

GOD CREATED US

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Bible Readings

Take a few minutes to read the Bible verses listed and ask the Holy Spirit to lead you in how this verse applies to you this week.

Genesis 1

Memory Verse

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.

Genesis 1:26-27; 31



CASEY'S DAY

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Many kids are told they're just like their parents. Those moments often turn awkward because they usually come with a pinch on the cheek or an unwanted pat on the head. You stand there smiling and nodding while thinking, "This person must have bad eyesight."

We may or may not look much like our parents, but the great thing is we *are* created in God's image. What does it mean to be created in the image of God?

The answer to our question is found in Genesis 1:26-31. We were created not only to resemble God but also to think and act like God. He gave each of us the ability to display his good characteristics. Some express his kindness by giving. Others express his love by serving. And you might be one who expresses God's faithfulness by being dependable. We call this *diversity*, God's creative way of sharing all his good qualities with the whole world. When we join those qualities together to make our schools a better place, make a sick

friend feel better, or clean the neighborhood, we see a more detailed picture of who God is and how he made us be like him for those around us.

Why is it important to know that every person is created in the image of God? This helps us to understand that each of us is important to him. As a result, we see the value in everyone and love *all* people.

Prayer

Dear Creator God, help me to appreciate your goodness in the people I see around me. Amen.

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