis 1:26-28

Today's Key Question: How would you describe God?

Today's Bottom Line: You were made in God's image.

Monthly Memory Verse: I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. (Psalm 139:14 NIV)

CG: Dude Perfect Filler Videos

"Hey, everybody! Great to see you. I'm so excited to begin another month together. So how many of you are into art? (*Pause for response.*) Okay, cool. Like what kind of art—drawing? Painting? Graphic design? How many of you have ever been to an art museum? Okay, I'm gonna be honest. There are times when I don't QUITE see what other people see in some art pieces. What an art critic might call a masterpiece to me looks like a couple dots on a blue canvas. I don't always get it. But then there are the some . . . those works of art that are undeniably masterpieces. Everyone can see it. Think you can name some of them? Let's see!"

SLIDE: Mona Lisa

"Anyone know what this piece is or who created it? (*Pause for response.*) This is the *Mona Lisa* by Leonardo Da Vinci. Okay how about this one?"

SLIDE: American Gothic

"Have you seen this one? (*Pause for response.*) This is *American Gothic* by Grant Wood. That would be hard to get for sure. And the next!"

SLIDE: Starry Night

"Okay, I'll give you a couple hints. The name has to do with the sky and the time of day. And I'm all 'ears' to hear your answer! (*Pause for response.*) *Starry Night* by Vincent van Gogh. What about this one?"

SLIDE: The Persistence of Memory

"I wish I could remember . . . (*Pause for response.*) Okay, this one is tough. It is called *The Persistence of Memory* by Salvador Dali. And another!"

SLIDE: Sistine Chapel Ceiling

"Oh, I know you got this. This one is by my favorite ninja turtle! (*Pause for response.*) This is the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel painted by Michelangelo. What about this one?"

SLIDE: The Scream

"Try not to be too loud on this one. (*Pause for response.*) This one is called *The Scream* by Edvard Munch. Another tough one. Alright two more here."

SLIDE: The Last Supper

"Okay I know somebody will get this one. (*Pause for response.*) That's right! This is *The Last Supper* by . . . once again Leonardo da Vinci. And the final one!"

SLIDE: People

“Hmmm . . . any guesses? (*Pause for response.*) This one is really quite interesting. Now, ‘work of art’ might not be your first thought when you see this, but this image definitely features some works of art called ‘HUMANS.’ The artist? God. That’s right: people are God’s masterpiece!”

“For some of you, this might sound strange. You might wonder how people can be a masterpiece, especially when we can all look so different from each other. On top of that, we act differently from each other. We enjoy different things. We speak different languages. This all begs the question: How can we all be God’s masterpiece if we are so different? How does that work?”

“Well, that is a great question. And if you’ve been around here for a little while, you might remember that when we have great questions, we have a great place to look for answers: the Bible! The Bible was written by all sorts of people who had personal encounters with God and wrote them down for people to experience God too.”

“To answer today’s question, we head back to the beginning. Like . . . THE beginning, in Genesis. In Genesis we read that God created. What did God create? The heavens and the earth. God made the world and everything in it—the land, sky, and sea . . . and then God filled them with an incredible variety of creatures—all sorts of birds in the sky, sea creatures, and land creatures. But God wasn’t finished. God still had a new part of creation in mind. Any guesses?”

Pause for responses.

“No, it was not the *Mona Lisa*. It was people! Check this out.”

Open the Bible to Genesis 1:26-27 (NirV) and read.

“*Then God said, “Let us make human beings so that they are like us. Let them rule over the fish in the seas and the birds in the sky. Let them rule over the livestock and all the wild animals. And let them rule over all the creatures that move along the ground.” So God created human beings in his own likeness. He created them to be like himself. He created them as male and female.*”

“That’s HUGE! But it can also be a little confusing. Let’s dive a little deeper with the help of this week’s Episode. Take a look!”

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 12:00)

“God created you on purpose and has a plan for your life. Just like that picture from earlier, it doesn’t matter if we look anything like one another. Every single person you meet is created in God’s image. (*Pointing around the room.*) You and you and you and all of you were made to reflect who God is to the world. God wants to do that through all of the ways you’re so unique. Our hope is that this month you’ll discover some things about yourself and the way God made you so that you can use what you learn to show others what God is like and made a difference!”

“Today as you go to groups, think about this question:

SLIDE: Key Question

“**How would you describe God?** Think about what you’ve learned about God or how you’ve experienced God in your own life. How we understand God can have an impact on how we see and understand ourselves. If you’re not quite sure how you’d answer that question, don’t worry. You’ll have a chance to chat about all of this with your Small Group. Before we head out, let’s pray and thank God for putting so much detail and care into creating us.”

Lead group in a prayer related to what they just heard. After prayer, lead offering and dismiss kids to Small Group.

OFFERING:

Here in Parkview Kids, we bring our offering each week to help support (your Campus Child) learn more about Jesus just like we do here in Parkview Kids. Here's a picture of (your Campus Child)! If you brought your offering you can bring it up now as we dismiss to Small Groups.

Orland Park: Michael and Valeri, New Lenox: Daniel, Homer Glen: Victor