Made in the image of God

THIS LESSON: Explain why every human being has dignity that does not depend on achievement, ability, or social approval.

A profile may show appearance, achievements, and followers. It cannot explain why a human life matters. Christian teaching begins with a gift: every human being bears God's image. That truth changes speech, inclusion, and care.

Begin here with your Bible and questions. Your leader will guide the shared reading.



Mark 10:13-16: an artist's imagining of Jesus welcoming and blessing children. The scene illustrates His care for people whom others tried to turn away.

Open the passage

Genesis 1:26-31; Psalm 139:13-18; James 3:8-10

Read Genesis 1:26-31 together. Notice what God gives to male and female and what responsibility follows. Then read Psalm 139:13-18 and James 3:8-10. The psalm praises God for forming bodily life; James connects the way we speak about people with the God we worship.

What does God give human beings, and what responsibility does He entrust to them?

WORDS TO KNOW

Dignity: the worth a human person possesses. Image of God: God's gift and our calling to reflect His goodness. Embodied: living as a whole person with a body, not merely a mind.

Optional preview: read the main passage and bring one observation or question. No preparation is required.

