

ALLEY SG – August 1st- 2nd, 2026

Bible Story: Image of God • *Genesis 1:26-30; Colossians 1:15*

Conversation Starter: What does it mean to be made in the image of God?

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 NIRV

1. Bible Story Extension

Bible Story Review

What You Need: Bibles, Butcher paper, Markers

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Roll out a large piece of butcher paper on the floor or table.
- Before you review the Bible Story, invite the kids to gather around the butcher paper.
- Explain that as you read/tell the story of creation (Genesis 1:1-27), their job is to doodle what they hear. They can draw the light and dark, the animals, the plants, or abstract designs that represent the story.
- Read the story slowly, pausing occasionally to let them draw.
- After the story is over, give them a minute to finish their drawings.
- Go around the circle, and have a few kids share what they doodled and why.

Say:

“The God of the entire universe created us to be like Himself. That’s mind-blowing! It’s such a high honor, we simply can’t wrap our minds around it. God didn’t have to make us, but He did. He loved us before we even existed, and then, to top it off, He made us in His image! See, we were made to be like a mirror, reflecting what God is like. We literally carry God’s image to the world around us. In this way, we can shine God’s light and show His kingdom. Being made in the image of God is who you are. Nothing you do will ever change that. Whenever you feel unsure of who you are, remember this truth: **I am made in the image of God.**”

2. Take a Snapshot

Application Activity

What You Need: “Find Someone Who” Activity Page (one per kid)

What You Do:

- Give each kid a “Find Someone Who” Activity Page and writing supply.
- Explain the rules: Kids will mingle around the group and find a different person to sign their name in each box. (If you have a smaller group, they can use a person’s name more than once—but try to mix it up!)
- The first person to fill in all the empty spots wins!

Say: “It’s awesome to see how many different skills and traits we have in this room. Some of you are incredibly athletic, some are great artists, and some love robotics. We all have different hair, different eyes, and different talents. And God made you that way! God made you on purpose, and God doesn’t make mistakes! But the most important thing about you is something we *all* share. Every single one of us was created by God, and every single one of us was made in His image. You are God’s masterpiece!”

3. Discussion Questions

- If being made in God’s image is your true identity, why do you think it’s so easy to believe what others say about you instead?
- What do you think it actually looks like to “reflect God” in everyday life—at school, with friends, or at home?
- Jesus shows us exactly what God is like. Which quality of Jesus (like compassion, humility, forgiveness, truth, or love) is hardest for you—and why do you think that is?
- If every person is made in God’s image, how should that affect the way we treat people we don’t like or don’t understand?
- **What does it mean to be made in the image of God?**

4. Verses to Take with You

Memory Verse Activity

What You Need: Bibles, handheld mirror (one per bin)

What You Do:

- Give every kid a Bible.
- Invite them to look up Psalm 139:14
- Read the Memory Verse out loud together several times.
- Hold up the hand mirror. Ask: “What is a mirror’s only job?” (*to reflect what’s in front of it*)
- Explain that Colossians 1:15 says Jesus is the visible image of the invisible God. Jesus perfectly reflected God’s love to the world. And because we are made in God’s image, our job is to reflect Him to the people around us too.
- Pass the mirror around the circle. As each kid holds the mirror, have them look at their reflection and state one specific way they can reflect God to the world this week.
 - Examples: “I can reflect God by being patient with my little sister.” “I can reflect God by sitting with the lonely kid at lunch.” “I can reflect God by forgiving my friend.”

Say: “It can be really easy to look in a mirror and only see the things you wish you could change about yourself. The world places a lot of pressure on us to look a certain way or act a certain way. But I want you to remember this truth: Your identity doesn’t come from the world or what other people place on you or say about you. Your true identity comes only from God. When you look in the mirror, I want you to see someone who was created on purpose and for a purpose to reflect the Creator’s love. Remember that you are made in God’s image, no matter who you are or what you’ve done. This is your true identity!”

AT THE 5- MINUTE CALL: PRAY

- Ask, “Does anyone have any prayer requests or things they want to thank God for from this week? *(Let the kids share their prayer requests and praises)*”
- “God, thank You for making these wonderful kids exactly who they are supposed to be. Thank You for loving them no matter what. Please help them remember that their value doesn’t come from friends, grades, or how they look—it all comes from You. God, thank You for creating [kids’ names] on purpose and for a purpose. Help us live with confidence today, knowing that we are Your masterpiece. We love You, and we ask these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”
- Remind the kids that when they leave, their parents should get a text message on their phones telling them what we learned this week. AND they will get a link to an activity they can do at home and bring back for a PRIZE!

PARENT PICK UP POINT: As adults arrive, tell the kids that the way God made them is amazing and wonderful! They were made in the image of God!