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Today's Suggested Schedule—August 2026, Week 1

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 NlrV

Loud sounds, bright lights, and large groups can be overwhelming or overstimulating for some children. To create a more inclusive large group experience, consider offering adaptive tools like noise-canceling headphones, sunglasses, sensory-friendly items, or access to modified spaces.

Prelude: Setting the Tone for the Experience

- See the Getting Ready pages at the end of this document for a detailed description of what you'll need for today.
- In the Prelude folder of your curriculum, you'll find a variety of other resources to help you prepare.

Social: Providing Time for Fun Interaction

- Opening Activity

Worship: Inviting People to Respond to God

- Opener
- Worship
- Bible Story
- Prayer

Groups: Creating a Safe Place to Connect

Bible Story Review: Sculpting Days of Creation (K–1st grade), Creation Bingo (2nd–3rd grade), Bible Story Extension and Discussion Questions (Preteen)

Application Activity: Masterpiece Gallery—Self-Portrait (K–1st grade), Identity Mobile (2nd–3rd grade), Take a Snapshot (Preteen)

Memory Verse Activity: Memory Verse Motions (K–1st grade), Verse Pop-Up (2nd–3rd grade), Verses to Take with You (Preteen)

Prayer Activity: Pray and Dismiss (K–1st grade, 2nd–3rd grade), Make It Personal with Prayer (Preteen)

Home: Prompting Action Beyond the Experience

- Parent Cue Card (Print or Email)
- Devotionals for Kids
- Parent Cue App



Bible Story

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

Bottom Line

I am made in the image of God.

Memory Verse

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5 min

Social

5 min

23 - Opening Activity | Made to Play

What You Need

 Offering container	1
 Paper plates	Several
 Coloring supplies	Several

Providing Time for Fun Interaction

What You Do:

During the Activity:

- 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!)*

What You 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! **[Bottom Line] I am made in the image of God.**"

5 min

Bible Story Review

5 min

23 - Creation Bingo | Made to Play

What You Need

	"Creation Bingo" Activity Page	1
	"Creation Bingo Calling Cards" Activity Page	1
	Cardstock	1
	Scissors	1
	Bible	1
	Bingo placeholders/markers (buttons or pom-poms)	Several
	Small containers or bowls	1
	EveryChild Supplies: Dot markers	Several



EveryChild tips

- Dot markers are a great option for this activity.

Creating a Safe Place to Connect

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Print "Creation Bingo" on cardstock and cut, one card per kid.
- Print "Creation Bingo Calling Cards" on cardstock and cut, one set per Small Group.

During the Activity:

- 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—tells 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.

What You Say:

"God made the light and dark, the skies, the sun, moon, and stars, the land, the plants, the fish, and the animals. And He said they were all good! But when God made people, He did something completely different. In Genesis 1:26-27 NIV, God said, '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 h

uman beings in his own likeness. He created them to be like himself. He created them as male and female.

"God made people in His image. God made you and delights in what you look like. But being created in the image of God goes much deeper. In fact, God made every single one of us in His image! The image of God is what God put inside of you, in your heart and soul and mind. It means that you—and every one of us—are able to show something of who God is to the world around us.

"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 **[Bottom Line] I am made in the image of God.**"

5 min

Application Activity

5 min

23 - Identity Mobile | Made to Create

What You Need

	Thin wire hangers	1
	Pipe cleaners	Several
	Large beads	Several
	Thick yarn in a variety of colors	Several
	Safety scissors	1

Creating a Safe Place to Connect

What You Do:

During the Activity:

- Give each kid a wire hanger.
- Encourage kids to stretch out their wire hanger until it forms a roundish head shape. *(Help as needed.)*
- Invite kids to create facial features with the pipe cleaners.
- Nose: Twist two pipe cleaners together, and attach to the base of the hanger by twisting the end around to secure. The end that extends into the circle can be shaped to create a nose shape.
- Eyes: Slip a bead over the end of another pipe cleaner, and wrap it around the bead and into the other hole. Cut another pipe cleaner in half, and form a circle. Twist each end onto the eyeball pipe cleaner to form an eye shape. *(Use more pipe cleaner pieces to create eyebrows and eyelashes if desired.)*
- Mouth: Form a pipe cleaner into a mouth shape. Twist a straight pipe cleaner to the bottom lip, and twist around the bottom of the hanger. If needed, trim the excess pipe cleaner.
- Ears: Cut a pipe cleaner in half, and bend each end over the wire hanger on either side of the head.
- Hair: Kids can use the yarn or more pipe cleaners to create hair and attach at the top of their hanger.
- After every kid has finished constructing their self-portraits, encourage kids to show and tell.

What You Say:

"These mobiles look awesome! Each mobile looks completely different and amazing. Sometimes kids at school, things we see on TV, or even our own thoughts might try to tell us who we are. They might say we aren't smart enough, fast enough, or cool enough. But listen to this: 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. And God says you are wonderfully made! He says you are His masterpiece. You are made in God's image.

"No matter who you are or what you've done, this is your true identity. Being made in God's image is something that you are that can't be taken away.

