

City SG—October 2nd-4th, 2021

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

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

Monthly 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 (NIRV)*

1. Opening Activity

What You Need: "Draw My Picture" Page for leader, clipboard, paper, pens

What You Do:

- Place the "Draw My Picture" Activity Page on the clipboard so the kids can't see through the paper.
- Give each kid a piece of paper and a pen or pencil.
- Tell the kids that you will describe how to draw the picture on your paper without revealing what the completed picture looks like.
- Read the instructions from the "Draw My Picture" Activity page, pausing after each one.
- Instruct the kids to draw what you describe.
- When you're done reading the instructions, count down from three and turn the clipboard around so the kids can see the actual picture.
- Instruct the kids to show everyone their drawings.
- Make this a light-hearted moment so the kids won't feel like they "messed up" on their picture.
- If there is another leader in your group, have them make a silly version of the picture so kids don't feel badly if their picture doesn't look like the one you described.

What You Say:

"That was so much fun! Your pictures turned out very interesting. They made me laugh in the best way! I think if I had been the one drawing, I would have ended up drawing a dog or something. Great job of listening as I described the picture."

2. Shine!

What You Need: CDs Blank (1 per Kid), stickers, flashlights (2 per group), white paper

What You Do:

- Give each kid a CD.
- Invite kids to decorate the white side of their CD (the non-mirrored sides) with stickers.
- Lead kids to set their CDs on the floor mirror side up. Have 2 kids hold white paper just above the CDs.
- Distribute the flashlights then turn off the lights, if possible.
 - NOTE: You can partner with other Small Groups in your room for this Activity, so that the lights can be turned off for the full effect.
- Guide 2 kids to aim their flashlight at their CD so a rainbow reflects onto the paper. They can switch places with the paper holders, so everyone gets a chance.
- Ask questions to spark kids' thinking.
 - What colors do you see?
 - How do you think the rainbow gets onto the paper?
 - What happens when you move the flashlight around?
- Encourage kids to take their CD "rainbows" home and hang them in a window. The reflections can remind them that they can reflect God's light to others.

NOTE: White light (like light from the flashlight or the sun) is made of seven colors red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, violet. The evenly spaced spiral tracks or pits on the mirrored surface of the CD diffract the light, separating it into the seven colors that make up the white light.

What You Say:

“God made the world and everything in it. And EVERYTHING God made points back to Him. That means that YOU can point others to Him, too. Because unlike anything else in all of creation, **[Bottom Line] you were made in God’s image**. You were made for God to shine through you and show the world His love! And just like this CD reflects the beauty of light, YOU can reflect the beauty of God’s love, kindness, and goodness to the world around you. So, remember that **[Bottom Line] you were made in God’s image!**”

3. Pong the Bottom Line

What You Need: Bibles, ping-pong balls & prepared cups (1 set of 3 per group)

What You Do:

- Recite the Bottom Line (You were made in God’s Image) with your group by saying it as a Statement: “I was made in God’s Image!”.
- Give one kid three prepared ping-pong balls.
- Allow kids to attempt to shoot their ping-pong balls into the correct cup.
 - *Example: I was” Ball goes into I was” Cup*
- Repeat the process with all of the kids.
- Encourage kids to say the words of the Bottom Line as they shoot their ping-pong ball.

What You Say:

“That was so much fun! Remembering that you were made in God’s image is so important!”

4. Partner Up!

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

- Help each kid find a partner. If there’s an odd number in your group, pair yourself with a kid.
- Call out a series of commands, guiding partners to quickly assume each position. You might call:
 - Hand to hand
 - Hand to foot
 - Shoulder to shoulder
 - Elbow to elbow
 - Back to back
 - Knee to knee
 - Toe to toe
- If time allows, guide kids to get into groups of four. Call out a few of the commands above and watch the fun (chaos) ensue!
- End by saying, “Bottom to floor.”

What You Say:

“From your head to your shoulders to your knees to your toes, God made EVERY PART OF YOU, and how He made you is VERY special!

5. Pray and Dismiss

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

- Use the conversation below as a guide to lead kids in prayer.

What You Say:

“In all of God’s creation, no one could love, think, and feel like He could. So God made Adam and Eve to be like Him. He made them to be good, kind, patient, and loving. He made them in HIS image. **[Bottom Line]** **YOU were made in God’s image**, too. How you were made is AMAZING and WONDERFUL, and God loves you MORE THAN YOU CAN IMAGINE! Let’s pray.”

(Lead the kids in prayer. As you pray, say each kid’s name and thank God for making them AMAZING and WONDERFUL!)