

God Creates Humanity in His Image Manna Curriculum

Primary Text: Genesis 1:26–31

Memory Verse: Genesis 1:27

Kids Church (60 Minutes)

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CONNECT — 0–10 Minutes

Game: *Mirror Me*

Leader makes slow motions (wave, smile, arms up). Kids must copy exactly. Switch leaders if time allows.

Leader Script

“Good morning! Today we’re going to learn something very important about how God made people. We’re going to listen carefully, have fun, and learn why every person matters to God.”

ENCOUNTER — 10–20 Minutes

Leader Script

“While we listen to the Bible today, pay attention to what God says about people and why they are special.”

Read Aloud

Scripture (BSB): Genesis 1:26-31

26 Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness, to rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, and over all the earth itself and every creature that crawls upon it.”

27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

28 God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and every creature that crawls

upon the earth.”

29 Then God said, “Behold, I have given you every seed-bearing plant on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit contains seed. They will be yours for food.

30 And to every beast of the earth and every bird of the air and every creature that crawls upon the earth—everything that has the breath of life in it—I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so.

31 And God looked upon all that He had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

Ask

- Who made people?
 - What does this tell us about God?
 - What does this tell us about people?
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ANCHOR — 20–35 Minutes

Tell the Story

God made everything in the world. When God made people, He made them in a special way. People were not made like animals or plants. God made people to reflect Him and care for what He made. God looked at everything He made and said it was very good. Even though God made the whole world and the skies above us, the Bible says God still cares deeply about people.

Ask

- What makes people different from the rest of creation?
 - Why do you think God cares about people so much?
 - How should we treat others if God made them special?
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RESPOND — 35–50 Minutes

Craft or Activity

Image Bearers Craft

Give each child a paper with a simple face outline or blank page. Have them draw themselves. Around the picture, help them write words like “Loved,” “Made by God,” or “Special.”

Explain that being made in God’s image means we are loved and valuable.

SEND — 50–60 Minutes

Memory Verse Motions

- “God made people” (point upward)
- “in His image” (point to face)
- “so people matter” (arms wide)

Repeat together several times.

Blessing

“May you remember this week that God made you, God loves you, and you matter to Him.”

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