

# KIDMUNITY | This I Believe

## Lesson 06: Made in God's Image

### Large Group Script

#### Bottom Line:

*We were made in God's image, but sin broke our relationship with Him.*

#### Memory Verse:

*So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.*

**Genesis 1:27**

#### Supplies Needed

Hand mirror

Method to smudge/dirty the mirror (vaseline/fog)

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## CAT OR DOG?

“Alright, quick question. Has anyone ever told you that you look like your mom or your dad?”

“Yeah... some of you are like, ‘That’s exactly what I was afraid of.’ But it’s true, you can usually tell who someone belongs to just by looking at them. Like... yep. That checks out.”

## TRANSITION

“But here’s something even funnier... Sometimes... people start to look like their pets. And tonight... we’re going to test how good you are at spotting it.”

## GAME EXPLANATION

“This is called: CAT or DOG?”

“I’ll show you a person. You decide, do they match with a CAT or a DOG?”

(point to the right) This side = TEAM CAT  
(point to the left) This side = TEAM DOG

“Pick a side and MOVE. No middle. No cheating. Once you choose, you’re locked in.”

## **GAME FLOW (REPEAT EACH ROUND)**

1. Show person - “Alright... take a look...”
2. Decide - “CAT or DOG? Make your move...”
3. Lock in - “Lock it in!”
4. Countdown - “3... 2... 1...”
5. Reveal animal
6. React (use 1 quick line)

## **REACTION LINES (ROTATE THESE)**

- “That is the SAME personality.”
- “You cannot tell me they don’t match.”
- “That’s not a pet—that’s a twin.”
- “Same face. Same attitude.”
- “They didn’t choose the pet—the pet chose them.”
- “That is IDENTICAL energy.”
- “That makes too much sense.”
- “That’s actually a little scary.”
- “I feel like they communicate without words.”
- “That is a perfect match.”

## **WRAP (KEEP LIGHT)**

“Alright, sit down... That was amazing. It’s funny how easy it is to see what something matches... just by looking at it.”

## **CREATED TO REFLECT GOD**

“Alright, let’s think back for a second. A couple of weeks ago, we talked about God the Father as Creator. And we saw something amazing, God created everything with just His words. He said it, and it existed. Light. Oceans. Animals. Stars. He spoke, and it happened.

But then something changed.

When God created people, He did it differently. Does anyone remember what He did?

That's right. He formed us out of the dust with His own hands, and then He breathed life into us.

- He didn't do that for aardvarks.
- He didn't do that for llamas.
- He didn't do that for cats—even though some of you think He should have.

No. He created people differently.

And there's something else we didn't talk about that makes people different from everything else God created.

*God created mankind in His own image.*  
**Genesis 1:27**

Now, when you hear the word *image*, you might think of a picture... or a selfie... or a mirror.

When I look in a mirror, I see myself.  
The mirror reflects me.  
It shows what I am like.

In the same way, when God created people, He made us to reflect Him. Not that we *look* like God, but that we reflect what He is like. This is what makes humans different from everything else. Animals are amazing... but animals don't do this the same way.

Only people:

- Can love deeply
- Can create things
- Can think and reason
- Can choose right and wrong
- Can know and worship God

Remember the game we just played?

You could tell who matched.  
You could tell who looked alike.  
You could tell who belonged together.

In the same way...

God made YOU to reflect Him.  
To show the world what He is like.

If someone wants to know what God is like...  
They should be able to look at His people and see glimpses of Him.

That means:

- When you love others, you reflect God
- When you show kindness, you reflect God
- When you tell the truth, you reflect God
- When you worship, you reflect God

You are not random.  
You are not an accident.

You were created on purpose to reflect God. And that's how it was meant to be..."

## WHEN EVERYTHING BROKE

"But something went wrong."

God didn't just create people to reflect Him; He created us to be in relationship with Him. In the very beginning, God walked with Adam and Eve in the garden. This wasn't distant. This wasn't formal. This was personal. A real relationship. A close relationship. A two-way relationship.

And God didn't make people like robots. He didn't force them to obey Him. He didn't program them to love Him. Instead, He gave them a choice, the ability to choose. To follow Him or not. To trust Him or not. To love Him or not. And that ability to choose is part of what it means to be made in God's image. We can think. We can decide. We can choose.

Now, we don't know how long everything was perfect. It could have been days, or years, or much longer. But we do know this: God gave them one command. One boundary. One way to trust Him. And for a time, they lived in perfect relationship with God, no shame, no fear, no hiding. Just closeness with Him.

But then... they made a choice.

Instead of choosing God's way, they chose their own. They decided, "I want to do what I want, not what God wants." And that's what the Bible calls sin.

**Sin is choosing our way instead of God's way.**

It wasn't an accident.

It wasn't a mistake.

**It was a choice.**

And in that moment... everything broke.

All of a sudden, things that had never existed before became real:

- They felt shame
- They felt fear
- They wanted to hide
- They tried to cover themselves

Before that moment, they had nothing to hide. They were fully known and not afraid. But now, their relationship with God was broken. And that's what sin does.

**Sin doesn't just break rules; it breaks relationships.**

## **MIRROR MOMENT**

(hold up mirror — clear) "Remember earlier... we said we were made to reflect God."

(brief pause - fog/smudge the mirror) "But sin didn't erase the image... It distorted it."

"You can still see the image... But it's not clear anymore. And that's what we see in people."

We still reflect God in some ways:

- We can love
- We can create
- We can show kindness

But at the same time...

- We can be selfish
- We can be cruel
- We can choose what's wrong

“We have the capacity to reflect God... But we don’t do it perfectly anymore. Something is off... Something is broken.”

## WHERE THAT LEAVES US

“At this point, you might be thinking...

‘Okay... but that wasn’t my fault. I didn’t choose to disobey God in the Garden of Eden.’

And you’re right... You didn’t. But here’s the reality about sin...”

Sin doesn’t just affect the person who chooses it.

- It spreads.
- It infects.
- It gets passed down.

*Sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned...*

**Romans 5:12**

That first choice didn’t just affect Adam and Eve; it affected every generation after them. And that includes us.

“We inherit a broken nature. A nature that doesn’t naturally choose God’s way... but chooses our own.

“You don’t have to teach a child to be selfish; they figure that out on their own. You don’t have to teach a child to lie or disobey. That comes naturally.”

Because sin didn’t just happen once... it changed us.

“This is the world we live in.”

- A broken world
- A distorted reflection
- Not what God originally intended

“The image is still there... but it’s blurred and broken. And it sounds pretty serious, doesn’t it? It sounds broken. It sounds hopeless.”

“But God had a plan.”

“When Adam and Eve sinned, God removed them from the garden. Not because He was being cruel... not just because they messed up... but because in the garden was the Tree of Life. And if they had eaten from it, they would have lived forever... broken.”

“And God did not want humanity to stay broken forever.” So even in that moment, God was already showing mercy.

And not only that... He made a promise. A promise that one day:

- He would fix what was broken
- He would restore what was lost
- He would make things right

## **FINAL SUMMARY**

“You were created in God’s image, to reflect His goodness and who He is.

But sin entered the world... and now we are broken image bearers. But God didn’t want it to stay that way.

He has a plan.

- Because he loves you.
- Because he wants to restore you.
- Because he wants to make things right.

## **PRAY AND DISMISS**

Pray together and dismiss to small groups.