

Made in the Image of God

In Genesis, God creates the world and everything in it, and it is all good. But when it comes to humans, they are not just good, God says that they are *very* good—they are created in the “image of God.” That means that, when we look carefully at a person, ourselves or anyone else, we can see God. Explore the ideas below with your family to practice seeing all people as created in God’s image.

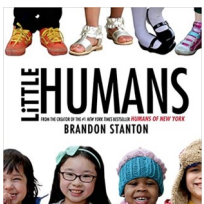
Infants: Peek-a-boo Plus. This simple variation of the classic game promotes brain development *and* faith development in babies. As you play peek-a-boo with your little one, try these phrases:

- “Peek-a-boo, I love you!”
- “Peek-a-boo, God made you!”
- “Peek-a-boo, God loves you!”



Toddlers—Preschoolers: Mirror Affirmation. As you have fun with reflections, reinforce this truth of our faith—every person is created in the image of God—by pointing to your reflection and your child’s reflection in turn, and saying out loud: “God made you. I see God in you!”

Toddlers—Elementary Age: Seeing God’s Image in Story Characters. Many picture books are filled with characters who represent people of a wide variety of backgrounds and abilities. Intentionally seek out these books at the library or as you build your home library. As you read books with your children, pause occasionally to remember, “He/She/They is/are created in the image of God.” Some fun examples below.



Enjoy the read-aloud [“Little Humans of New York,”](#) by Brandon Stanton (read by Dan from Palmer Public Library Youth Services). Challenge: *As he goes through each page, identify which of these kids are created in God’s image!*



Enjoy the read-aloud [“It’s Okay to be Different,”](#) written and illustrated (and read) by Todd Parr, one of many books by Parr that empower children to be who they are and celebrate differences. Wonder together, *How do you think can we all be so different, and all be made in God’s image?*