



Tree House Relational Parent Guide

Memory Verse: "God created man in His own image." Genesis 1:27

Week 1

Your child learned that God made us in His image. We are made special. We are not like the animals, the birds, or the trees. We were created to reflect God's image and love Him and love others like no other creation can.

Read: Genesis 2:8-3:20

Activity: Sit in a circle and tell your child about how they were created special by God. Use a handheld mirror to show them that when they look into the mirror they can see ways they are made in God's image. Pass the mirror around and let them try to think of ways they are made in His image (a mouth to speak kind things, eyes to see the goodness of God's beautiful creation, etc.).

Week 2

Your child learned we are all created special by God and for God with special work to do. Each of us was created in God's image to work together and have a friendship with God and with one another.

Activity: Give family members a notepad and something to write with. Tell them to draw a picture each day of how God used them as part of His story and how God helped them do His special work. At the end of the week take turns sharing your stories. Spend time praying and praising God for who He is.

Week 3

Your child learned that Adam and Eve disobeyed God and had consequences for their sin. Adam and Eve's relationship with God was broken because of their sin. Like Adam and Eve, when we disobey God our relationship with Him is broken as well. However, God loved us so much He created a plan to fix this brokenness!

Activity: Hide under a blanket with your child. Discuss how Adam and Eve tried to hide from God when they disobeyed. Ask them if they want to hide when they disobey? God knows when we make a wrong choice, but He wants us to talk to Him about it rather than hide. God wants to forgive us. Come out from under the blanket and praise God for knowing all about you and loving you no matter what.

Week 4

Your child learned that even though sin causes our relationship with God to be broken, He loved us so much He sent Jesus to take our punishment away. If we trust Jesus as the one who paid for our sin He will give us "new" life and our relationship with God can be whole again!

Activity: As a family, collect things you would consider trash (empty water bottles, old cereal boxes, paper towel rolls, etc.). Work together to create something new out of the items (robot, car, etc.). Talk with your child about how God can turn something broken or damaged into something new.