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## BEING CHANGED INTO GOD'S IMAGE

### Becoming More Like Jesus

YEAR 2 – KINGDOM LIFE

UNIT 3: MADE IN GOD'S IMAGE

## 1 | Teacher's Notes

**Scripture** 2 Corinthians 3:18

**Objectives** To explain that

- Today's lesson is about being made in God's image. God made us in his image when he created us, but he also is still changing us into his image now.
- Some parts of God's glory are his alone: things like his eternal beauty, his greatness, and his power. But there are some parts of God's glory that we get to share in: things like God's holiness, his goodness and his love and life.
- When we see Jesus' glory - his holiness, his goodness, his love, and life - and think deeply about it, we are changed to become more like him.
- When we become like Jesus we become most fully and truly human, as humans were meant to be. When we become like Jesus, we can also reflect the beauty of his glory and shine his light into the world.
- We need to turn our love and attention towards Jesus so we can reflect his glory. We do this through worship, reading the Bible, praying, taking Holy Communion, and following Jesus.
- The Holy Spirit helps us to become more like Jesus.

**Memory Verse** "All of us can see the Lord's glory and think deeply about it. So we are being changed to become more like him so that we have more and more glory. And this glory comes from the Lord, who is the Holy Spirit." 2 Corinthians 3:18 (NIRV)

**ACNA  
Catechism  
Connections**

Today's lesson of Being Changed into God's Image is connected to the following Catechism questions:

Q16 What does God desire to accomplish in your life in Christ? God desires to free me from captivity to sin and transform me into the image of Jesus Christ, by the power of his Holy Spirit.

Q87 How does the Holy Spirit strengthen you for life in Christ? The Holy Spirit bears witness that I am a child of God, stirs my heart continually to worship and to pray, and inspires me to holiness and good works in Christ.

Q97 Why is the Church called "holy"? The Church is holy because the Holy Spirit dwells in it and sanctifies its members, setting them apart to God in Christ and calling them to moral and spiritual holiness of life.

Q110 For what purpose does God give you grace? God gives me grace in Christ for the forgiveness of my sins, redemption from sin's power, healing of sin's effects, and growth in holiness, to my final transformation into the likeness of Christ.

Q363 How does Jesus heal you? Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, as I continue in repentance and faith, Jesus mends my disordered soul from the effects of sin in my mind, will, and desires.

Q364 What is this healing called? This healing is called "sanctification," which means to be made whole and holy. By the work of the Holy Spirit, my mind, will, and desires are increasingly transformed and conformed to the character of Jesus Christ.

Q365 How does the Church assist in your sanctification? The Church's joyful worship, faithful teaching, grace-filled sacraments, Gospel-shaped calendar, compassionate ministry, loving discipline, and caring fellowship all assist my growth in Christ and are channels of God's abundant care for my soul.

Q184 What is God's will? God's will is to reconcile all things to himself in Jesus Christ and to establish his kingdom on the earth. His will is revealed in the whole of Scripture and especially in Jesus Christ, whom I am called to serve and imitate with my whole life.

**Suggested  
Materials,  
Props, and  
Costumes**

**Big story props:**

- Large Bible
- Kingdom Life storyboard (see photo)

**Lesson Props:** (see Props Document for instructions on how to make these)

- Flannelgraph (or wall or poster) to attach teaching aids to
- Large reflective golden circle (like the one used on the storyboard)
- Memory verse written out in three sections (see props document)
- Piece of card to cover part of the memory verse
- Mirror for teacher to use as teaching aid. Write "Our Life" on the back.
- Small reflective gold card circles for children to take home. Write "My life" on the back of each circle. They can also practice turning their gold circle towards light source during activity time.
- Flashlight for teacher and mini flashlights for the children
- Q&A poster (see photo below) The question is: "How do we turn our love and attention towards Jesus so we can reflect his glory?" The answers are: Worship Jesus, Read the Bible, Pray, Take Holy Communion, Follow Jesus.
- Storyboard symbol: Picture of mirror (Become more like Jesus)
- Optional: Globe for the children to shine their light on during song.

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(Found on the last page of this lesson plan) Print out and place in large Bible.

