

BOTTOM LINE: I am God's image-bearer.

MATERIALS NEEDED

- Bibles
- Student Notebooks
- Mirrors (provided)
- Sharpie (provided)

start the conversation.

- **ASK:** *What is an "image"?*
- **DO THIS:** Take a picture of someone in the group with your phone. Hold up the photo and ask your students if the "image" is actually that person.
- **SAY THIS:** The image can't speak, think, or move, but it does show a lot about the person and what they are like. In the same way, we are created in the "image of God." We are NOT God, but created to be like Him and reflect what He is like.

hear from God through His word.

DO THIS: Read Genesis 1:26-27 and then lead your group in a discussion about what it means to be made in the image of God using the questions below.

- Tell your students to open their Bibles to Genesis 1:26-27 and then have someone read it out loud for the group.
- **ASK:** *What do you think it means to be made "in the image of God?"*

DO THIS: Assign each of the four verses below to four different students to look up in their Bible and then read out loud. Tell your students to write down the different characteristics of God they hear from these verses in their **Student Notebooks**.

Exodus 34:6

Psalms 34:8

Deuteronomy 32:4

1 John 4:8

- After each of the verses have been read, have your students share the characteristics of God they heard and write them on your **whiteboard**.
- **ASK:** *Which of these characteristics of God have you personally experienced in your life? Tell us about it.*
- **ASK:** *Why is it important for us to know these different characteristics of God?*



talk with others about our faith.

DO THIS: Lead your group in a discussion about their identity using the questions below.

- **ASK:** What does identity mean? What does it mean to have an identity?
- **ASK:** If you had to describe your identity, how would you describe it?
- **ASK:** Knowing that you were made in God's image, how does that relate to your identity?
- **ASK:** Which of God's characteristics do you think people see reflected in you the most?
- **ASK:** Which of God's characteristics do you want to reflect more in your life?

say this:
We are made in the image of God, meaning He has hard-wired some of His characteristics into us. These godly characteristics are the best parts of us and a core part of who we are.

live in a way that honors God.

DO THIS: Give your students the following **LIVE** challenge for this week:

- Give each student a mirror. Tell them to choose two characteristics of God (from the **TALK** section) they want to practice reflecting this week and then write them on their mirrors using a **sharpie**. Encourage them to look in their mirror every day this week to be reminded that they are made in the image of God.



pray by talking to God.

DO THIS: Lead your students in a partner prayer time.

- Divide your students into pairs and tell each pair to spend a minute praying for each other and the characteristics they wrote on their mirror they would like to practice reflecting this week.



memory verse

"So God created human beings in His own image. In the image of God He created them; male and female He created them."

Genesis 1:27