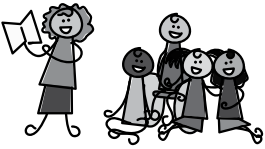




Adam and Eve

Genesis 1:26–31



In class today . . .

. . . we talked about how God is continuously inviting us into partnership with one another and with creation. “Then God said, ‘Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness’ ” What does it mean to be created in God’s image? It may mean that we have the ability to interact, to communicate with God.

It may also refer to God sharing creative power with human beings. Other ancient creation stories taught that humans were created as slaves for the gods. In Genesis, God has lovingly created and handed over to us the responsibility to care for all God has made. We collaborate with God and one another to discover how we can touch the earth with the loving hands of God.

Talk with your child about . . .

. . . our bodies as good gifts from God. It is vital to affirm boys and girls in their physical beings as well as in their minds and spirits. Read Genesis 1:27, 31. If you have the book *We’re Different, We’re the Same* by Anna Ross, read it.

Talk about how God calls all our bodies good. This means that no one is better than another because of the way he or she looks. In fact, the beautiful variety of people shows how great God is. If God can be imaged in so many kinds of people, and if God is even beyond all these human varieties, then God is indeed mysterious and beautiful!

What can we do to keep our bodies healthy? Let your child name different ways.

Double, Double, This, That

Try a handclap game with your child. It looks easy, but it gets tricky as you speed it up!

Part 1: Learn the pattern. Face your partner.

Double (*High-five both hands with your partner.*)
Double (*High-five both hands with your partner.*)

Something to Remember

Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image”

—Genesis 1:26

Catechism Question

Question 8. What is special about human beings?

God made us, male and female, in the image of God.

—*Belonging to God: A First Catechism*

Main Idea

God created people to live in community and to care for God’s world.

- This (*Slap the backs of both hands with your partner.*)
- This (*Slap the backs of both hands with your partner.*)
- Double (*High-five both hands with your partner.*)
- Double (*High-five both hands with your partner.*)
- That (*Make fists with both hands; tap to your partner’s fists.*)
- That (*Make fists with both hands; tap to your partner’s fists.*)
- Double (*high-five both hands*)
- This (*slap backs of hands*)
- Double (*high-five both hands*)
- That (*tap fists*)
- Double (*high-five both hands*)
- Double (*high-five both hands*)
- This (*slap backs of hands*)
- That (*tap fists*)

Part 2: Say the Partner Earth Care Prayer.

Once you have the rhythm and pattern, try the same thing using the following words as a prayer to God!

- Partner, partner
- Earth, earth
- Partner, partner
- Care, care
- Partner earth
- Partner care
- Partner, partner
- Earth, care

Try this several times, getting faster each time. Shout an “Amen” when you are done! We are God’s helpers!

