



Maranatha Weekly Study Guide - 9/23/20

Use some, all, or none of the ideas - adapt - come up with your ideas!

If anyone in your family needs a Bible, please contact the office, kingsfordag@yahoo.com or 774-7631 ext. 7.

READ: Genesis 1:1-31 or "The Beginning" starting on page 7 of *The Beginner's Bible*

- What does verse 1 tell us about God?
- Verses 26 & 27 tell us we were made in the "image of God"…
 - What do you think that means?
 - Since we are all made in the "image of God," how should we treat each other?
 - How does knowing that we are made in the "image of God" help us answer "Who am I?"
- Do you think God created men and women equal? Why, or why not?
 - How might verses 26 and 27 help us understand human equality?
- What does this chapter say about our drive to work? To take pride in what we do?
- What questions has this study stirred in your minds?



MEMORIZE: Genesis 1:1-2, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters."

-OR SHORTEN -

Genesis 1:1, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."

Idea #1: Snap, Clap, Hop

Say the verse in phrases, snapping (clapping, hopping, or anything else you can think of) in between each phrase!

Idea #2: Ball Toss or Roll

Sit in a circle and pass the ball from person to person while you say the verse. One word per "catch." Either say the verse as a group or have the person holding the ball say the next word.

Idea #3: Puzzle Time

Write the verse on a piece of paper or cardboard - decorate if you want!
Then, cut the paper into puzzle pieces and see if you can put the puzzle together.



HAVE FUN:

- CREATION SCAVENGER HUNT:
 - Have a scavenger hunt outside to find things God created...
 - See how many you can collect, OR
 - Take pictures of the items you find, OR
 - Set a timer and see how many you can see and write down before the timer goes off!
 - Look as a group or make it a competition!
- PLAYING IN THE SAND:
 - Have a sandbox or a pile of dirt in your yard? How about at the park? See what you can make in the sand. Talk about how the Bible says (Genesis 2:7) that God used the "dust of the ground" to form the first man and then breathed life into him!
- DRAWING or PAINTING:
 - Reading Genesis 1, draw/paint a creation scene, adding items to your picture in the order God created them!
- SCIENCE FUN:
 - The air that we breathe is mostly made up of oxygen and carbon dioxide. We exhale the carbon dioxide when we breathe. Carbon dioxide may be created by mixing one tablespoon of baking soda with three tablespoons of white vinegar in a bottle. Use this gas to extinguish a candle. You can "pour" out the carbon dioxide.



APPLY IT:

Created in the image of God - Tape a piece of paper, paper plate, etc. to each person's back. Then, everyone should take turns writing a word or short note on everyone else's back that is something positive about that person - something they are good at, how they are a good friend/mom/dad/sibling, etc.

**Don't want to tape it to your back? Share verbally, write it on a sticky note, etc.*

Life Enrichment

- As you read through Genesis 1, what were some of the patterns you noticed?
- Why do you think the author of Genesis starts with evening and ends with morning? How is that different from the way we usually think a day begins?
- Verses 10, 12, 18, 25, and 31 show us God reflecting on His work. Why do you think He took time to admire His work?
- How does being created in God's image affect our work?
- How would you answer the question "Who am I?"

For Next Time

- Read Genesis 1:28; 2:15-25
- Note any observations you make.
- How might these verses help you answer the question "Why am I here?"

Who Am I?

This is the question of _____. Knowing who we are, even the most basic way, helps us relate in _____ ways.

The days of creation follow a _____ – “And there was evening and there was morning on the first day.”

As we begin to consider what it means to be “made in the image of God,” take the time to watch The Bible Project Video – *The Image of God* -- <https://youtu.be/YbipxLDtY8c>.

In ancient times, rulers would make images or _____ of themselves and have them placed in the far reaches of their empires to remind _____ of who was in charge.

When we see other people:

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Work and the image of God

- Work was a part of _____ and not a result of man’s fall into sin.
- That means work is _____ and should not be viewed as _____.

So, when we answer the question “Who am I?” we can all say with confidence – I am a _____, created in His image to represent His _____ on earth. I am created to work. I am created to work in harmony with others and, to respect them because they too are image bearers.