



## TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

### 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.

### LARGE GROUP SUPPLIES

- Candy Supplies—a variety of candies (won't be eaten) to use to create self-portraits. (Pull and peel Twizzlers®, Dots®, M&Ms®, etc). You will need a good amount.
- Several canvases (or poster boards, etc)
- Cake frosting or another "adhesive" if boards will be displayed on easels or held up for the audience to see. Game can be played with the canvases laying down if you have the technology for it (see "What You Do").

### STORY SUPPLIES

- Bible
- Framed Silhouette picture
- Markers

### PRELUDE: Setting the tone for the experience

See the **Getting Ready** pages at the end of this document for a detailed description of what you'll need for today. In the **Prelude** folder of your curriculum, you'll find a variety of other resources to help you prepare.

### SMALL GROUP

**15**  
MIN

#### **SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction**

Just for Fun  
Opening Activity

### LARGE GROUP

**35**  
MIN

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

##### **- Mega Awesome Costume Party**

- FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29th - 6:30
- Register online - fliers go out next week
- Only \$15 - entry into prize giveaways
- LIVE DJ
- Games
- Time with your groups/leaders

#### **MONTHLY WORSHIP LINEUP:**

- Week 1 – **The Best Is Yet To Come & Who You Say I Am**
- Week 2 – **Might Get Loud & Graves Into Gardens**
- Week 3 – **Real Love & The Blessing**
- Week 4 – **This Is Living & Holy Spirit Come**
- Week 5 – **Might Get Loud & Way Maker**

### SMALL GROUP

**25**  
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### 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, 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.

## LARGE GROUP

ENGAGE KIDS' HEARTS THROUGH A DYNAMIC AND INTERACTIVE BIBLE STORY, WORSHIP, AND PRAYER EXPERIENCE IN A LARGE GROUP SETTING.

**AUDIO: PLAY HIGH-ENERGY MUSIC AS STUDENTS ENTER.**

**SLIDE: THEME**

**OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP**

Host enters . . .

**OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): COUNTDOWN (30- OR 60-SECOND VERSION)**

**OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME**

## WORSHIP

Worship Leaders enter as Host exits

**WORSHIP LEADER:** "Friends, I am pumped for this time for us to worship God together. God made us. We are made in His image. Let's give all that we are, every beat of our hearts, to praising God right now. Sing this with me.

**AUDIO: The Best Is Yet To Come**

**AUDIO: Who You Say I Am**

Supplies for the opening game are preset on stage. Cover with a table cloth if you don't want to create some anticipation for the game.

## WELCOME

Host has lots of energy as he or she welcomes everyone to [Name of Environment]. Host is relatable and inviting. Host can talk about something that happened culturally throughout the week like a big sports game, movie opening, a viral video on YouTube, etc. Host tells them how excited he or she is that they're there and briefly runs through what they can expect. This is especially helpful for first-time guests to make them feel like they know what's happening.



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## OPENER

**HOST:** "Hey, everyone! I am so pumped for another month here at [Name of Environment]. It is time to kick off the month of October!"

"Now this month, we'll be making some 'Custom Creations.' If you have a sweet tooth, well, we have some fun in store for you! And speaking of fun, let's get started with a game!"

"I need three volunteers!"

*Host chooses three volunteers and gets them set up at their creation stations.*

"Alright, I hope you are feeling artistic, because it is up each of you to create your own self-portrait . . . with candy! That's right! Candy self-portraits! We call this: Custom Candy Canvas."

### **SLIDE: CUSTOM CANDY CANVAS**

"You'll have two minutes to create a self-portrait with whatever you find at your candy station. After the two minutes are up, we'll poll the room, and the artist with the most cheers wins! Think you're up for the challenge? Awesome!"

"OK, use your supplies wisely, fill your canvas as much as possible, and create a masterpiece of yourself! And go!"

