

God Made Us in His Image and Likeness

PARENT OVERVIEW



Learning Goals

- God made human beings in His image and likeness.
- To be made in God's image and likeness means that we possess an intellect, free will, and a capacity for love.
- God is our Father, and we are His children.
- God invites us to be part of His divine family by entering into a covenant with the human race.
- To be made in God's image and likeness also means that we are made as male and female, equal and different.



This Week's Family Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

God's Covenant Family

Directions: Follow along as your teacher reads about God's covenants and becoming part of His family. Then, **answer the questions**.

God loves us. He made us so that He could love us and we could love Him. The Bible is a love story between God and His people.



God planned for us to be part of His family from the beginning. This family relationship is called a **covenant**. A covenant is a solemn agreement between

persons that makes a sacred and permanent family relationship. Our mothers and fathers will always be our mothers and fathers. In the same way, nothing can change that God is our Father and we are His children.



Throughout history, God made covenants with His Chosen People. The Bible tells us about these covenants. The Old

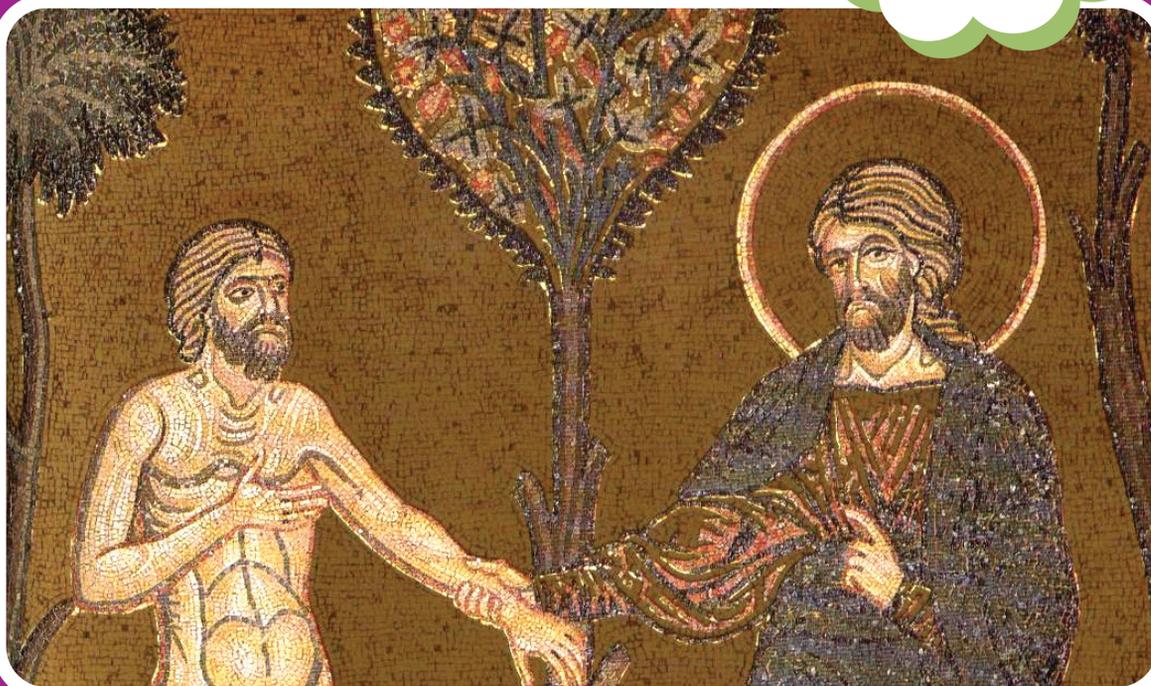
Testament tells us about how God prepared us to be saved from sin. The New Testament tells us about how God sent His only Son, Jesus Christ, into the world. Jesus freely gave His life for us on the Cross. He rose from the dead. Jesus' sacrifice and Resurrection saved us all from sin and death. Through this greatest act of love, Jesus made a New Covenant. Now all people are invited to be God's children. God invites us all into eternal life as part of His covenant family.



- 1 The story of the Bible is a story.
- 2 A establishes a family relationship.
- 3 God sent Jesus to us from sin.

Adam Comes to Eden

Byzantine-style mosaic





In God's Image

Directions: Fill in the **green** boxes.

Write the name of the power of the soul that can think and understand the world and God.

Draw two things that you know about God.

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Write the name of the power of the soul that can make choices.

Draw a choice that you have already made today.





Write the name of the power of the soul that gives and accepts love from others.

Draw a time when you gave love or accepted love from someone.

Male and Female

Reading Guide

Directions: Follow along as your teacher reads aloud. Then, **respond to the questions.**

God made the first man, Adam, from the dust of the ground. He made a beautiful home for him, the Garden of Eden. God placed Adam in the Garden of Eden. He gave Adam the job of caring for the garden.



Draw the
garden of
Eden.

Then God said it was not good that Adam was alone. God decided to make a helper for Adam.



God made more creatures

God then created all of the wild animals and birds in the sky. He brought them to Adam to give them names. One by one, God brought the animals to Adam. And one by one, Adam named them: a horse, a dog, a bird, a cow.



Draw a picture of your favorite animal.

1 Why did God decide to make a helper for Adam?

There were no good helpers for Adam

Adam soon saw that none of the animals were like him. None of them would make good helpers for Adam because he was different from all of the other creatures God had made. Only Adam was made in God's image and likeness. Only he was able to know and love his Creator.



**You, too,
are made in
God's image!
Draw a
picture of
yourself.**

2 What makes Adam different from the animals?

God created Eve

So, God put Adam to sleep. God took a rib from Adam's side and made Eve, the first woman. When Adam saw Eve for the first time, he was filled with joy. He knew, at long last, that there was another like him! Although she was different from Adam, Eve was made in God's image and likeness too. This made her a good helper for Adam and equal in dignity to him.



Draw a symbol that represents how men and women are equal and different.

- 3** How was Eve just like Adam and not like the animals?

Adam and Eve became the first family

Adam called Eve "bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh" and gave her the name "woman." They were soon married and became the first human family. Their love for each other became a sign of God's love for everyone. Adam and Eve are our first parents.



Draw a picture of your family. Make sure to include God in the drawing!