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## BONUS LESSON

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## PREPARATION GUIDE

BONUS LESSON - PRE-K

### WEEK 1

#### LESSON MATERIALS

| *Matching Game* Activity Page (1 set for every 2 students) | Cardstock |  
Construction Paper | Scissors | Glue sticks | Crayons | Stickers or other Decorative Items |

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## BIBLE PASSAGE

Genesis 1:27, Psalm 139:13-19 (ICB)

## BIG IDEA

God created me to bring Him glory.

## 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 (ICB)

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## GREET — 15 MINUTES

Connection questions to ask as the children arrive:

- Of all the animals God made, which one do you think looks the funniest?
- How are you different from the rest of the things God made?

## WORSHIP — 10 MINUTES

Humans are God’s unique and special creation, and we are the only things He made in His own image. However, because He is our Creator, we must recognize His authority over us. Because God made us, He (our Creator) defines who we are, and we should seek to live in a way that glorifies and reflects Him. Today’s bonus lesson will remind your students (and you!) of the foundational truth that God created me to bring Him glory! For the worship time, select songs that connect with this truth.

We suggest “Who You Say I Am” by Yancy Not Nancy as a theme song for this special bonus lesson.

## PRAY — 5 MINUTES

Say, “Let’s pray and thank God for being our good and powerful Creator. He made us and loves us so much.”

**SAMPLE PRAYER:** *“Dear God, we praise You because You made us. You are strong and powerful and good! Help us to love You with all our hearts. Amen.”*

## REVIEW — 5 MINUTES

**BACKGROUND:** Say, “Out of everything God made [all of the animals, and seas, and plants], we are the

most special to Him. In the Bible, we read how God carefully crafted Earth to be a good and beautiful place where His people could live and be happy. Then God created the first man and woman and breathed life into them. When He did that, He made the only part of creation that would bear His image! This means that God chose people – women, men, girls, and boys - to follow Him and show the world what He is like. That’s amazing!”



USE THE EXAMPLE OF A MIRROR TO HELP THE CHILDREN UNDERSTAND WHAT IT MEANS FOR US TO “REFLECT” GOD.

Say, “Being made in God’s image means we have been created to reflect God! That sounds a little strange, doesn’t it? What does it mean to reflect someone? [Allow for responses.] When we reflect God, it means we look like Him, specifically His Son, Jesus. Now that doesn’t mean our bodies will look like Jesus. We might not have dark hair and skin as He did, and most of you aren’t men! Instead, it means that with the help of the Holy Spirit, we can become like Jesus in how we act, how we feel, and what we want. It means that the Holy Spirit can help us become who God created us to be! Today we will learn that **God made me [and you] to bring Him glory!** [Have the children repeat that phrase with you.] We don’t ever have to wonder why God made us. The Bible tells us! And that’s what we’re learning about today.” There is no puzzle piece for today’s Bonus Lesson.



WHEN WE DISCUSS “LOOKING LIKE JESUS” OR HAVING THE SAME ATTRIBUTES AS JESUS, IT’S IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THAT THIS IS THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. WE NEED TO TEACH CHILDREN THAT, AS CHRISTIANS, OUR “JOB” IS NOT TO “TRY TO BE A GOOD PERSON.” INSTEAD, WE ARE TO BE ABOUT LEARNING TO ABIDE IN CHRIST. (JOHN 15:4-5) AS WE DRAW CLOSE TO JESUS AND GROW IN THE FULLNESS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, HE CHANGES US FROM THE INSIDE OUT, AND HE SHAPES US INTO OBEDIENT, LOVING IMAGE-BEARERS OF GOD.

**TRANSITION:** Say, “Let’s get started with a game! Who’s ready?”

## ENGAGE – 10 MINUTES

**MATERIALS:** | *Matching Game* Activity Page (1 set for every 2 students) | Cardstock |



BEFORE CLASS, PRINT OUT THE MATCHING GAME ACTIVITY PAGE ON CARDSTOCK. YOU SHOULD HAVE ONE SET OF CARDS FOR EVERY TWO CHILDREN. TO CREATE A GAME YOU CAN USE IN THE FUTURE, LAMINATE THE CARDS.

**GAME GOAL:** Students will compete to find the most matches.

### HOW TO PLAY:

1. Explain that you will pair everyone to play a traditional matching game. (If you have an odd number of children, create one group of three.)
2. Divide your children into pairs and give each group a matching game.
3. Have them take turns turning over two cards to find a match. If a child finds a pair, they should remove

it from the area of play and sit it next to them to be counted at the end of the game. The child who finds the match should go again.

