

In the Image of God

TFCA Sunday School (K-5) Lesson Plan – May 12, 2024

Summary of Lesson Plan:

LESSON OBJECTIVES – For the student to understand that:

- A) Human beings are created in the image of God – we are a picture of God to the world.
- B) Because we are made in God’s image, every human being is very valuable at every stage of life.
- C) Our life in the womb is amazing!

1 – Consider the order of the earth’s creation in Genesis - dry land, plants, animals, culminating in male & female human beings. Discuss **what makes humans unique** and in what ways we are made in the image of God.

2- Reflect on how **the image of God is harder to see in us because of sin**. Start with a smooth black & white image of George Washington, then crumple it up and unfold (still George but wrinkled!), then end with a smooth 4-color image of George Washington (when Jesus returns we will be fully transformed)

3- Take a quick **exercise break**, doing “Head & shoulders, knees and toes” really fast!

4- Students can each hold an accurate **soft model of a baby at 10-weeks** from conception (and take one home if they wish). Find the same body parts as our exercise break. Learn some fun facts about human life at this stage. Reflect that God declared all human beings to be made in His image, including those growing inside their mothers.

5- Watch a 3-minute **Baby Olivia** video (<https://babyolivia.liveaction.org/>, starting at second 35). This is an accurate depiction of life in the womb. If time, also look through the **Watch Me Grow!** brochure showing human development at each month of pregnancy.

6 – Have a visit from a **pregnant couple** and listen to their baby’s heartbeat with a doppler.

7- Finish with a **fun quiz** on who is made in the image of God – highlighting the fact that size, level of development, environment, and degree of dependence don’t change the value we have before God as His image-bearers. We need to treat each person we meet with kindness and respect because every human being is made in the image of God.

We pray all our children will realize that they bear the image of the triune God and are therefore imbued with divine dignity and eternal worth. Human dignity is rooted in the love of the Creator who has permanently marked each person with His image. As such, our dignity is neither claimed nor deserved, nor can it be taken away.

God’s love and purpose for our lives didn’t begin after we were born. No, His love and purpose was alive and present even in the womb and it continues today!