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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 NIRV

1. Opening Activity

What You Need:

- ☐ Offering container
- ☐ Paper plates
- ☐ Coloring supplies

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.**"

2. Video on Jellyfin

Lead the children in worship to the August worship song and then watch today's video lesson.

3. Prayer

“Let’s open up today with prayer. Dear God, thank You for making the whole world and everything in it. We praise You because You made us wonderful and amazing, just like Psalm 139:14 says. Thank You for making us Your most special creation and loving us. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

4. Wonderful World

What You Need:

- ☐ “Wonderful World” Activity Page
- ☐ Cardstock
- ☐ Blue and green crayons or markers
- ☐ Mirror Sticker
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Permanent marker

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Print “Wonderful World” on cardstock, one per child. Have each child fold the sides of their paper backwards along the lines, then cut the paper while folded. Have them fold the flaps forward to cover the writing. Each child should write his/her name on their paper. Then the children will peel the backing off the mirror sticker and place in the center of the Wonderful World.

During the Activity: Encourage children to decorate the outside of their paper with blue and green. Open the flaps and ask children to stick the mirror on the inside.

After the Activity: Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Friends, come sit at the table with me. We’re going to make a special story picture to help us remember today’s Bible Story.”

During the Activity: “First, color the front of your paper with green for the land and blue for the water to make the world. *(Allow time for children to color.)* God made the whole world! Now open up the world and inside, let’s put the most special part of God’s creation right in the middle. What do you think that is? *(Pause for responses.)* It’s YOU! Let’s put your mirror right in the center. *(Help each child stick the mirror in the middle of their colored Earth).* Okay, now close the flaps so you see the world. *(Pause.)* When you open the flaps... PEEK-A-BOO! There you are! You are the most wonderful thing in all of God’s creation!”

After the Activity: “God made the whole big world, but the Bible says God’s greatest creation of all is YOU! God made you so special and so wonderful. **Who made you wonderful? [Bottom Line] God made me wonderful!**”