

grow at home

Imago Dei Discussion Guide

The Bible says that every single person was made by God and made in the image of God...the Imago Dei. God created us to love Him and to reflect His love to others so we may advance the Kingdom of God and glorify Him. As believers, this is not a choice. We have been commanded to love our neighbor and to go and make disciples. Even the youngest in our families can understand that God created them and loves them, and that God wants us to share His love with others, you just have to keep it simple. A preschooler can understand that: God made me. God loves me. I am special. I am special because God loves me. God made all people. God loves all people. All people are special. All people are special because God loves them. God wants me to love people because He loves people. As Deuteronomy 6:4-9 instructs, find practical ways to repetitively reinforce these truths by incorporating them into the rhythm of your day. When you wake up in the morning, tell your preschooler how glad you are that God made them! When you are at home, play games and sing songs about the beautiful way God knit them together. When you are out, talk about the people God has put in your lives just so you can show His love to them. Think of ways to show His love together. At bedtime, read picture books that help your child understand that God has made an entire world full of people that all look different and have different gifts and abilities, and that He loves each and every person He created. And, when you or your preschooler make a mistake and say or do something that isn't reflective of God's love, make sure you take the opportunity to bring the conversation back to those simple concepts listed above as well.



Scripture
Read and Discuss

- ▶ Genesis 1:27
- ▶ Matthew 22:36-39
- ▶ Matthew 28:18-20



Discussion
Questions

- ▶ Who made you?
- ▶ Who made people?
- ▶ What else did God make?
- ▶ How are people different from the rest of the things God made?
- ▶ How did mommy/daddy/sister/brother show love to you today?
- ▶ How did you show love to someone today?