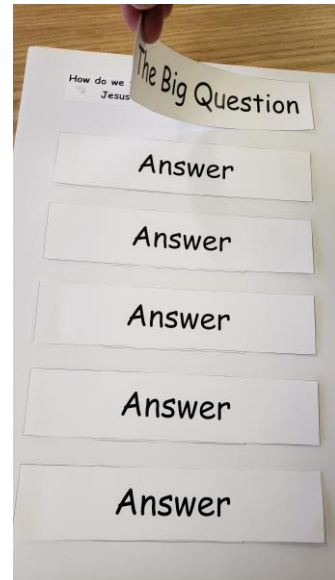
## 2 | Lesson Outline:

<b>Welcome</b>	As the children arrive ensure each one is personally welcomed and everyone knows each other's name.
<b>Greeting &amp; Collect for Purity</b>	Light the candles Say the Greeting and Collect for Purity ( <i>see Resource Section</i> )
<b>Prayer of Confession</b>	Say the Prayer of Confession ( <i>see Resource Section</i> ) Extinguish the candles
<b>Music</b>	Psalm 139 Song (Colin Buchanan) Made in the Image (Yancy Ministries) This Little Light of Mine From Glory to Glory he's Changing Me <i>Please check internet for lyrics and music.</i>
<b>Review of foundations</b>	Choose from the following as appropriate: The Lord's Prayer, The Apostles Creed, The Ten Commandments or The Greatest Commandment. <i>For more information on how to teach these, see Resource Section</i>
<b>Reading</b>	Memory verse (Printed out and placed in large Bible – invite older child to read)
<b>Story Board Review</b>	Ask review questions relating to props from previous lessons on story board. <i>Story board review is found in Section 4</i>
<b>Props/Costumes</b>	Take a few moments to arrange the narrator and actors. (Props should already be set up prior to the start of the class.) <b>Big story props:</b> Large Bible, Kingdom Life storyboard
<b>Bible Story</b>	<i>Proceed with story and questions found in Section 4.</i>
<b>Related activities</b>	<i>After the story, proceed with related activities found in Section 5.</i>
<b>Preparation for Communion &amp; leaving class</b>	Gather the children together for the Preparation for Communion prayer before exiting the classroom. <i>See Resource Section.</i>

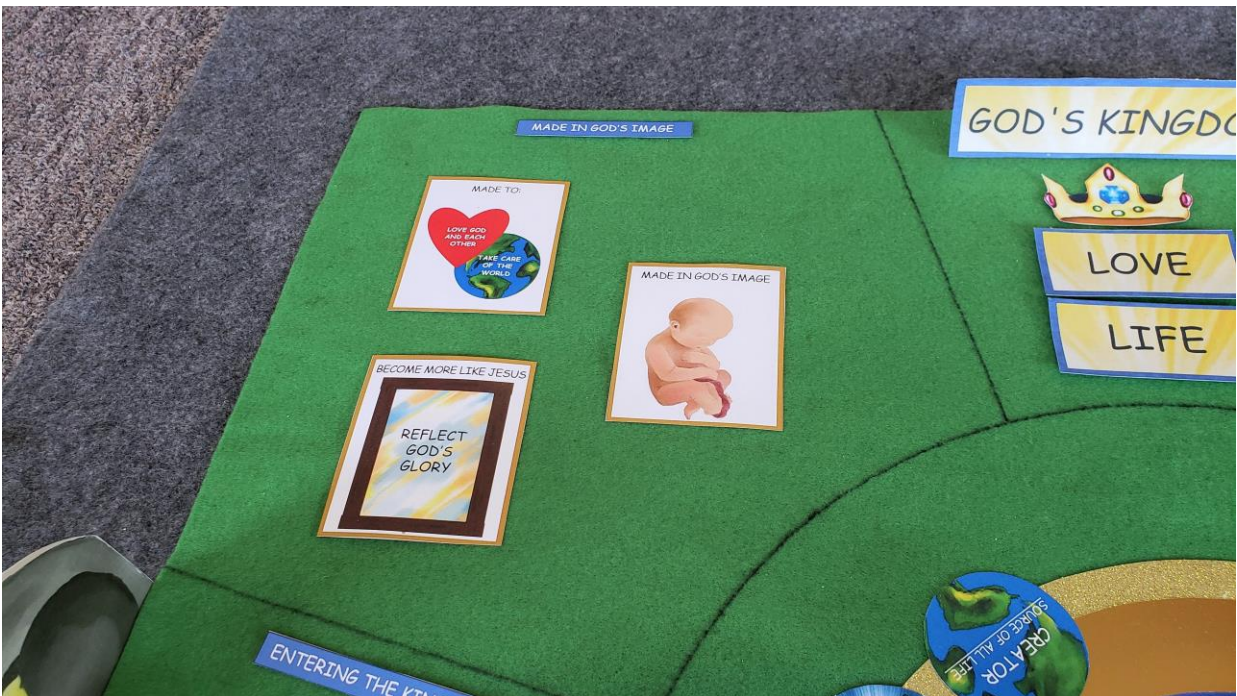
### 3 | Storyboard Progression



This is how the storyboard should look at the **start** of the lesson.



