



First, watch
this week's
video!

**Individuality:
Discovering
who you're
meant to be so
you can make
a difference**

Memory Verse

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Psalm 139:14, NIV

Bible Story

Image of God
Genesis 1:26-28

Bottom Line

You were made in God's image.

Use this guide to help your family learn what God has to say about individuality.

Activity

You-nique

What You Need:

Paper and writing utensil

What You Do:

Tell your child that you want them to draw something according to your instructions, but they won't know what it is they're drawing. If you can grab a sibling or other family member to draw along with them, even better. (The final drawing should look like a person made out of shapes. Go ahead and prepare a picture of your own to reveal to them what you're describing—after they've drawn it themselves.)

Directions:

- Draw a large rectangle that is tall, not wide.
- On top of the rectangle, draw a little square in the middle of the top line of the rectangle, touching the top line.
- Draw a circle about as wide as the big rectangle. It should sit above the small square and touch it.
- On the sides of the big rectangle, draw two smaller rectangles that go out in an upward angle. Draw one on each side near the top of the big rectangle.
- Draw two smaller rectangles side-by-side, coming from the bottom of the big rectangle, about half the length of the big rectangle.
- On top of the circle above the big rectangle, draw six small triangles side by side and touching.
- Inside the big circle, draw two smaller circles, near the top of the big circle, but still inside and somewhat close together.

Now, share your drawing and see how close they got to your description. (Try to make the comparison silly so they don't feel like they did it wrong!)



Talk About the Bible Story

Does your drawing look like my drawing? (*No, but that's okay! You drew the shapes you saw in your mind.*)

Do you think it would be boring if everyone looked the same, talked the same, and thought the same? (*Yes! God made us different on purpose.*)

True or false? I have special skills and talents that God gave me. (*True! There are things only you can do, in your own special way.*)

How are humans different from any of God's other creations? (*God created us in His image—set apart from all other creations.*)

What does it mean to be made in the image of God? (*God created us to show others what He is like.*)

Parent: Share about what you think it means to be made in God's image. Talk about someone you know who does a good job showing others what God is like.

Prayer

Use this prayer as a guide, either after talking about the Bible story or sometime before bed tonight:

"Dear God, thank You for Your work of creation. Thank You for all that You have made, and especially for making each of us in Your image. Help us to show Your love to others and live the way You created us to be. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

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Key Question

How would you describe God?

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What You Need:

Paper plate (or sheet of paper), writing utensil, Bible or Bible app

What You Do:

Have your child write a large letter "A" on one side of the plate, and write a large letter "B" on the back side.

Tell your child that you're going to give them a choice between two options—and they have to choose one, by holding up their plate to show their preference. (Tell them that even if their choice is "neither," they have to choose something.)

Would you rather . . .

- A. fly like a bird?
- B. swim like a dolphin?

- A. eat pizza?
- B. eat ice cream?

- A. sing in front of a group of people?
- B. dance in front of a group of people?

- A. be able to run as fast as a cheetah?
- B. be as strong as an elephant?

- A. have the chance to direct a movie?
- B. invent a new type of device?

- A. have a pet dragon?
- B. have a pet unicorn?

Feel free to add more questions based on what you know about your child. Oh, and don't forget to give your answers, too!

Talk About the Bible Story

Isn't it cool that life is made up of more than just two unique choices? Which one was your favorite choice to make? Which set was the most difficult to choose between?

Look up and read Genesis 1:26-27 together.

How are humans different from any of God's other creations? (*God created us in His image—set apart from all other creations.*)

Despite our differences as people, what do all of us have in common? (*We are all loved by God. We all have different skills and gifts to love God and love people.*)

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