

MADE IN GOD'S IMAGE



Some ways we are like God:

Intelligent

Speak

Creative

Love

MADE TO:



God made us:

Male

Female

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Objectives: To explain that: *The Holy Spirit formed Jesus in Mary's womb. *Human beings are made in God's image. *God created us for a loving relationship with him and with each other, **and** to take care of the world. *To be made in God's image means that we are like God in many ways. We are intelligent, we are creative, we can speak, we can love. *God made us male and female. *God made our whole being. *Human life is sacred and holy.

"I Wonder" Questions: What do you see in this picture? *I wonder why there is a picture of an unborn baby, a heart and the earth. *I wonder what the words mean. Let's find out more in our lesson....

Lesson Props: Year 1 posters: Lesson 1 Creation, and Lesson 12 (Christmas). Memory verse on pg 3. **Optional:** Fetal growth chart on pg 4.

Lesson Summary: (*Show Christmas poster*) Soon it will be Christmas and we will celebrate the birth of Jesus. Baby Jesus was different than other babies. The angel Gabriel told Mary that she would have this special baby. He was a fully human baby, and he was also fully God. The Holy Spirit formed baby Jesus in Mary's womb (that means inside her tummy). (*Point to fetus on this lesson poster*) Baby Jesus would have looked just like you and I did when we were growing inside our mother's womb. (*Show Creation poster*) God made all things – the earth, the sky, the plants and all the animals. But when God made people, he said: "Let us make human beings in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over all the animals. So, God created human beings in his own image... male and female he created them." (Gen 1:26-27) Human beings are different from the animals, because **God made us in his own image.** (*Point to symbols on this lesson poster*) We have this picture of an unborn child on our poster to remind us that we are made in the image of God even before we are born. **Why did God create us in his image?** God created us in his image so that we could have a loving relationship with him and with each other. He also created us to take care of the world. **What does it mean that we are created in God's image?** It means that we are like God in many ways. We have **four words** here, that describe **how we are like God.** (*Point to and read the words*) **1.** We are **intelligent.** Intelligent means smart and wise. God is so smart and wise, he created everything. God created **us** to be smart and wise enough to rule over the animals and take care of the world. **2.** We are **creative.** Creative means that we can use our imagination to make things. God is the great Creator. He made everything out of nothing. We can use the things God made to make our own creations. **3.** We can **speak.** God created everything with his words. We can speak because God speaks. We can communicate our thoughts with words to each other and to God. **4.** We can **love.** God is love. He is the source of love. God created us for a loving relationship with him and each other. When God created human beings, he made them **male** and **female**, boys and girls. Boys and girls are different in many ways, but both are equally valuable and important. They each reflect God's image in their own special way. Human life is sacred and holy because we are made in God's image and because Jesus took on human form to save us. Therefore, **every** human body and **every** human life should be loved, cared for, and protected. (*Read memory verse*) God made your whole being, body, mind, and soul. God made each of us unique – one of a kind. There is only one of you and that makes you very special! (*Point to your finger*) Even before we were born, God gave each of us our very own fingerprint that is different from all others. Right from the moment you were created, you were a human person. Even when you were so tiny in your mother's womb, you were fully human and made by God.

Suggested Questions: ***What does this lesson tell us about God?** (God has made us in his image. He is intelligent, Creator, he speaks, he is love) ***Why did God create us in his image?** (God created us for a loving relationship with God and each other, and to take care of the world that he made.) ***What does it mean that we are made in God's image?** (We are like God in many ways. We are different from the animals.) ***What are some of the ways that we are like God?** (Intelligent, creative, can speak, can love) ***God made people male and female, boys and girls. Are boys and girls different from each other?** (Yes, but they are both made in God's image and are equally valuable and important.)

Bible Memory Verse: "You made my whole being; you formed me in my mother's body. I praise you because you made me in an amazing and wonderful way." (Psalm 139: 13–14a - NCV)

God said:

"Let us make human beings in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over all the animals.

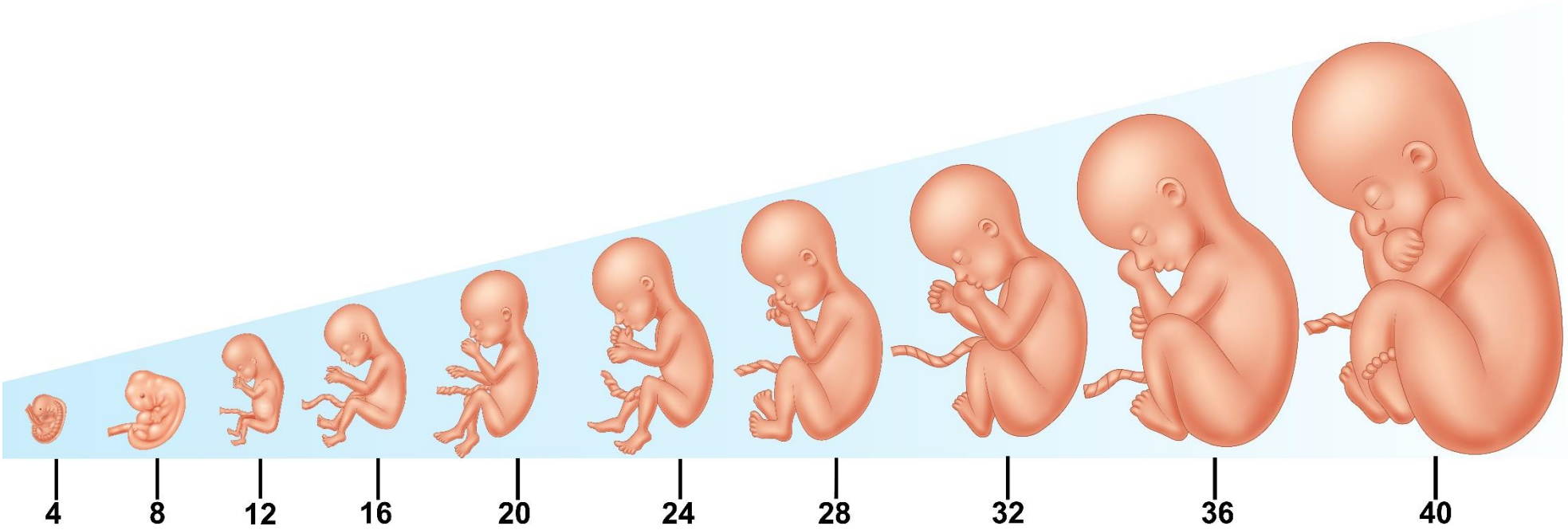
So God created human beings in his own image... male and female he created them."

(Gen. 1:26-27)

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