

CITY SG – August 1st- 2nd, 2026

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

Bottom Line: I am 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 NIV

PRE- SERVICE ACTIVITY

What You Need: Paper plates, Coloring supplies

What You Do:

- Greet each kid by name with a fist bump, high-five, smile, or wave as they arrive.
- Invite any kids who brought an offering to place it in the offering container.
- Give each kid a paper plate and some coloring supplies.
- Instruct the kids to place the paper plate on top of their head and hold it there with one hand.
- Tell them they are going to draw a self-portrait (a picture of themselves) on the plate—but they can't look!
- Guide them step-by-step: "Draw your eyes. Now draw your nose. Add a big smile! Now draw your hair. Don't forget your ears!"
- Have everyone take the plates off their heads and look at their masterpieces. (*Expect a lot of laughter as eyes and noses are floating off the faces!*)

Say: "These portraits are hilarious! It's really hard to draw something when you can't see what you're doing, isn't it? Well, when God created you, He wasn't guessing or drawing in the dark. He designed every single part of you perfectly and on purpose. He picked your hair color, the shape of your nose, and your smile. But the most amazing part is that you are made in God's image. God made you to reflect Him, to show the world what He is like. You are not an accident; you are God's masterpiece!"

SMALL GROUP TIME

1. Creation Bingo

Bible Story Review

What You Need: "Creation Bingo" Activity Page (one per kid), "Creation Bingo Calling Cards" Activity Page (one per bin), Bible, Bingo chips

- Open the Bible to Genesis 1:26-30. Read it out loud to the kids.
- Then summarize the key points of the passage with thoughts like:
 - The first book of Genesis—which is the first book in the entire Bible—talks about God making the universe and everything in it.
 - When God made people, they were His most special creation! And we can learn a lot about who we are based on the first people God created.
 - As we see from these verses in Genesis, God made you in His image—that means you reflect Him to the world!
- Then turn to Colossians 1:15 and read it out loud to the kids.

- Summarize it by saying: “God didn’t want us to wonder what He is like—what image we are supposed to reflect! So Jesus came, and He is the exact image of God because He is God!”
- Give each kid a bingo card and a handful of placeholders/markers in a small container/bowl.
- Point out the middle space. Say: “Before we start, everyone put a marker on the middle space. What does it say? ‘God’s most special creation.’ Who is that? *(Pause.)* That’s right, YOU! People!”
- Pull a calling card, and announce the creation item (e.g., “The sun!”). If kids have it on their board, they cover it with a placeholder/marker.
- Play until someone gets five in a row and yells, “CREATION!” (or “BINGO!”). Play a few rounds as time allows, having kids clear their boards between rounds. If time and interest allow, play different versions, like four corners or blackout.

Say: “The God of the entire universe created us to be like Himself. 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! That’s why that middle space on your board is so important. Out of the whole universe, you are God’s most special creation. Because **I am made in the image of God.**”

2. Flashlight Spin

Application Activity

What You Need: Flashlight (one per bin)

What You Do:

- Invite the kids to sit in a large circle.
- Turn the flashlight on and place it flat in the middle of the circle.
- Explain that a flashlight’s job is to shine light into the darkness. Because we are made in God’s image, our job is to “reflect” God’s light—which means we show the world what God is like! Jesus was the perfect example of God’s image, so we know exactly what God is like.
- Spin the flashlight. When it stops spinning, whoever the beam of light is pointing at gets to share one way they want to become more like Jesus this week. (e.g., “I can forgive my brother,” “I can share my toys,” “I can help my mom clean up,” “I can be kind to someone sitting alone at lunch”)
- That kid then gets to go to the center and spin the flashlight for the next round.
- Play until everyone has had a chance to share.

Say: You guys came up with some brilliant ways to be like Jesus. Jesus is God’s Son, and He showed us perfectly what God is like. When you choose to be kind, or helpful, or patient, you are acting like Jesus. You are shining God’s light for everyone around you to 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 grow His kingdom.”

3. Verse Pop-Up

Memory Verse Activity

What You Need: Bibles, “Verse Pop-Up” Activity Page (one per group)

- Depending on the age/ability of your group, you can either:
 - Give each child a Bible and look up the memory verse together.
 - Read the memory verse to the group.
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- Repeat the Memory Verse out loud together several times.
- Divide the kids into 5 groups. Assign each group a section of the Memory Verse and give them the corresponding Activity Page.
 - Group 1: How you made me is amazing and wonderful.
 - Group 2: I praise you for that.
 - Group 3: What you have done is wonderful.
 - Group 4: I know that very well.
 - Group 5: Psalm 139:14 NIV
- Explain the rules: When it's their group's turn, they must pop up (stand up quickly), shout their part of the Memory Verse, and sit right back down.
- Point to Group 1 to start, then go around the room until the verse is complete.
- Do it again but challenge them to go faster. Keep doing rounds and speeding up the pace each time until they are popping up and down as fast as they can!

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*)
- “Dear God, thank You for making the whole world and everything in it. Thank You for creating us, Your most special creation, in Your image. Help us to be like a mirror, shining Your light and showing everyone Your kindness and love this week. We love You, and we pray 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!