



WEEK ONE - MARCH 2019

Bible Story: *Art in Me • Genesis 1:26-28*

Key Question: *What do you think it means to be made in God's image?*

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 NIRV*

Life App: *Individuality - Discovering who you are meant to be*

Basic Truth: *I can trust God no matter what.*

9:00-9:10 | 10:30-10:44 - KIDS ARRIVE

Team Welcomes Kids *(Providing Time for Fun Interactions)*

Summary: We start the month by looking closely at Genesis 1:26-28. When God created people, He did something special. He created them in His image and gave them the job of taking care of creation.

We hope to help kids understand that being made in the image of God means we can love, show kindness, be creative, solve problems, and care for others all because we reflect and respond to God's character.

9:10-9:35 | 10:40-11:05 - LARGE GROUP

"Je-sus loves me.

2 lap pats – 2 claps

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Jesus loves [child's name]"

shout out the name

1. Early Arriver Idea

Create: an activity that explores spiritual ideas through the process of drawing, building, and designing

What You Need: Paper; crayons

What You Do:

- Invite kids to place their offerings in the *For Everyone* box on the wall near the main entrance
- Hand out paper and crayons.
- Tell kids to each draw something of their own choosing. Give them a time limit that fits your schedule.
- Instruct kids to switch papers so they no longer have their own.
- Hand out more paper.
- Tell kids to copy the image from their friend's paper on their new paper to the best of their ability.

2. Close Up

Explore: an activity that extends learning through hands on experimentation and discovery

What You Need: "Close-Up Pictures" Activity Pages

What You Do:

- Show the close-up picture of an image and ask kids what they think it is. After taking guesses, reveal the zoomed-out version of the image.
- Repeat with the rest of the images.

What You Say:

"Wow! Those were some really cool pictures, weren't they? It was super hard to guess what those things were in the close-up image. [Transition] Let's go to Large Group, where we'll hear something about another kind of image."

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

***Bible Story - INTRO, Story, OUTRO Videos (whatever works best for your few)**
Worship SONGS*

9:35-10:05 | 11:05-11:35 - SMALL GROUP

GROUPS

(Creating a Safe Place to Connect)

3. Bug Images

[Bible Story Review]

Create: an activity that explores spiritual ideas through the process of drawing, building, and designing

What You Need: Index cards, inkpads, wet wipes, fine-tipped markers

What You Do:

- Set out the markers and inkpads, and give each child an index card.
- Show kids the sample cards, and explain that they will each make a bug image card.

- Guide kids to use the inkpad to make ONE fingerprint in the middle of their cards.
- Encourage them to use the markers to draw on legs, wings, antennae, etc. and make their bugs unique.
- If you wish, you can let kids turn their cards over and create another bug image.

What You Say:

“Your bug images are so cool! You know what I love the most about these? That they’re all different, just like you’re all different. God made us in His image, but we’re all unique—we all have things about us that are different from everyone else, and I think that’s pretty exciting. [Make It Personal] (Tell kids something about yourself that makes you unique.) [Bottom Line] God made me in His image, and He made YOU (point to a kid) in His image, and He made YOU (point to another kid) in His image . . . (repeat with each kid).”

4. Pray and Dismiss

[Prayer Activity]

Reflect: an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application

What You Need: N/A

What You Do:

- Tell kids to take turns repeating this prayer: “God, thank You for making me in Your image!”
- Finish with the prayer below.

What You Say:

“Dear God, thank You for being such an awesome God. Thank You for making us in Your image so that we can reflect who You are through things like individuality, wisdom, self-control, and service. You’re the best, God! We pray this in Jesus’ name, amen.

“Remember, [Bottom Line] God made me in His image, and He made YOU in His image, too!”

As adults arrive to pick up, tell them to ask kids about their “Made in God’s Image” papers and their bug images. Also, don’t forget to hand out this month’s content overview to each parent!