



MADE IN GOD'S IMAGE

OASIS KIDS AT HOME | EARLY CHILDHOOD | SEPTEMBER 26TH



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NOTE FOR PARENTS

The Golden Rule was pretty much a staple for children growing up, especially as they begin to find themselves in social and interactive settings more frequently. "Treat others how you want to be treated." Jesus himself states, **"So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets."** (Matthew 7:12) These are certainly not terrible lessons for children to learn. They are helpful tools when exploring the idea behind sharing a toy or not taking someone's place in line. But what if we learned as children that there WAS a higher standard we could aim for as we learned how to treat others?

This week, we are diving into the truth that **we are made in God's image**. In fact, we are emphasizing that **every person is made in God's image**, and this fact should serve as the foundation for how we treat others. In today's society, we are presented with so many opportunities to disregard, discount, or disrespect those around us. It is remarkably easy (believe me, I've done it) to slip into the pattern in which we fail to recognize that the Creator of the universe took the time to create those folks to fill His universe. Not only that, but **He also added His special impression, a divine signature, the very image of Himself into the very essence of every individual**. Suddenly, fuming at someone over a parking space and trading blows in a comments section don't seem like such worthwhile efforts.

What if instead we actively regarded each person we encountered as if they were a direct reflection of the God we love? The co-worker who bugs us. The reckless driver on the freeway. The group whose political leanings clash with our own. The friend who betrayed us, or the lover who broke our heart. We might not always like or agree with their actions (and if we're honest, our actions don't thrill everyone all the time). But what if our hearts led from a place of recognizing God's handiwork in their creation? **Less focus on what we see them do, and more focus on who God says they are.**

Take a moment and picture a specific person that really rubs you the wrong way, offends you, or makes you mad. Are you doing it? Can you see them in your mind's eye? Guess what? God gave that individual a vibrant and unique personality. He placed profound dreams in that person's heart and designed a significant purpose for his/her life. He knows that person intimately, loves that person beyond all comprehension, and gave the life of His son Jesus so that person would experience eternal life in His presence.

Recognizing the truth of that statement adds some weight to the concept of the Golden Rule. Don't simply treat others how you want to be treated. Treat others how you would treat a reflection of the image of God. After all, that is precisely who they are!

OASIS KIDS CHURCH AT HOME

1. Watch the video together! [Click here to watch!](#)
 - Parent tip: Sing and do the worship song motions along with your child! Don't be afraid to look silly. They are learning how to engage in worshipping God by watching you.
2. Discuss the Talk it Over Questions Below
3. Pray together at the end!
 - Parent tip: You can either pray your own words with your child and let them pray their own words too, or we've included a prayer for you below to say. You can have them read it themselves. Then encourage them to pray and talk to God using their own words. There's no one right way to pray! Encourage them to talk to God by themselves as well, or to journal their prayers to him. There's no one right way to pray! Use this time to talk to God together with your child.

TALK IT OVER

TEACHING OBJECTIVE: WE ARE ALL MADE IN GOD'S IMAGE!

Where is it in the Bible: Adam and Eve – Genesis 1:26-31

Memory Verse – Ephesians 2:10

1. What did God make?

Answer: God made everything! The ground and the sky, the animals and plants, and all of the people, including you!

2. Why did God make you?

Answer: God made you because He loves you! He is proud of you, and He has a special plan for your life!

3. In the Bible story, what did God tell Adam and Eve?

Answer: God told Adam and Eve to take care of everything He made!

PRAYER

Dear Jesus,

Thank You for loving me! Thank You for being my friend. I know that you made the world and everyone in it. I know that You love all of Your children so much. Help me to love others and treat others the way that You do. I love You!

In Jesus' name I pray, Amen!



Adam and Eve
Genesis 1:26-31