



GETTING READY

1. Opener/Closer

What You Need:

- Host
- Three kids with their Small Group Leaders
- Three easels with easel-size pads of paper
- Three thick markers
- Caricature of the Host (see “What You Do”)
- Three blindfolds
- Host’s phone

Music and Sound Effects (SFX):

- Upbeat music to use as kids enter and exit the room
- Fun music for the game

Large Group Visuals:

- Individuality Slide
- Blank Bottom Line Slide
- Bottom Line Slide
- Blank Memory Verse Slide
- Memory Verse Slide

Optional Videos (available for purchase through the 252 Media Package):

- Theme Loop Video
- Countdown Video
- Theme Video
- Life App Video
- Theme TransBack Video

What You Do:

- Find someone who can do a professional-looking caricature of your Host beforehand. Another option would be to show some examples of caricatures on screen, but it would be ideal to have one of the Host so you can talk about the traits that make him/her an individual.
- Set up the three easels so that when the Leaders are drawing, the audience can see their caricatures.

2. Bible Story

What You Need:

- Storyteller

- Bible
- Prop bin
- Large mirror that can stand upright (see “What You Do”)
- Wet, muddy washcloth to make the mirror blurry and dirty
- Clean washcloth, dry towel, and/or window cleaner/paper towel to clean the mirror

Large Group Visuals:

- Blank Bottom Line Slide
- Bottom Line Slide

What You Do:

- Find either a self-standing mirror, or a mirror you can hang on a doorway or lean against a wall, stand, or other object so it stands upright.

3. Worship

What You Need:

- We are Royals
- Who You Say I Am

Art in Me

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

Life App: Individuality—Discovering who you are meant to be

Basic Truth: I can trust God no matter what.

Story: Communicating God’s Truth in Engaging Ways (Large Group, 35 minutes)

Engage kids’ hearts through a dynamic and interactive Bible story, worship, and prayer experience in a Large Group setting.

SFX: Play high-energy music as kids enter.

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Optional CG (Media Package): Theme Loop Video

Host is on stage, welcoming kids as they enter.

Optional CG (Media Package): Countdown Video

Optional CG (Media Package): Theme Video

Opener

HOST: “Welcome, everyone! I’m so glad you’re in [your environment’s name] today. My name is [your name], and if you like to have fun, you’ve come to the right place!”

“Have any of you ever had a caricature drawn of yourself? Caricature is kind of a big word, but it means a picture like this.

Hold up the caricature of yourself.

“Do you think it looks like me? I think so.

Point out some similarities between yourself and the caricature.

“Well, I thought it might be fun if we did some caricatures of our own! I’ll need a few volunteers—three kids and their Small Group Leaders.

Choose three kids and their Leaders to join you on stage. Place the Leaders in front of the easels, which are facing the audience. Place the kids behind their Leaders’ easels at the back of the stage. (You may need to coach the Leaders to stand to the side while they draw, so the audience can see their easels.)

“Okay! Each Small Group Leader has a marker and an easel. *(To Leaders)* Leaders, your challenge is to draw a caricature of your small group buddy in 30 seconds. Are you ready? Okay! Three, two, one . . . wait a minute! Oh man, I totally forgot something! *(To Leaders)* I need you to wear these while you’re drawing.

Give each Leader a blindfold.

“Yes, that’s much better! Okay, are you ready? Three, two, one . . . GO!”

Set a timer on your phone for 30 seconds. Count down when there are five seconds left.

SFX: Fun music

“Wow! That was really fun! *(To audience)* I think they did a pretty good job, considering they had a time limit AND they couldn’t see.

“Let’s give our volunteers a hand as they return to their seats.

Kids and Leaders go back to their seats.

(Looking at the drawings) “I love how our Leaders drew some specific things about [kids’ names].

Point out some really great or really funny parts of the drawings. If possible, personalize this about the kids. (“I can tell even from this drawing that [kid’s name] has a fun, silly personality.”)

“Each one of us is so different and so special. That’s what we’re talking about this month. We’re talking about individuality.

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“Individuality is discovering who you are meant to be.

“When God created each one of us, He didn’t make us all exactly alike, did He? Nope! He made us all different. He made us who we are for a reason. He has a GOOD plan for each person in this room. We get to spend this whole month finding out how God created each of us with our very own individuality.

Announcements

Use this as an example of what to say. Make it your own and help the kids feel welcomed. Then take a moment to share any/all announcements.

HOST: “I’m so excited to be here with all of you today and get a little crazy! If it’s your first time here, I want to welcome you and I would love to have a chance to meet you and get a high-five! Your group leaders are here almost every week... they’re pretty amazing. Here at Mission, we believe that this is a place for you and you belong here no matter who you are or what you believe. At the core of who we are as a church, we believe that **JESUS CHANGES EVERYTHING FOR EVERYONE!**

“I have just a few announcements for you all today...

Share any/all announcements.

“One of the things we do each week to help us focus on God is to sing... some of you will know the words to the songs, so we want you to shout and sing them out really loud. If you don’t know the words... they’ll be on the screen for you. Feel free to clap, jump, sing and shout along with us! The best part about this is the message of the song and how good God is! Let’s all stand up and sing together!”

Worship Leaders enter. Host exits.

“Let’s take some time to worship God and thank Him for being our awesome Creator. Everyone stand up and get ready to sing!”

Worship

WORSHIP LEADER: “Thank you, *[Name of Host]*. Let’s get up and get loud as we sing and dance for who God is and what he’s done for us!

We Are Royals

WORSHIP LEADER: “That was amazing! (*Take a moment to say something about the next song*). So let’s give everything we have and worship God together!

Who You Say I Am

WORSHIP LEADER: *PRAY*

Communicator enters as Worship Leaders exit.

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SETTING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: “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 (NirV) 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.” Genesis 1:27 (NirV)

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

THE MAN (OR WOMAN) IN THE MIRROR

STORYTELLER: “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.”

WE MESS UP

STORYTELLER: “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 muddy washcloth to wipe 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.”

I AM WHO YOU SAY I AM

STORYTELLER: “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.”

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: “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.

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

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

STORYTELLER: “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.”

CG: Blank Bottom Line Slide

Pray

STORYTELLER: “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.”

Host enters as Storyteller exits.

Closer

HOST: “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.

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“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! He knows you better than anyone, so you know **[Basic Truth] you can trust Him no matter what.**

“Let’s say this together.”

CG: Bottom Line Slide

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

HOST: “That means 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!

“You can head to Small Group now and talk some more about how God made us in His image. I’ll see you later!”

We suggest giving your kids and families a tangible way to make a difference in the lives of others, by encouraging them and their families to pray for (and possibly sponsor) a child through Compassion International. Take time before dismissal to promote this idea to your kids.

Dismiss kids to their small groups.

SFX: Play high-energy music as the kids exit.

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