

**Church at Home Pack – 7<sup>th</sup> March 2021**  
**Join us online for our 10:30am service on Sunday**  
<https://ccwsm.org.uk/service-type/sunday-service-online/>

If you like, join in with the discussion on Facebook with our church family (@ccwsm)!

**In some sections we make several suggestions of ideas. Some may be more appropriate to you or the different people in your family or life group than others. We're not expecting you to do all of them (although you are very welcome to!) Choose the ones which best suit you.**

*Our verse for the year is the same as last year's verse as we think about the difference being with Jesus makes to our lives*

**When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.**

*Acts 4:13*

## **GATHER TOGETHER**

### ***A prayer to start –***

Great God, your love has called us here as we, by love, for love were made.  
Your loving likeness still we bear, though marred, dishonoured, disobeyed.  
We come, with all our heart and mind, your call to hear, your love to find.

**Amen**

### ***Action reminder –***

From the top of my head

*(Touch head)*

to the tips of my toes;

*(Touch toes)*

from the lobes of my ears

*(Touch ear lobes)*

to the end of my nose;

*(Touch nose)*

from my back, to my front

*(Turn round)*

to my wiggly fingers,

*(stretch out arms and wiggle fingers)*

God loves me!

*(jump up and down)*

## READ TOGETHER

### *Genesis 1: 26-31a*



#### **International Children’s Bible (ICB)**

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, “Let us make human beings in our image and likeness. And let them rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky. Let them rule over the tame animals, over all the earth and over all the small crawling animals on the earth.”

<sup>27</sup> So God created human beings in his image. In the image of God he created them. He created them male and female. <sup>28</sup> God blessed them and said, “Have many children and grow in number. Fill the earth and be its master. Rule over the fish in the sea and over the birds in the sky. Rule over every living thing that moves on the earth.”



<sup>29</sup> God said, “Look, I have given you all the plants that have grain for seeds. And I have given you all the trees whose fruits have seeds in them. They will be food for you. <sup>30</sup> I have given all the green plants to all the animals to eat. They will be food for every wild animal, every bird of the air and every small crawling animal.” And it happened. <sup>31</sup> God looked at everything he had made, and it was very good.

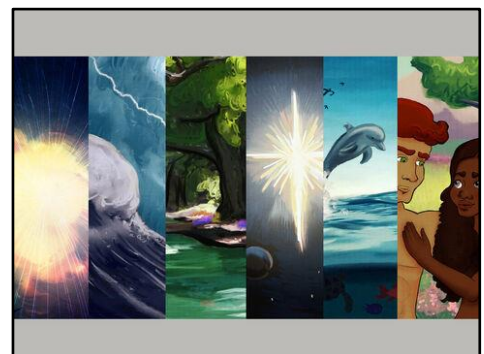
#### **New International Version (NIV)**

<sup>26</sup> 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,<sup>[a]</sup> and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”

<sup>27</sup> So God created mankind in his own image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup> 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.”

<sup>29</sup> 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. <sup>30</sup> 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. <sup>31</sup> God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.



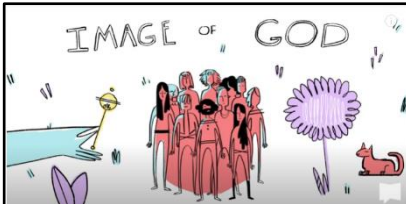
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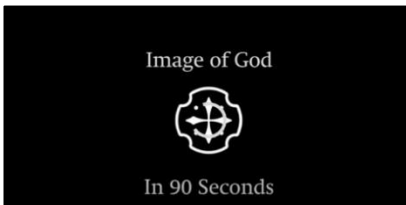
**God's Story: God made people** – Crossroads Kids' Club:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZZPfcWV81pE&t=4s>



**Creation (Genesis 1-2)** – Saddleback Kids:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=teu7BCZTgDs>



**Image of God** – The Bible Project:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YbipxLDtY8c&vl=en>



**The Image of God in 90 seconds** – Ryan Reeves:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ldddOOAVo44>

## TALK TOGETHER

- Has anyone ever told you that you were the 'image' of someone in your family? How did that make you feel?
- The Bible says that we are ALL made in God's image. How does it feel to know that God made you to be like him?

## STUDY TOGETHER

Genesis 1:27 says that we've been made in the image of God. Nicky said that doesn't mean we look like God but that we're made to show and reflect his character. We're not all-powerful and all-knowing like God but there are aspects of his character that should be seen in our lives.

So, what is God like? Read the following verses and chat/think about how we can practically show these characteristics in our relationships with others and the way we live. Is it easy to be like this? What can help us reflect God's image more?

- Nehemiah 9:16-17
- Psalm 11:7
- Psalm 25:6
- Psalm 57:10
- Psalm 103:8
- Psalm 118:1
- Isaiah 64:7
- 1 Peter 1:14-16
- 1 John 4:7-8

All people are made in the image of God but sin has marred that image. When we become part of God's family, he gives us the Holy Spirit to help restore that image to what it should be. The apostle Paul describes it as showing the 'fruit' of the Spirit (*Read Galatians 5:22-23*).

