

# IMAGO DEI

## BIG IDEA

God created every single person in his image! We have many of his wonderful qualities!

## KEY VERSES

Genesis 1:27/Génesis 1:27

## MEMORY VERSE

Genesis 1:27

So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

Génesis 1:27

Y crió Dios al hombre á su imagen, á imagen de Dios lo crió; varón y hembra los crió.

## • PREPARATION & MATERIALS •

### BIBLE LESSON

- 5-6 plain paper grocery bags
- 5-6 black Sharpie type pens

### GAME

- Index cards or small pieces of paper

### CRAFT

- Colored chalk pastels (see Amazon)
- Paper plates
- Permanent black markers
- Thick yarn in basic hair colors (black, brown, yellow).
- Elmer's type glue

### WORKSHEETS

- Photocopies of Coloring Sheet (1 per child)
- Photocopies of Word Search (domestic communities only)



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Ask for 4-5 kids to volunteer to help out with the lesson. Ask the kids to choose one mission trip leader as well. Bring kids and leader to the front.

**Say: In just a moment, I'm going to give these volunteers an opportunity to become something they may never have been before. They will become bag-heads!**

Have volunteers slip a paper bag over their heads.

**Say: Volunteers, your bag faces are very plain! We need to do something about this! Turn around so your back is to the audience. Now, I'm going to put a black pen in your hand and I want you to draw your face on the bag. Eyes, nose, mouth, ears and hair. You have one minute. GO!**

Time the volunteers and tell them to stop after 1 minute. Take the bags off the volunteers, collapse them and mix them up. Keep the drawings hidden from everyone so they don't know which bag goes with which person. Volunteers can turn back around and face the audience.

**Say: Nice job! Do you want to see how our volunteers did? Let's see if you can guess which bag head goes to each person.**

One by one hold up the bags. Let the kids make guesses. Have fun matching the bag-head to the correct person.

**Say: Why was it so hard to recognize the bag-head with the correct person?** (Because they were in the dark. They aren't artists. They drew at an awkward angle.)

**Say: If I was to give each volunteer a new bag and colored pens, and if I gave them lots of time and let them see what they are doing, would they be able to create a better, more recognizable image of themselves?** (Yes, in most cases.)

**Say: What characteristics would help you match the bag head to the real person?** (Hair style, eye color, glasses, hat, etc.). **Did you know that every single one of you, every boy, every girl, every adult, every human being was made in the image of Someone? Can you guess who?** (Kids may guess parents, grandparents, etc.)

**Say: This happened a long, LONG time ago. Way, way before any of us was born. It happened when God created the first human beings, Adam and Eve. He said, "Let us make man in our likeness.... So God created man in his own likeness. He created him in the likeness of God. He created them as male and female."**

Now that might be hard to understand because nobody has really seen God and people around the world are very different from one another, so how can we all be made in the image of God? Well actually, there are lots and lots of ways we share in his image, but they

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are not things you can see. For instance, God loves people and created us with the capacity to love. God pays attention to people, he speaks truth, he is just and loyal, he was even obedient and submissive when he became the man Jesus. We reflect his image when we, too, are attentive, just, loyal and obedient. There are many, many ways that we show that we are created in God's image.

There are two old words in the Latin language that mean Image of God. They are Imago Dei. Repeat that with me a couple times. Imago Dei. This summer we are going to do fun skits, art projects, science experiments and hear stories about real people who are Imago Dei, made in the image of God. So come back again and bring your friends!

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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Brainstorm with the kids characteristics that God and people share. List these on a large sheet of paper. If possible hang in a central location that can be seen throughout the summer.

Ideas: attentiveness, availability, communication, compassion, confidence, contentment, conviction, cooperativeness, courage, creativity, decisiveness, flexibility, dependability, determination, diligence, discipline, discretion, encouragement, enthusiasm, fairness, forgiveness, friendship, generosity, gratitude, honesty, humility, initiative, integrity, justice, loyalty, meekness, mercy, submission, optimism, responsibility, reverence, selflessness, sincerity, thoughtfulness, understanding, wisdom, zeal and influence.

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### SIMPLIFIED LESSON OPTIONS

- Use team members instead of kid volunteers to make bag heads.
- Give hints about characteristics we share with God when brainstorming and listing.

Pida a 4-5 estudiantes voluntarios para ayudar con las lecciones. Pida a los niños elegir una persona de los misioneros también. Los voluntarios se deben poner al frente del grupo.

Diga: En un momento voy a dar una oportunidad a los voluntarios para que sean algo que nunca han sido antes. ¡Van a ser bolsa-cabezas!

Los voluntarios se ponen las bolsas en la cabeza.

Diga: Voluntarios, las bolsa-cabezas están demasiados simples. Necesitamos hacer algo por eso. Dan una vuelta para que las espaldas estén al frente de la audiencia. Ahora, voy a poner una marcador en su mano y quiero que dibujen en la cara. Ojos, nariz, boca, orejas y cabello. Tiene un minuto. ¡Ya!

