



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).

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 crayon or marker. 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. When we disobey God our relationship with God is broken, too. But God loves us so much he had a plan!

Activity: Hide under a blanket with your child. Discuss the following: When Adam and Eve disobeyed God they tried to hide from Him. When you disobey do you want to hide? God knows when we make a wrong choice be He wants us to talk to Him about it, not 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 loves us so much He sent Jesus to take our punishment away. If we trust Jesus to be the one who paid for our sin, He gives us "new" life and our relationship with God can be whole again!

Activity: As a family, collect things that you'd 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.