

Use the following thoughts and questions to have a spiritual conversation as a family. Don't emphasize having the right answer, but focus on spending time discussing the Word as a family.

Scripture

Genesis 1:26-31; 2:16-18,21-25

Session Summary

When we hear the word image, we often think of the physical, but being made in the image of God goes much deeper than that. Human beings, who are uniquely set apart as God's image bearers are above the rest of creation and steward it alongside God. This is not a power to be abused, and creation is not something to be worshiped. Instead, creation should lead us to worship the Creator for all the good things He has given to us. We also reflect God's image in the way we take care of His creation—including the way we interact with other image-bearers. We exist in constant community, both with God and with other people, and keeping a right relationship with others requires us to remember whose image it is we're made in and what that means for the way we live.

Conversation Questions

- How does the knowledge that we were each uniquely created in the image of God affect the way our family lives each day? How should it change our interactions with each other and with those outside of our family?
- What are some specific and unique characteristics in each of us that God can use to further His kingdom? How can we encourage each other to use those gifts?
- What are some specific ways our family can reflect God in the way we take care of (steward) the world around us?
- Based on this study, how should our family define what it means to be human?

Family Challenge

Give each family member a large note card. Each family member should write out the following verse at the top of the card: "I will praise you because I have been remarkably and wondrously made Your works are wondrous, and I know this very well." —Psalm 139:14

As a family, talk about the ways each individual member connects with this verse. God doesn't do anything halfway—we are amazing creations, with amazing gifts and responsibilities. Talk about areas in your lives where this is difficult to believe. Make a point to gather as a family at least three times this week to pray for and encourage one another.