

MAIN POINT:

I am Created in the Image of God

This week we talk about how we are created in the image of God and what that means. In Genesis 1:26-27, God says that He would create mankind in His image. That means that God has emotions and feelings, so do we. Secondly, we are different from the rest of creation because God created us to have a relationship with Him. Thirdly, God is in community with Himself as the Trinity (Father, Son and the Holy Spirit). We were made to be in community as well. And finally, we can reflect God and His glory to others on this earth. Being made in the image of God gives us the ability to show others who God is. When we live the way God intended us to live, people will be able to see God in us and through us.

FAMILY DISCUSSION:

1. **Each of us are made in the image of God, including our emotions! What are the different kinds of emotions that we experience as humans?** *(love, anger, happiness, joy, jealousy, excitement, tenderness, sadness etc.)*
2. Read Genesis 1:26-27. **What do you think it means to be created in the image of God?** *(God has emotions and feelings and because of that, so do we. We feel pain, sadness, joy, happiness, and so does God. We are different from the rest of creation because God created us to have a relationship with Him. God is in community with Himself as the Trinity. As a result, we were made to be in community as well. That's why relationships are so important. We can reflect God to those around us – His love, grace, compassion, and forgiveness.)*
3. **If we are created in the image of God, how does that affect how we should live our lives?** *(We can reflect God to those around us – His love, grace, compassion, and forgiveness.)*
4. **Since we were created in God's image, we should treat others in a way that reflects that. Describe a time when someone treated you in a way that hurt you/your feelings? Have you ever treated someone else in a way that did not reflect that they were created in God's image? What could you have done differently?** *(Encourage answers and share your own.)*
5. **What are some ways we can show who God is to others through the gifts and characteristics that God has given each of us?** *(Encourage answers and share your own.)*

FAMILY PRAYER:

Take turns praying, thanking God for who He is and how we are created in His image.