***“For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord.”  
Ephesians 5:8-10***

## MAKE TOGETHER

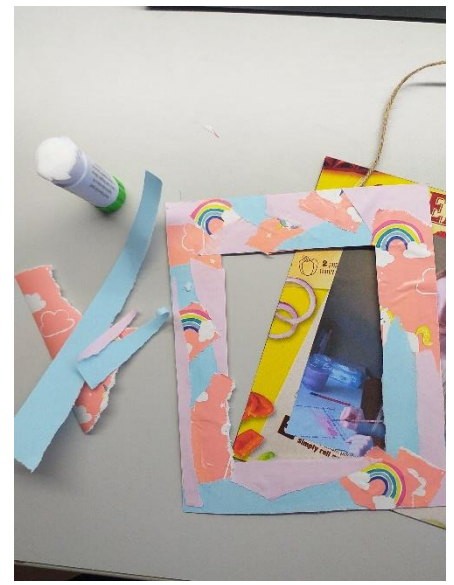
### 'Made in God's Image' Photo Frames



Find a photo of a friend or someone in your family. Using card from your recycling box, cut out a back for your frame – larger than the photo.

Then cut out a frame for the front, the same size as the back but with a hole cut out, so that you can see the photo! If you are using card that has something printed on it, make sure that is on the inside of the frame. So that you will be able to hang the photo frame up, add some string or wool to the backing piece so that when the front frame is glued down, it will be sandwiched between the two pieces.

Now, using whatever you have available, decorate the front of the frame. In our example, we glued down torn offcuts of coloured paper and wrapping paper. Next, add the title, 'MADE IN GOD'S IMAGE' to the frame. You could also add God's characteristics that you see in the person in the photograph.



## PLAY TOGETHER

### ***Pin the nose on the face!***

On a large piece of paper, draw a face without a nose (make sure you leave a gap where the nose should be). On a separate piece of paper, draw the nose and cut it out. Take it in turns to be blindfolded (you can use a scarf if you don't have an actual blindfold) and using sticky-tac, try and stick the nose on the face in the right place.



## SING TOGETHER

***Love the way God made me*** – Orange Kids Music: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XxNBXMTJbp4>

***To be like Jesus*** – Sovereign Grace Music: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lrhxVuqnPVs>

***Image of God*** – We Are Messengers: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8yV0pu60Uqs>

***To be like Jesus*** – Bethany Jennings: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9eOiEzgy0VY>

## REFLECT TOGETHER

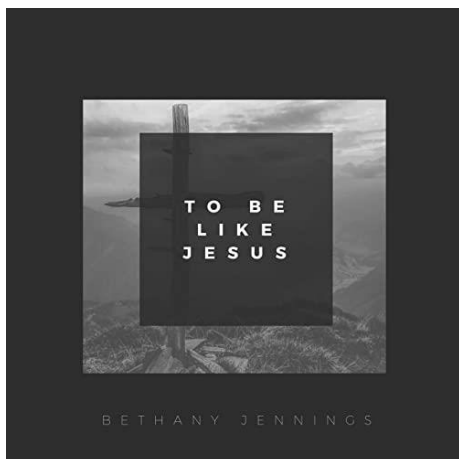
### ***When it's difficult to see God's image...***

Think of someone who you find it difficult to see the image of God in and name them quietly in your heart before God. It could be someone who is in the news, a celebrity or someone who is known personally to you.

If you have a photo of them, look at it, otherwise imagine them in your head.

As you sit quietly ask God to show you his image/characteristics in them.

### ***To be like Jesus...***



We know that Jesus is the perfect example of a life lived in the image of God. We are not perfect, we mess up.

Listen to '***To be like Jesus***' – Bethany Jennings:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9eOiEzgy0VY>

As the music plays, ask God to help you be more like Jesus every day.

## PRAY TOGETHER

### *Made in God's Image*



When we look in a mirror, we usually do it to make sure we look okay. We might check our clothes or brush our hair if it looks bit messy. As well as checking our physical image, what we look like, why not also check how God's image looks in us.

Write the words 'Made in God's image' on a strip of paper and stick this to the top of your mirror. When you look in the mirror say this prayer:

Father God, I want to be like you today.

Fill me with your love so that I can show everyone what you are like.

**Amen**

### *A Prayer of Confession*

We confess that although we are made in the image of God, sometimes we ruin God's image by the way we live, by what we say and what we do.

Lord, have mercy.

We confess that although we are made in the image of God, sometimes we ignore God's image in others, and make them feel small by our words and actions.

Christ, have mercy.

We confess that although we are made in the image of God, sometimes we hide God's image from others, by pretending that we know best.

Lord, have mercy.

Forgive us, and renew your image made in us, that we may be more like you in living and loving.

**Amen.**

## DO TOGETHER



Spend some time looking through family photos. See if you can spot the 'Family likeness', who is the image of who? Can you see God's image in the people in your photos? Which of God's characteristics do you see in them?



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