Cronometran los voluntarios y los paran después de 1 minuto. Sacan las bolsas de los voluntarios, las desploman y las mezclan. No muestran los dibujos a la audiencia para que no sepan cuál dibujo fue hecho por cual persona. Los voluntarios pueden mirar a la audiencia.

Diga: ¡Bien hecho voluntarios! ¿Quieren ver como hicieron los dibujos? Vamos a ver si pueden adivinar cuál dibujo va con cual persona.

Una a una levantan las bolsas y adivinan los niños.

Diga: ¿Por qué fue muy difícil adivinar cuál bolsa fue dibujado por cual voluntario? (No pudieron ver, no son artistas, etc.)

Diga: Si doy bolsas nuevas y si doy tiempo amplio y pueden ver la bolsa cuando dibujan, piensan ustedes que ellos podrían hacer una bolsa mejor?

Diga: ¿Cuáles características les ayuden a adivinar quién es el dueño de cada bolsa? (El cabello, el color de los ojos, las gafas, etc.) ¿Saben ustedes que cada uno está hecho en la imagen de Alguien? ¿Pueden adivinar quién?

Diga: Antes de que todos nosotros nacióramos esto pasó. Pasó cuando Dios creó los primeros humanos, Adán y Eva. Él dijo, "Hagamos al hombre a nuestra imagen, conforme a nuestra semejanza...Y creó Dios al hombre a su imagen, a imagen de Dios lo creó; varón y hembra los creó."

Tal vez esto es muy difícil de imaginar para ninguno de nosotros que hemos visto a Dios, y todas las personas del mundo son diferentes uno al otro. ¿Como estamos hecho en la imagen de Dios?

¡Hay muchas maneras en la que estamos hecho a la imagen de Dios!

Hay dos palabras en latín que significan la imagen de Dios. Son Imago Dei. Repita conmigo:

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## LECCIÓN DE BIBLIA • INTERACTIVO

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Imago Dei. Este verano vamos a hacer cosas divertidas que demuestran que estamos hechos en la imagen de Dios. ¡Regresen y traigan a sus amigos!

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### PREGUNTAS DE DISCUSIÓN

Discutan: Piensen en características que Dios y los humanos comparten. Los ponen en papel grande. Si es posible, colgad el papel en un lugar que puede dejarlo toda la semana.

Ideas: atención, disponibilidad, comunicación, compasión, confianza, satisfacción, convicción, cooperativismo, valor, creatividad, hacer decisiones, flexibilidad, seriedad, determinación, diligencia, disciplina, discreción, ánimo, entusiasmo, justicia, perdonar, amistad, generosidad, honradez, humildad, iniciativa, integridad, lealtad, docilidad, misericordia, sumisión, optimismo, responsabilidad, reverencia, desinterés, sinceridad, consideración, comprensión, sabiduría, celo e influencia.

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## CRAFT & GAME

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#### OBJECTIVE: PLATE MASKS

Kids will make paper plate images of themselves and list qualities that God shares with every person.

#### MATERIALS PROVIDED BY EM

- Scissors, staplers, hole punches

#### DIRECTIONS

- On the front of the plate have the kids list 5-10 qualities God shares with them that they are naturally good at.
- Color the back of the plate the appropriate skin color by holding the chalk pastel horizontal and rubbing evenly.
- Using other chalk colors draw eyes, nose, mouth, lashes, freckles, etc.
- Using about a dozen pieces of thick yarn add hair. Be creative with lengths and patterns of gluing to make hairstyles.

#### SIMPLIFIED CRAFT OPTIONS

- Use crayons with labels torn off instead of chalk pastels
- Pre-cut lengths of yarn for hair
- Draw hair on instead of using yarn.

#### MATERIALS BROUGHT BY TEAM

- Colored chalk pastels (see Amazon)
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### • GAME •

#### OBJECTIVE: IMAGO DEI CHARADES

Kids and team members act out characteristics and qualities we share with God.

#### MATERIALS BROUGHT BY TEAM

Index cards or small pieces of paper

#### INSTRUCTIONS

- Prior to club write down short phrases that show Imago Dei in action. Examples: Attending to a hurt friend. Telling the truth. Being thankful. Having courage in a scary situation. Making a hard decision. Being loyal to a friend. Forgiving a sibling. Obeying a teacher.
- To play have the kids find a partner. Hand out a phrase to each couple. Give them several minutes to discuss how they will act out their phrase.
- The rules: You may use actions, words and sound effects. You may not say the words on the card.
- Audience guess what is being acted. Winning guessers become the actors in the next round.
- Mission team member should act as judge to determine if the guesses come close enough to the actual phrase to win the round.

#### SIMPLIFIED GAME OPTIONS

- Divide the kids into several small teams. Mission team members do all the acting and award points for the winners.
- End with a simple relay race to work out the extra energy.