"Being made in God's image is two things: It's a status we all have. And it's something we are all to do as Jesus followers. So, always trust and believe that your true identity comes only from what God says is true about you: He made you in His image.

"And then, spend your whole life following Jesus so you can become like Him and show the world who He is. God will help you! When you choose to follow Jesus, God sends the Holy Spirit, His very Spirit, who is just like Him, to live inside of you. The Holy Spirit will enable you to become more and more like Jesus, who is the perfect image of God. You can grow more like Jesus every day through compassion, wisdom, humility, forgiveness, truthfulness, and love. Then, you will reflect God more and more clearly to the world. Never forget your true identity: **[Bottom Line]** **I am made in the image of God."**

5 min

Prayer

5 min

23 - Pray and Dismiss | Made to Reflect *Uses Minimal Supplies*

What You Need

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| Flashlight (make sure it has fresh batteries) | 1 |
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Creating a Safe Place to Connect

What You Do:

During the Activity:

- Invite the kids to sit in a large circle on the floor.
- 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.

What You 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.

"Being made in the image of God is who you are. Nothing you do will ever change that. This week, I challenge you to look for ways to reflect God's love to your friends and family, because **[Bottom Line] I am made in the image of God.**"

Getting Ready | 23

Small Group

Here's everything you need to know to get ready for this week.

SOCIAL:

Opening Activity

Made to Play

What You Need:

- Offering container, one per Small Group
- Paper plates, one per kid
- Coloring supplies, one per kid

GROUPS:

Choose as many of these activities as you like.

1. Creation Bingo

[Talk about God | Bible Story Review]

Made to Play

What You Need:

- "Creation Bingo" Activity Page, one card per kid
- "Creation Bingo Calling Cards" Activity Page, one set per Small Group
- Cardstock, TBD per kid and Small Group
- Scissors, one pair per Small Group
- Bible, one per Small Group
- Bingo placeholders/markers (buttons or pom-poms), TBD per kid
- Small containers or bowls, several per Small Group

EveryChild Supplies:

- Dot markers, one per kid

What You Do:

- Print "Creation Bingo" on cardstock and cut, one card per kid.
- Print "Creation Bingo Calling Cards" on cardstock and cut, one set per Small Group.

2. Identity Mobile

[Live for God | Application Activity]

Made to Create

What You Need:

- Thin wire hangers, one per kid
- Pipe cleaners, several per kid
- Large beads, two per kid

- Thick yarn in a variety of colors, one of each color per Small Group
- Safety scissors, one pair per kid

3. Verse Pop-Up

[Hear from God | Memory Verse Activity]

Made to Move

What You Need:

- Bibles, one per kid
- "Verse Pop-Up" Activity Page, one set per Small Group
- Cardstock, five pieces per Small Group

What You Do:

- Print "Verse Pop-Up" on cardstock, one set per Small Group.

4. Pray and Dismiss

[Pray to God | Prayer Activity]

Made to Reflect

What You Need:

- Flashlight (make sure it has fresh batteries), one per Small Group

HOME: Prompting Action Beyond the Experience

- Print on cardstock or email this week's devotionals and Parent Cue cards.
- Tell parents about our additional family resource: **Parent Cue App**.

Supplies:

- Offering container
- Paper plates
- Coloring supplies
- Made to Play
- "Creation Bingo" Activity Page
- "Creation Bingo Calling Cards" Activity Page
- Cardstock, TBD per kid and Small Group
- Scissors
- Bible
- Bingo placeholders/markers (buttons or pom-poms), TBD per kid
- Small containers or bowls (several per Small Group)
- Thin wire hangers
- Pipe cleaners (several per kid)
- Large beads
- Thick yarn in a variety of colors
- Safety scissors
- Made to Move
- Bibles
- "Verse Pop-Up" Activity Page
- Cardstock

- Flashlight (make sure it has fresh batteries)
- Print on cardstock or email this week's devotionals and Parent Cue cards
- EveryChild Supplies: Dot markers

Supplies

23 - Opening Activity | Made to Play

	Quantity
1. Offering container	1
2. Paper plates	Several
3. Coloring supplies	Several

23 - Creation Bingo | Made to Play

	Quantity
1. "Creation Bingo" Activity Page	1
2. "Creation Bingo Calling Cards" Activity Page	1
3. Cardstock	1
4. Scissors	1
5. Bible	1
6. Bingo placeholders/markers (buttons or pom-poms)	Several
7. Small containers or bowls	1
8. EveryChild Supplies: Dot markers	Several

23 - Identity Mobile | Made to Create

	Quantity
1. Thin wire hangers	1
2. Pipe cleaners	Several
3. Large beads	Several
4. Thick yarn in a variety of colors	Several
5. Safety scissors	1

23 - Verse Pop-Up | Made to Move *Uses Minimal Supplies*

	Quantity
1. Bibles	1
2. "Verse Pop-Up" Activity Page	1
3. Cardstock	1

23 - Pray and Dismiss | Made to Reflect *Uses Minimal Supplies*

	Quantity
1. Flashlight (make sure it has fresh batteries)	1