

WELCOME!



**NEW STUDENTS,
ANNOUNCEMENTS, BIRTHDAYS, AND
WINS OF THE WEEK**

MADE IN GOD'S IMAGE

Genesis 1:26-31

Second Sunday in February 2026 | RFBC Teen Church

TODAY'S BIG QUESTION

Who does God say I am—before the world says anything else?

SCRIPTURE FOCUS: GENESIS 1: 26-31 NIV

- ²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals,^[a] and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”
- ²⁷ So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.
- ²⁸ God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”
- ²⁹ Then God said, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. ³⁰ And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food.” And it was so.
- ³¹ God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

SCRIPTURE FOCUS: GENESIS 1: 26-31 CEV

- ²⁶ God said, “Now we will make humans, and they will be like us. We will let them rule the fish, the birds, and all other living creatures.”
- ²⁷ So God created humans to be like himself; he made men and women. ²⁸ God gave them his blessing and said:
 - Have a lot of children! Fill the earth with people and bring it under your control. Rule over the fish in the ocean, the birds in the sky, and every animal on the earth.
- ²⁹ I have provided all kinds of fruit and grain for you to eat. ³⁰ And I have given the green plants as food for everything else that breathes, including animals, both wild and tame, and birds. And so it was.
- ³¹ God looked at what he had done. All of it was very good! Evening came, then morning—that was the sixth day.



WHAT DO YOU NOTICE?

- What words are repeated?
- Who is speaking?
- What does God do *before* humans do anything?

WHAT THE TEXT SAYS!

God speaks intentionally.



Humans are made in God's image.



God blesses them.



God calls creation "very good."

IMAGE OF GOD: *IMAGO DEI*

Being made in God's image means:

- You have God-given worth.
- Your dignity is not negotiable.
- **Nothing** can erase what God put in you.

Your value comes from what God has said and done—not from anything else. Your value does not come from achievement, popularity, or other people's opinions.

DOMINION NOT DOMINATION

**God-given
dominion
means:**

Responsibility,
not abuse

Leadership,
not harm

Care for
people and
creation

THEN AND NOW

Before the world spoke...

Before slavery

Before segregation

Before stereotypes

God already spoke.

He said:

- “Let us make them in our image”
- “God blessed them”
- “It was very good”

SYNTHESIS QUESTIONS

Think about this:

What lies does society tell Black youth?

How does this passage push back?

Whose voice gets the final word?



PERSONAL REFLECTION

*Because I am made in God's
image, I can...*

OUR IDENTITY

I am:

- Created in God's image
- Blessed on purpose
- Very good

You are not a mistake.

You are not an accident.

You are not disposable.

CLOSING PRAYER

Prayer Focus:

- Gratitude for our God-given identity
- Strength to live like we believe it
- Courage to resist lies about who we are