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1. Body Riddles

Print “Body Riddles Answers”. Have your child read each of the riddles on the front of the Bible Adventures leaflet, “Body Riddles”. Then, using the answer sheet, have your child match the answers to each riddle.

Then ask: Which of these body facts do you think is most interesting and why?

How does it make you feel that God created you with such an amazing body?

Based on the marvelous way our bodies work, how do you think God felt about human as He created them?

Say: God created us with love. Each of us is special to Him. Let’s see how He made the very first people. Look for how He showed His love to them.

2. Bible: Genesis 1:26-2:25

Understanding the Bible: God’s creative work culminated in humankind. This time He did not begin with “Let there be...” as He did in creating other parts of the world. Instead, there is a sort of conversation: “Let us make mankind in our image”. While the Old Testament doesn’t explain the use of the plural “us” and “our” we may understand, from a New Testament perspective, the plural pronouns to represent the Trinity.

Theologians debate what it means to be created in God’s image. Some scholars say we are like the all-knowing God in our high mental capabilities. Others say people reflect God’s image when we behave morally as God always does. Yet others contend that we are in His image because we rule over creation, as God does.

The image of God in humans was defaced by sin, but Genesis 9:6 and James 3:9 suggest that all people still bear God’s image to some degree.

This image of God in humankind does mean that every person has value and should be treated with respect. The very love with which He created becomes part of His image in us.

Only people reflect God’s image; the animals create earlier that day lack that image. Mankind sits atop the sequence of creation. We have a special relationship with God that other parts of His creation do not experience. Still, God commands us to rule over His earlier work with the same compassion He has.

Using the Bible and the Bible Adventures leaflet, work with child to study Genesis 1:26-2:25, in which God lovingly creates people in His image.

3. Memory Verse: Genesis 1:27a

“God created mankind in His own image.” Play hangman with your child with this part of verse 27 in the first chapter of Genesis.

4. Haiku Poem

Have your child write a Haiku poem about creation. A Haiku poem's format consists of consists of three lines with five syllables in the first line, seven in the second and five in the third. To help your child get started you might suggest the first line "I am created" or "In God's own image", or "God's great love for me".

5. Sihouettes

Help your child create a silhouette of themselves. Tape a piece of paper to the wall and have your child stand sideways in front of the paper. Have another family member hold a lamp or flashlight in front of your child so there is a clear shadow. Then trace around the edge of the profile. Have your child cut out the silhouette and glue it onto a full sheet of black paper. Have your child write his or her name and the date, and one thing that is special about him or her.

6. Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Turn to the back of the Bible Adventures leaflet. Have your child read and follow the directions at the top of the box.

Say: When we say that God created with love, we can see how He cared about Adam by giving him a wonderful place to live, providing for all his needs, and creating a suitable companion for Adam when Adam was all by himself. When God created all of us with love, in His image, it meant God gave us some of the same qualities that He has.

7. Prayer

God, thank you for creating us with love. Thank you for creating us in Your image. Help me to grow to be more like Jesus and reflect Your love to others. In Jesus' name, amen.