Q & A poster



This is how the Made in God's Image section should look at the end of the lesson. After the lesson, leave all the symbols on the storyboard for next week.

## 4 | Story and Questions

**SETUP:** *Have the Kingdom Life storyboard set up as indicated in photo. Have the children sit in a semi-circle around it, making sure they can all see the storyboard. Have the flannelgraph with memory verse set up next to the teacher, and the Question & Answer poster ready. Cover the memory verse with a piece of card, and reveal one sentence at a time.*

**BIBLE:** *Hold up the Bible and say: 'Today's lesson is from the Bible, and it is about being Made in God's Image.'*

### **STORYBOARD REVIEW:**

**TEACHER:** *(Point to "Made in the Image of God" symbol.)* We have learned that we were made in God's image even before we were born. Being made in God's image means that we are like God in many ways. We are intelligent, we are creative, we can speak, and we can love.

*(Point to Heart/Earth symbol.)* God made us to love him and each other, and to take care of the world he created.

### **STORY:**

**TEACHER:** God **made** us, you and me, in his image when he created us, and he is **still changing** us into his image day by day.

Why do you think that God is still changing us? *(Let children respond.)* Do we still sin sometimes, disobey God, and make poor choices? Yes, we do.

*(Point to "LIFE" card on green area.)* God has given us new **life** through Jesus. And God wants that new life to keep growing in us so we can become more and more **like** Jesus.

Let's take a look at today's Bible verse. When I read it, I want you to listen for the words: "glory", "changed", and "Holy Spirit".

"All of us can see the Lord's **glory** and think deeply about it. So we are being **changed** to become more like him so that we have more and more **glory**. And this **glory** comes from the Lord, who is the **Holy Spirit**." (2 Cor. 3:18)

**TEACHER:** Did you hear the word glory?

*(Hold up large golden circle)* When the Bible talks about God's glory, it means all the things that are so very great about God. Some parts of God's glory are his alone: things like his eternal beauty, his greatness, and his power. But there are some parts of God's glory that we get to share in: things like God's holiness, his goodness and his love and life. Today we are going to talk about how we get to share in God's glory.

Let's look carefully now at our Bible verse. Who can read the **first** part? *(Reveal the first sentence of the memory verse.)*

**STUDENT:** "All of us can see the Lord's glory and think deeply about it."

**TEACHER:** Yes, we can see the Lord's glory... in Jesus. *(Point to Jesus peg doll.)* Jesus has all of God's glory. Jesus is the perfect image of the invisible God.

Who can read the **second** sentence of our memory verse? *(Reveal sentence.)*

**STUDENT:** "So we are being changed to become more like him so that we have more and more glory."

**TEACHER:** God wants **us** to have some of his glory too! When we see Jesus' glory - his holiness, goodness, love, and life - and think deeply about it, we are changed to become more **like** Jesus.

Let's do a little demonstration. God wants our lives to be a bit like mirrors so we can reflect his glory. *(Hold up mirror facing children.)* Mirrors can reflect light. Let's think about this mirror as *our* life. *(Turn the mirror to show the children the words "OUR LIFE" on the back.)* The mirror represents **us**, our lives.

*(Hold up flashlight.)* This flashlight represents God's light and glory. God's light is shining onto the mirror. *(Turn on flashlight and shine into mirror so children can see the light.)*

How do we get the mirror to reflect the light? *(Turn mirror towards light.)* Yes, it has to be close to the light, turned **towards** it. In the same way, we have to come closer to God, turn our lives **towards** God so that we can become more like him and reflect his light!

We are changed to become more like Jesus when we turn our love and attention to him. The more time we spend getting to know and loving Jesus, the more we become **like** him.

Why do you think that God wants us to become more and more like Jesus? *(Let children respond.)* God wants us to become more like Jesus because that is what he created us to be. When we become like Jesus we become most fully and truly

human, as humans were meant to be. When we become like Jesus, we can also reflect the beauty of his glory and shine his light into the world. It will bless the world in many ways and when other people see God's **glory** in us, they will want to follow Jesus too.

**TEACHER:** Now, I have a big question about reflecting God's glory. Can someone pull off the big question card and read the question underneath?

