

# Intergenerational Life Group Guide

## Genesis Week 2: Image of God



✦✦✦ Make this week even better by: inviting your group to come prepared to share a talent, and having paper and colouring supplies on hand.

### Introductions:

Go around the circle and do names again to get to know each other a bit better this week.

**Option 1:** Go around the circle and let everyone give their name and one thing they are really good at doing, or at least really enjoy doing.

**Option 2:** If you have an outgoing group, go around and share names, and invite people to show one weird skill they have. Who can lick thier nose or do the splits?



**Bonus idea:** (to do ahead of time) Let people know ahead of time that you will ask about a special skill, and invite anyone who is interested to bring a tool or supply they might need to show their skill. Maybe someone will bring an instrument, or wear some stretchy clothes to show off a cool move.

### Recap:

If not everyone in your group saw the adult message this week, briefly go over the story.

**Option 1:** Invite a few readers to read **Genesis 1:26-31** out to the group.

**Option 2:** Do you have some time? Invite pairs or groups to each take one of the 6 verses and draw a picture, then show them in order and have each group read out their verse.



**Option 3:** Go on Youtube and look up 'Crossroads Kids Club god Made People' to see an engaging 4 minute video of Genesis 1:26-31.



Are you a group that includes a **snack or a meal** in your time together? Consider tying it in to the topic this week:

- Have a snack and the mini version, maybe muffins and mini muffins, or big cookies and mini cookies (you can buy mini oreos, for instance.) We're like a mini version of God!
- You could have people decorate their own naan pizzas, using toppings to try to make an image of their own face.
- If you are able to invite people to come prepared to share a talent, see if someone has a snack making talent to share.

### Wonderfully Made:

Isn't it amazing that God made us to be like Him? Let your group do something creative while you work through the discussion questions on the next page.

**Option 1:** Let everyone use pencil crayons, crayons, or markers to try to draw themselves. Have them include things they love or value. (Just for fun, have people sign and date these to take home, and encourage people to try this again next fall and then pull these ones out to compare.)

**Option 2:** If your group is older, have people work on a name poem, finding one describing word for themselves that begins with each letter of their name.

**Discussion Questions:** \*If you've got a big paper or a screen, make a list for the first question.\*

- What are some of the things God is good at, or things He loves to do?
- What things that God does do you do too, in some version?
- What are/were some shared values or traits of your family? (e.g. do you and your kids make getting outside a priority? Did your parents pass on a love of sending cards in the mail? Do you all have super curly hair? Can you all roll your tongue?)
- What do you think are some of the shared values or traits of the Family of God? Which ones are easy for you to live out?

### **Gospel Connection:**

Read together John 14:6-11 which is part of a conversation Jesus had with His disciples.

Talk about it:

- What did Jesus love or do that can tell us something about God?
- If we are made in the image of God and Jesus shows us the image of God, how does that impact us?

### **Copycats:**

If we are built to seem a bit like God, it is worth our time to practice being more and more like God. We're never going to be God, but luckily He sent us a perfect example of what a human version looks like, His Son Jesus.

If you liked being outside last week, consider taking this part of your meeting outside again!

**Option 1:** If you have a baby in your group, take some time to watch the sorts of things they do. Babies learn by copying! If your group has a playful spirit, try to spend 2 minutes copying the baby! You may be surprised how much energy it takes.

**Option 2:** Play follow the leader. Choose one person, maybe a child, to lead the group, and have everyone do their best to copy that leader. This can be done sitting or standing in a circle, or going for a short walk, indoors or outdoors.

**Option 3:** In **Romans 1:20** we are reminded that God built the wonderful world around us to help us learn about Him. If you can be outside, take turns finding something in nature, connecting it to a quality of God, and suggesting a way we can copy that quality of God. E.g. a tree provides shade and shelter, just like God, who shelters us like a strong tower, so we can provide shelter by letting an out of town guest sleep over, making sure our home is peaceful, buying right sized clothes for our kids, etc.

**Option 4:** Pick one quality of God, as a group, to try to copycat this week. Brainstorm specific ways you could do that, and be ready to celebrate together next week if you succeed.

### **Pray together**

To pray today, if you are comfortable, put your hands on your heart, and start by thanking God for the beautiful body He gave you to be able to do stuff on Earth. Thank God for making us in His image, and for sending Jesus to show us what that looks like in a human.