PARENT GUIDE Elementary

Custom Creations: There's only one you



First, watch this week's video!

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

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

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

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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."





Individuality is discovering who you're meant to be so you can make a difference.

DAY 1

DAY 2

Read Psalm 139:14

This is month is all about individuality which is discovering who you're meant to be so you can make a difference! There are so many unique things about you and part of growing up is discovering what those things are. But while you're learning about you, here's something huge you need to understand. God knit together each part of you exactly the way He wanted you to be. You are wonderfully made. There is no one else in all of creation, past, present or future, exactly like you.

Mirror Reminder

- **1.** When you look in the mirror, what's the first thing you notice?
- 2. Find a dry erase or regular marker and write "Made in God's Image" on the mirror.
- 3. Every time you brush your teeth, fix your hair, or wash your hands, stop and thank God for the totally uniquely awesome way He's made you!

Read Luke 12:7

Who knows more about you, you or God?

Do you know how many hairs are on your head? Grab a chunk of hair and start counting. Sorry, short haired readers, this might be a lot more difficult for you.

Could you do it? While counting some of the hairs on your head is possible, counting every single one is most definitely not.

What's impossible for you is possible for God. God knew how many hairs were on your head when you started counting and He knows how many fell out as you tried to complete this crazy task.

God knows you. He loves you. He made you in His image. That means that out of all the beautiful, exotic, crazy cool, and amazing things God made, you are most like Him. You are a one of kind, uniquely created, valuable gift from God to the world.

DAY 3

Read Genesis 1:27

God created people in His own image.

That means that you were made by God to reflect or show His goodness to others. Seems a little crazy, right? Think about all the wonderful things you know about God. He is loving, kind, faithful, true, trustworthy, righteous, strong, and good. You were made to reflect those same qualities with the people around you. God chooses to use people, made in His image, to share His love with others.

The next time you're together with your family, read this verse aloud. Then discuss the following questions:

- → What is an image?
- → Why do you think God made us in His own image? How does this make us different from animals, or plants or other parts of creation?
- → How are we people that God made image bearers of God to the world around us?

Read Psalm 139:16

Have you ever broken a bone and had an x-ray that allowed you to see the break inside your arm or leg? Pretty cool, right?

Guess what? God doesn't need an x-ray machine. He's the one who formed you in the first place. And while you were still growing, even before you made your entrance into the world, God knew you. He already had a plan for you. God lovingly made you in His image so that you can share His love with everyone.

Ask your Mom or Dad to show you some of your baby pictures. As you look back at all that cuteness, stop and thank God for the awesome way He made you! Ask Him to help you trust Him each day, knowing that the way He made you is wonderful!

You were made in God's image.