4. The game continues until all the matching pairs are found. At that time, the players should count their matches.
5. The player with the most matches wins.
6. If time allows, play additional rounds and have children trade partners each time.

**TRANSITION:** Say, "You did a great job finding the matching pairs! What do we mean when we say something 'matches?' Right! It means one thing looks like the other. Well, God made us to 'match' His Son, especially in how we love Him and others. When we do that, we bring God glory!"

## LEARN — 15 MINUTES

Say, "Today, we will learn what it means to be made in God's image. As His special creation, we have a purpose no other creature has--- to reflect God! Let's learn more by reading from God's Word together." Read Psalm 139:13-14(ICB).

<sup>13</sup> **You made my whole being.**

**You formed me in my mother's body.**

<sup>14</sup> **I praise you because you made me in an amazing and wonderful way.**

**What you have done is wonderful.**

**I know this very well.**

Read Genesis 1:27.

**So God created human beings in his image. In the image of God he created them. He created them male and female.**

Say, "What did you think about the words I just read to you? [Allow for responses.] Isn't it amazing how God created us? God knows, loves, and carefully makes every boy and girl! He makes us for the most special reason - to bring God glory."

Ask, "What do you want to be when you grow up? [Allow for responses.] Those are some exciting jobs! No matter what job you have one day, that isn't the most important thing about you. Above all other things, **God made you to bring Him glory!**

"Jesus is God, and He came to the earth and lived as a man. When we read about Him in the Bible, we learn how to live and love others. Jesus had to make hard choices to glorify God, and we will too. In those moments, we can remember that God is kind and good. Since He is powerful enough to create everything, He is also powerful enough to help us follow Christ, even when it is hard. We can trust that our Creator knows best and will always be with us."

**TRANSITION:** Say, "It's so wonderful that God gave us His Word to help us understand who God is and who He has made us to be."

# JOINING TO JESUS

JESUS WAS 100% GOD AND 100% HUMAN. HE IS OUR PERFECT EXAMPLE OF WHAT IT MEANS TO BEAR GOD'S IMAGE. AS A HUMAN, JESUS WAS TEMPTED TO MAKE SELFISH CHOICES INSTEAD OF HONORING GOD. JESUS WAS TEMPTED JUST LIKE WE ARE, BUT HE DID NOT GIVE INTO SATAN'S TEMPTATION. WE WILL BE TEMPTED TO MAKE SINFUL CHOICES THAT WE THINK WILL MAKE US HAPPY AND COMFORTABLE OR CHOICES THAT DON'T ALIGN WITH THE IDENTITY GOD GAVE US. IN THOSE DIFFICULT MOMENTS, WE CAN ASK JESUS TO HELP US. HE IS THERE TO HELP US BRING HIM GLORY.

## DISCUSS – 10 MINUTES

Say, "Today's lesson was amazing! Let's talk about it together."

### 1. Who made you?

Response: God created me!

### 2. Why did God make you?

Response: To bring Him glory.

### 3. What does it mean to be an image-bearer?

Response: It means we have been made to reflect God.

### 4. Who shows us what it means to reflect God?

Response: Jesus

### 5. Why is Jesus our perfect human example?

Response: He is fully God and fully man. He perfectly loves God and others.

### 6. What can we do when we find it hard to follow and obey Jesus?

Response: We can ask Jesus to help us.

### 7. What did you learn about God today?

Response: **God created me to bring Him glory.** God is our Creator. God made us to be His special creation. God created us to be His image bearers, etc.

**TRANSITION:** Great discussion! Now, let's work on a craft that will help us remember that **God created me to bring Him glory!**

## RESPOND – 15 MINUTES

**MATERIALS:** | Construction Paper | Scissors | Glue sticks | Crayons | Stickers or other Decorative Items |

### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Help the children trace one of their hands on a piece of light-colored paper.
2. Next, have everyone color and decorate their hands.
3. Write today's Focus Verse on their hands.
4. Cut out the hands and use the glue sticks to mount each one on a darker piece of paper.

**TRANSITION:** Say, "Wow! Your hands look amazing! Do you see how everyone's hand is a little different? This is to remind us that each one of us has been uniquely made by God for a special purpose. I hope you will take the pictures home, hang them up, and remember that God made you to bring Him glory."

## MEMORIZE — 5 MINUTES

Say, "Now, we will learn a Bible verse to help us remember that **God made you and me to bring Him glory!!** Do you think we can memorize it? I do! Let's practice it. I'll say it first, and then you try it with me."

