

4th and 5th Grade

WEEK 1 - STARTER



Activity Name: Find Someone Who...

What You Need: ☐ 'Find Someone Who' activity page ☐ Writing supplies

What You Do:

- Give each kid a “Find Someone Who” Activity Page, clipboard, and writing supply.
- Explain the rules: Kids will mingle around the room 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!

What You 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 even more importantly, He designed what’s *inside* of you. God didn’t just make us; He made us in His image. That means you have the ability to show the world who God is. Let’s go hear more about that amazing truth!

Lead your group to the Large Group area.



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

Bottom Line: God's kingdom grows when you hear and do what He says.

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.* • *Psalms 139:14 NIV*

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- **[Conversation Starter] What does it mean to be made in the image of God?**
- 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?

Activity Name: Creation Masterpiece

What You Need: ☐ Bible ☐ Large piece of butcher paper ☐ Coloring Supplies

What You Do:

- Roll out a large piece of butcher paper on the floor or table.
- Open the Bible to Genesis 1:1-27.
- 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.

What You Say:

Look at this giant masterpiece we just made.

Out of everything God created—the oceans, the mountains, the animals—He saved the very best for last! He made humans. He made *you*. Your identity doesn't come from the world, your grades, or what other people say about you. Your true identity comes *only* from God. And you are His masterpiece!

We read in Genesis 1:26-27 NIV: *'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.

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.**

Close in prayer/Invite kids to pray.