### **VIDEO: 2-MINUTE COUNTDOWN**

### **AUDIO: FUN BACKGROUND MUSIC**

*Provide commentary as they work. When the time is up, have each volunteer present their artwork to the group. Have the audience cheer for their favorite. Offer the winning volunteer some candy as a prize. Optional: Other contestants can take their unused candy back to their small group.*

"Those were the 'sweetest' masterpieces I have ever seen! Well done!"



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## COMMUNICATOR SCRIPT (STORY)

**SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND**

*Communicator enters*

### INTRODUCTION

**COMMUNICATOR:** "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."



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### 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!”

### TENSION

**COMMUNICATOR:** “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.”

### TRUTH

**COMMUNICATOR:** “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 he 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 here. But first . . .”

*Communicator takes out framed silhouette and places it on stand/easel.*

“Let’s start here. Sometimes, when we hear other people talk about humans and why we are here, they don’t really talk as if humans are God’s masterpiece. Instead, they act as if humans are . . .”



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*Writing in the outside of the silhouette.*

“Disappointing. Shameful. Accidents. Worthless. All the Same. [Feel free to add your own.]”

“Kind of depressing, right? But thankfully, that’s not the picture we get of what God created at ALL!”

“When it came to creating humans, God didn’t say He was going to make them like the birds or like plants. All those things were made according to their kinds. But when God created humans, God made them in God’s OWN image and likeness. Now let’s break that down a bit because that might sound a bit confusing.”

“I am NOT saying we are God. And I am NOT saying we are like GOD in every way. Only God is God. What I AM saying is that God made humans to REFLECT what God is like.”

“Just like an artist makes a statement through the masterpiece he or she creates, God said something about Himself through how He created humans. But if it’s not about our physical features, what’s it about?”

*Write inside the silhouette.*

“One of the first ways we are like God is in our ability to CREATIVE.”

*Write the word CREATIVE inside the silhouette.*

“Some of us have a natural bent to make music, sculpt, paint, or draw. But arts and music are just scratching the surface when it comes to God’s creativity. We are all creative because God is creative. We can be creative with a pen and paper, but we can also be creative with the way we handle difficult situations or solve problems. We can create and imagine what’s possible because we are reflecting God Who created with such variety and detail. Think about how many different colors and textures and smells and sounds fill the world. You create because God creates, because you are created in God’s image.”

“Another way we reflect God’s image is how we are RELATIONAL.”

*Write the word RELATIONAL inside the silhouette.*

“One of the things that makes us unique in the creation is our ability to form deep relationships with others. We get this from God, who all throughout the Bible enters into relationship with people. In fact, God proved this deep relationship with us by sending Jesus to repair our broken relationship. We learn to love others by the way God loves others. We are kind and caring and supportive because God does these things, too. You relate to others because God relates to others, because you are created in God’s image.”

“Another way we are like God is that we are CARING.”

*Write the word CARING inside the silhouette.*

“After creating humans, check out what God does next.”



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*Open the Bible to Genesis 1:28 (NirV) and read.*

“God blessed them. He said to them, “Have children so that there will be many of you. Fill the earth and bring it under your control. Rule over the fish in the seas and the birds in the sky. Rule over every living creature that moves along the ground.””

“One of the first things that God asks humans to do is care for what God had created. This is an incredible privilege—to manage, protect, and bring out the best in God’s creation. You can lead and care for the world because God leads and cares, and you are created in God’s image!”

“This is a pretty amazing start for humans. Back to these other words: worthless, disappointing, accidents . . . it is hard to see anything close to this in the way that God created humans. Instead, God created us with (*writing in the silhouette*) ‘purpose’ and ‘dignity’ and ‘design.’”

“Sure, there are some really cool things in creation. Flowers can reflect God’s creativity, but that is about as far as they can go. Blue whales display God’s power, but they aren’t relational like humans. Humans are different. We represent God on earth as we bear God’s image and represent what God is like.”

## APPLICATION

**COMMUNICATOR:** “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!”

## LANDING

**COMMUNICATOR:** “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.”

*Communicator leads group in a prayer related to what they just heard. After prayer, Communicator dismisses kids to Small Group.*

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