*"You made my whole being. [Touch the top of your head and the tops of your feet.] You formed me in my mother's body. [Make a half-circle motion from your stomach, like a pregnant belly.] I praise you [Lift both hands to the sky.] because you made me in an amazing and wonderful way. [Open your eyes wide, place hands on both sides of your face, and open your mouth in surprise.]"*  
**Psalm 139:13-14a** (hold hands open like a book)

## REFLECT — 5 MINUTES

Say, "Today we learned that God is our powerful Creator. Every woman, man, girl, and boy is a special creation made by God. We also have a purpose - to glorify and reflect God in how we live and love others. I hope you will never forget that **God made you to bring Him glory!**"

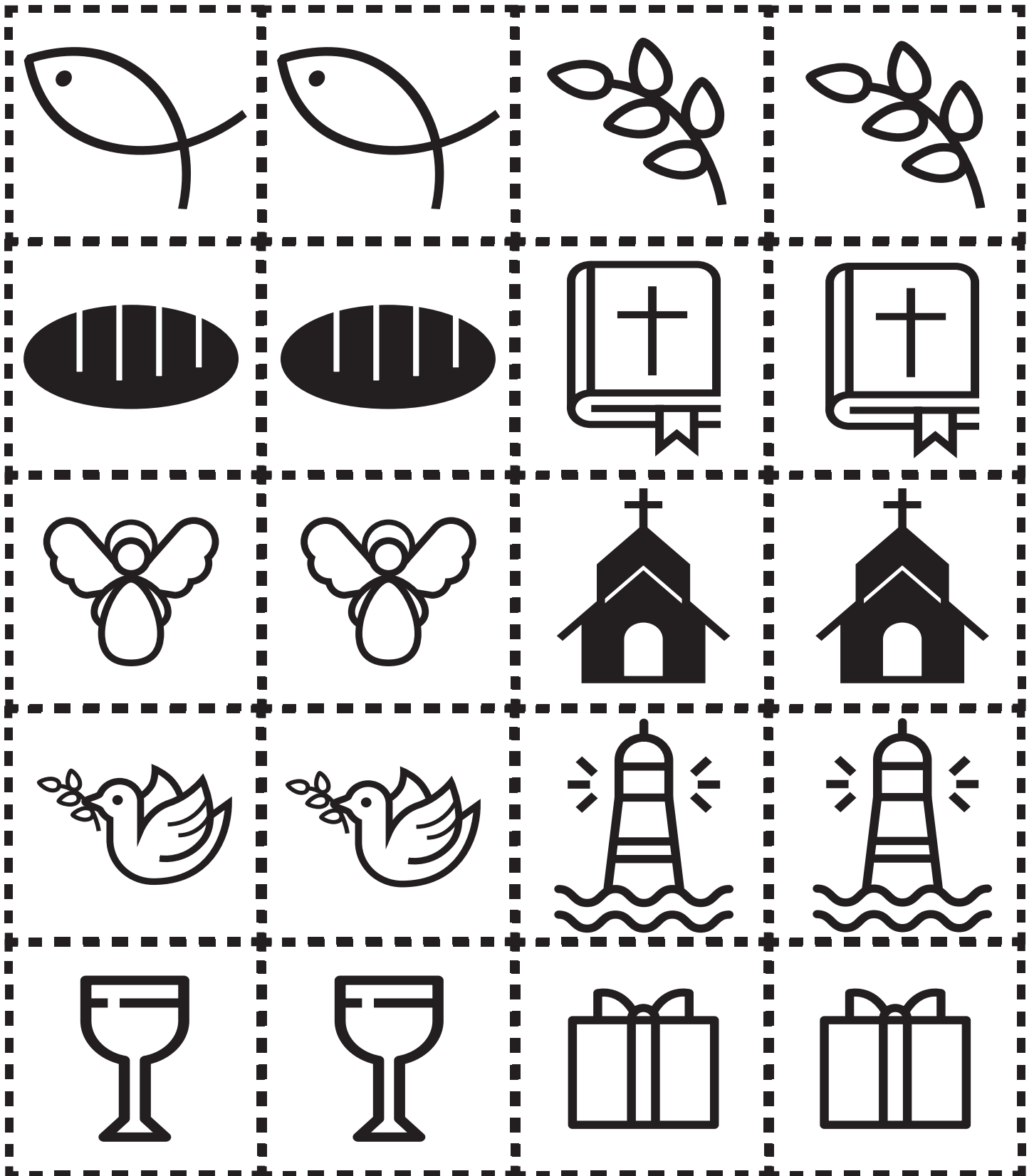
**SAMPLE PRAYER:** "Thank You, God, for who You are! You are our powerful Creator, and we love You for making us! Help us glorify You in all that we do! Amen."

## RELEASE —

If there is extra time, replay the game, finish the craft, or sing together.



# In His Image Matching Game Page 1



# In His Image Matching Game Page 2