**ACTION:** *Ask children to pull off one card at a time from the Q&A poster to reveal the sentence underneath, have a child read it and the teacher say the explanations.*

**STUDENT:** How do we turn our love and attention towards Jesus so we can reflect his glory?

**TEACHER:** Now I need some volunteers to pull off the answer cards and read the answers to our big question.

**STUDENT:** WORSHIP JESUS – (**TEACHER:** We **tell** Jesus (in words and actions) that we love and respect him for his greatness. We worship God in church, and we can also worship him at home.)

**STUDENT:** READ THE BIBLE – (**TEACHER:** We **listen** to Jesus as he speaks to us through the Bible, through teaching we hear at church, and through our own Bible reading.)

**STUDENT:** PRAY - (**TEACHER:** We **talk** with Jesus about everything when we pray, with others and alone.)

**STUDENT:** TAKE HOLY COMMUNION – (**TEACHER:** We **meet** with Jesus when we receive Holy Communion at church.)

**STUDENT:** FOLLOW JESUS – (**TEACHER:** We **follow** Jesus when we trust and obey him as our Lord and King, together with our church family.)

**TEACHER:** What does the **last** sentence of our memory verse say? (*Reveal sentence.*)

**STUDENT:** "And this glory comes from the Lord, who is the Holy Spirit."

**TEACHER:** (*Point to storyboard symbols as you say:*) The Holy Spirit helps us to become more like Jesus. The Holy Spirit is our teacher and helper.

Let's read the whole memory verse together:

**STUDENTS:** "All of us can see the Lord's glory and think deeply about it. So we are being changed to become more like him so that we have more and more glory. And this glory comes from the Lord, who is the Holy Spirit."

**TEACHER:** *(Place mirror symbol on storyboard as shown in second photo.)* Let's put this picture of a mirror on our storyboard to remind us that God wants us to become more like Jesus so we can reflect more and more of his glory: his holiness, his goodness, his love, and life.

I'm going to give each of you a small gold circle that represents God's glory in you. *(Give each child a gold circle.)* The surface of the gold circle is like a mirror to remind you that God calls you to turn your love and attention towards him so you can reflect his glory.

**ACTION:** *Take children to activity table. Give them a flashlight each (or let them share). Let them practice turning their gold circles towards the light source, so they reflect the light onto the wall or floor.*

*Sing "This Little Light of Mine" during this activity. Optional: When it comes to the verse, "Take this light around the world", have a globe set out for the children to shine their flashlights around the globe.*

This little light of mine	I won't let anyone blow it out	Take this light around the world
I'm gonna let it shine	I'm gonna let it shine	I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine	I won't let anyone blow it out	Take this light around the world
I'm gonna let it shine	I'm gonna let it shine	I'm gonna let it shine
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Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine	Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine	Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

**Life Application Prayer:**

Thank you, Jesus, that you have shown us God's glory. Lord Jesus, we want to reflect the beauty of your glory - your holiness, goodness, love, and life. We want to shine your light into the world so others can see you and follow you too. Lord Jesus, help us to turn our love and attention to you every day so we can reflect your glory, and become more like you. Amen.

**SUGGESTED QUESTIONS:**

- **What does this lesson tell us about God?** (God is glorious. God's glory is all the things that are so very great about God. His eternal beauty, his greatness and his power, God's holiness, his goodness and his love and life.)
- Does Jesus have all of God's glory? (Yes, he is the image of the invisible God.)
- Does God want us to be changed so we can become more like Jesus? (Yes.)
- Why does God want us to become more and more like Jesus? (Because that is what he created us to be. When we become like Jesus we become most fully and truly human, as humans were meant to be. Then we can also reflect the beauty of his glory and shine his light into the world. When other people see God's glory in us, they will want to follow Jesus too.)
- Which parts of God's glory can we reflect? (His holiness, goodness, love, and life.)
- How do we turn our love and attention towards Jesus so we can become more like him? (Worship him, read the Bible, pray, take Holy Communion, follow Jesus.)
- Who is our Helper that helps us become more like Jesus? (The Holy Spirit)

## 5 | Response Activities

### **Kingdom News handout and colouring supplement**

- Have the children complete the activities in the Kingdom News handout and colouring supplement.

### **Optional activities**

- Different learning stations, such as: a book table, modelling clay, colouring papers
- Give the children a small mirror each and have them turn it towards the light source (flashlight) so the light reflects onto the floor or wall.

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(2 Corinthians 3:18)