

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION  
15 MINUTES

**MADE TO CREATE**

an activity that explores ideas through the process of drawing, building, designing, and problem-solving



**OPENING ACTIVITY**

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Mash-Up Cards" Activity Page, blank paper, crayons or colored pencils

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Set out the paper and colored pencils.
- Invite the kids to choose two "Mash-Up Cards."
- Instruct the kids to draw a new kind of creature that combines the two animals on their cards.
- Direct the kids to give their creature one thing that's like themselves—their eye color, bright smile, or size. Or they can figure out a way to visually include inner abilities like problem solving, academic skills, talents, sense of humor, etc.
- Invite the kids to share their new creatures with each other.

**TODAY'S BIBLE STORY**

**Someone Like You**  
Image of God  
Genesis 1:26-28

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

"You made some interesting creatures today! Not only are they a totally unique mash-up of the animals you chose, but you gave them something special that's like you. They have something special that reflects their creator. Those would be some proud—and fantastical—creatures! **[Transition] Let's head to Large Group to hear how we can reflect our Creator, too.**"

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

**TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE**

You were made in God's image.

**MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE**

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What you have done is wonderful.  
I know that very well.  
Psalm 139:14, NIV

**MONTHLY LIFE APP**

Individuality—Discovering who you're meant to be so you can make a difference

**BASIC TRUTH**

I can trust God no matter what.

**MADE TO PLAY**

an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and/or working as a group



**CANDY CHARACTERISTICS**  
[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Candy Characteristics Cards" Activity Page

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Give each kid a Candy Characteristics Card.
- Instruct the kids not to show their card to anyone else.
- Go around the circle and let each child take a turn leading a game of 20 Questions. *(If you have a large group, set a question limit to ten or even five.)*
- To play the game, direct the group to take turns asking the kid with the card Yes or No questions about their candy.
  - Some questions are:
    - Is it chocolate?
    - Is it fruity?
    - Is it in one piece?
    - Does it come in a bag?
    - Can you break it in half?
    - Is it different colors?
    - Does it melt?
    - Have we eaten it in Small Group before?
    - Does it have nuts?
    - Is it for a special holiday?
- When the group guesses the candy or runs out of questions, have the kid share what their candy is. Instruct the kid to their left to answer questions about their candy.

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**WHAT YOU SAY:**

"Wow! You all really know your candy! How did we eventually figure out [kid's name]'s candy? Yes! By thinking about what their candy was like. Calling a candy sweet or hard or melty is naming its characteristics. Characteristics are words that tell us what the candy is like.

"God has characteristics, too! Can you name some of those characteristics we shared earlier? (Invite responses and prompt if necessary; kind, creative, patient, faithful, truthful) Good! God is *(name some of the characteristics the kids shared)*. When God made people, He made them specifically to show the world His characteristics.

"God made everyone to reflect His characteristics to the world, but since He made us all different, we all reflect Him as we use our different gifts and abilities. I show God's image by being loving and kind and faithful as I . . .  
**[Make It Personal] (share a talent or ability God gave you. Maybe you're good at math or engineering, comforting people, keeping your promises, creative cooking, etc.)**



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OCTOBER 2021

SMALL GROUP  
**K-3**

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

STORY

WORSHIP

GROUPS

HOME

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## (CANDY CHARACTERISTICS, CONTINUED)

"And it's not just me! In the same way, **you were made in God's image**, and you are also a one-of-a-kind person. That means that you show the world what God is like in your own unique way. You reflect God to the world, and you can do it through the unique gifts He gave you. What are some ways you can use how God made you to show His characteristics?" *(If there's time, invite each kid to share something they're good at and help them think of how they can reflect God's image.)*





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### IN HIS IMAGE [TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** K'Nex®, Wikki Stix®, Play-Doh®, pipe cleaners, etc.

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Set out the items and invite kids to “make” people.
- They can even create sculptures of themselves.
- The kids’ creativity is the only limit!
- As they work, engage them in conversation about what it means to be made in God’s image.

### TODAY’S BIBLE STORY

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**WHAT YOU SAY:**

“Our God—Who made the world and everything in it—also made YOU! The Bible tells us that we were ALL created in the image of God. That means that we were made to be like Him. So what is God like? Is He kind? (Yes!) Is He patient? (Yes!) Is He joyful? (Yes!) Is He loving? (Yes!) When God made us in His image, He made us to be kind, good, patient, joyful, and loving, too! And the more time you spend with God, the more you become like HIM! So how can you spend time with God? (read Bible, listen to stories about Him, learn Bible verses, pray, go to church, etc.)

### TODAY’S BOTTOM LINE

**You were made in God’s image.**

**[Make It Personal] (Tell kids how spending time with God has helped you become more loving, patient, joyful, or kind. Tell how it helped you show others Who God is and what He’s like.)**

### MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

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Psalm 139:14, Nlrv

“And do you know what? We’re ALL made so that others can see God and His love through us. **You were made in God’s image.** Say it with me. **You were made in God’s image.**”

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### MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that creates space  
for personal processing  
and application



### PRAY AND DISMISS [PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** No supplies needed

**WHAT YOU DO:**

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

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**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. **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!)*

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As adults arrive to pick up, encourage kids to fill in the blank of today's Bottom Line. You were made in \_\_\_\_\_.

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