

# GOD MADE US – IN HIS IMAGE! WE ARE UNIQUE AND TREASURED!

## BIG IDEA

*When God first made the universe eons ago, He thought of us  
– He made us like Him and loved each of us uniquely.*

### PREP *(Kids can help!)*

**Find** an envelope for every member of your family

**Place** three everyday items in each envelope then seal them (use a different envelope for each person). Make sure one item is easily identifiable when you feel it through the envelope, one is moderately difficult, and one is very difficult. (e.g. • a pair of nail scissors, a hairclip and a bandaid, • a peg, an eraser and a toothpick, • a teaspoon, a magnet and a rubber band, • a coin, a straw and a business card)

**Get** an inkpad or a sponge and paint to dab on it (or a regular pencil will do!)

**Get** pencils

**Put everything into the Faith Box before you start**

### INTRO

**GIVE EACH CHILD  
AND PARENT AN  
ENVELOPE.**



Some of God's creations were so clever that scientists and discoverers have taken centuries to discover them and we still only know a little bit of all there is to know.

But when God made Adam and Eve He did His very best work ever. He made all the intricate parts of our bodies and minds to work together. Even the smallest cell in our body has a complicated device that is like a little outboard motor. It is called a flagellum and has 30 moving parts.

Each of us has different DNA from everyone else who has ever lived, and that makes us all unique.

*ASK EVERYONE TO GUESS WHAT IS IN THEIR OWN ENVELOPE. (Make sure they are able to guess at least one of the items.)*

## READ

*Ask the children to keep holding on to their unopened envelope while you read:*

“ So God breathed life into Adam and Eve. When they opened their eyes, the first thing they saw was God’s face. And when God saw them he was like a new dad. “You look like me” he said. “You’re the most beautiful thing I’ve ever made!” God loved them with all of his heart. And they were lovely because he loved them. And Adam and Eve joined in the song of the stars and the streams and the wind in the trees, the wonderful song of love to the one who made them. Their hearts were filled with happiness. And nothing ever made them sad or lonely or sick or afraid. God looked at everything he had made. “Perfect!” he said. And it was. But all the stars and the mountains and oceans and galaxies and everything were nothing compared to how much God loved his children. He would move heaven and earth to be near them. Always. Whatever happened, whatever it cost Him; He would always love them. And so it was that the wonderful love story began. ”

*Genesis 2*

*The Jesus Storybook Bible, Sally Lloyd-Jones, pages 26-27, Zondervan © 2007*

## EXPLORE

*Talk about the way God has made us each with unique gifts and abilities. Some are obvious, and others we don't discover straight away.*

*Now let each person open their envelope and see what's inside.*

*Ask each person the following:*

### QUESTIONS

*What is one gift or ability you have that everyone knows about?*

*What is one ability you have that is a bit hidden?*

*TAKE THE INKPAD (OR SPONGE WITH DAB OF PAINT ON IT) OUT OF THE BOX. You can also make a dark scribble of pencil 2cm around, and use it like an inkpad!*

Your own finger prints are totally unique – no one else has the same pattern as you.

No two fingerprints have been found which are identical. Even between right and left fingers or identical twins.

*GET EVERYONE TO PUT THEIR FINGERPRINT on the back of their envelope. Then write their name under it.*

*Pass the envelopes around the table.*

*As the named envelopes come to each person they write one special thing that they love about that sibling/ parent. (Younger children can draw pictures or have parents write for them.)*

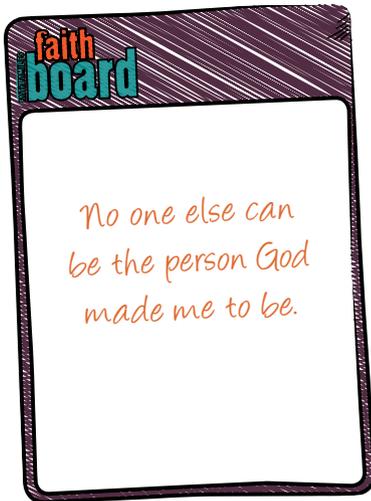
*When each envelope has been passed around it comes back to the owner.*

*Now ask each child to read out what the others have written about them.*

## PRAY

Thank you God for creating each one of us special and different, and for the particular gift each one of us has. I thank you for (person on your right) and for their special gift, and pray that they would find even more ways to use it.

## FAITH BOARD



## OTHER IDEAS

**1** Have a mini Olympics that includes a range of activities which different family members excel at. For example,

Event 1 – The child who can curl up into the smallest ball

Event 2 – Who can hop round the house and finish with a forward roll quickest

Event 3 – Who can throw a javelin (straw) the farthest

Event 4 – Who can throw the discus (paper plate)

Event 5 – What is a trick that you can do that you think no one else can do?

**2** Use a large roll of newsprint or 2 pages of a newspaper taped together.

Get each child to lay on top of the paper and draw around their outline with a felt pen.

Then the children fill in their own face and clothing. Ask how their image might look a bit like Mum's or Dad's.

Explain that to be in the image of someone is to be like them.

Continue the conversation about what it means to be made in the image of God.

**BUY FOR  
NEXT SESSION**

• Animal biscuits