

WEEK 2: God Makes People

Big Idea: God created people to be like him.

HANGOUT

1. Provide paper and drawing supplies. Guide everyone to write "All About Me" on their paper. Help with spelling as needed. Direct the kids to create self-portraits. In the space around their picture, encourage them to add drawings and/or words to describe themselves (e.g., interests and hobbies; favourite foods, colours, books, movies, or school subjects; future goals).
2. Invite everyone to share their self-portraits with the group. Let the kids know that their work shows how God made each of them uniquely!
3. Introduce the Big Idea: **God created people to be like him.**

Watch this week's video on the Kids and Youth playlist at youtube.com/themeetinghouse

HEAR

4. Let everyone know that today's God Story is about God making the very first people. It's found at the beginning of the Bible in the book of Genesis.
5. Ask the kids if they're familiar with this story. Chat about what they already know about it. Challenge everyone to listen carefully for any new or surprising details.
6. Look up and read Genesis 1:26-2:25.
7. Discuss:
 - Was there anything in this story that you hadn't noticed before? If so, what was it?
 - What does it mean that God made people in "his image"? (**God created people to be like him**)
 - What big job did God give to people in Genesis 1:28? (fill up the earth and govern it, or take care of it)
 - What explanation does Genesis 2:18 give for why God created both men and women? (it was not good that man was alone)
 - God gives Adam a really big job in Genesis 2:19. What is it? (to name all the animals and birds)
 - What's one way that **God created people to be like him**?

HUDDLE

8. Remind the kids that the big job God gave the very first people was to tend the garden and watch over it. Taking care of God's creation is still our job today!
9. Discuss:
 - What are some ways people do a good job of caring for the earth?
 - What are some ways people aren't so good at caring for the earth?
10. Brainstorm what the kids could do as caretakers of the earth. List their ideas on a piece of paper and display it.
11. Pray, "Thank you, God, for making each one of us unique! Thank you for [name all the kids in your group], and how they're all made in your image. Thanks for giving us the big, beautiful job of caring for the earth. Please help us take care of your creation well. We love you! Amen."

Creation Word Search

P N O O M F F N H Z J S U C C
E A R T H I W Z Z M W J Z E Z
U D Y E Q S U U T R B J C R Z
Q R F I Q H B E G I N N I N G
A N I M A L S F W O L Z A Q D
V E G B E T O H I A I O V C S
F B K I N B S T M S T V N D T
B I J A G S A I G R Q E R D I
H G L S A E H H P A Y I R B R
L P O G R O E E L T B S W S I
X M X C D D S N A S L X T D P
M N Y E E U P N N V F S H U S
X V G J N V H Z E X E L A N D
Q S L I G H T K T R R N L A H
P E L P O E P F S E A S S R A

CREATION
SPIRIT
BEGINNING
HEAVENS
EARTH

WATERS
LIGHT
LAND
SEAS
PLANTS

SUN
MOON
STARS
PLANETS
FISH

BIRDS
ANIMALS
PEOPLE
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