

YOU ARE SPECIAL

Genesis 1:26-28; Psalm 139

made in God's image,
identity

Kids often feel as if they aren't very special. They may be acutely aware of the ways they're different from others, but that awareness may make them feel more weird than special. This puzzle is more than a traditional "spot the differences" puzzle because the discussion that follows can help kids understand why God values them—differences and all.

WHAT YOU'LL DO

1. Make a photocopy of the puzzle page for each child. Have kids write their names on it.
2. Tell kids to circle the six differences between the two pictures. If some kids are having a hard time finding them all, make sure they don't feel ashamed or as if they've failed. Have kids who finish early provide clues to help others finish, if needed. If all the kids are stuck, use the solutions page to help give clues.
3. Lead kids in this discussion:
 - **What differences did you notice between the two pictures?**
 - **What differences have you noticed between yourself and other people?**
 - **In what ways are all people alike?**
4. Read aloud Genesis 1:26-28, and lead kids in this discussion:
 - **If God made us in his image, why is everyone different?**
5. Read aloud Psalm 139:13-14, and lead kids in this discussion:
 - **What are some things that make you special and show that God made you wonderfully?**

If you know the kids well, share some of your own observations about the things that make them special.
6. Say: **God gave us all similarities and differences—and he did that on purpose! The things that make you different from others can show a different side of who God is because we're all made in his image. God made you wonderfully, and he thinks you're special!**
7. Send the papers home with kids so they can talk with their families about the questions on their puzzle.

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Find the six differences between these two pictures.



TALK With Your Family

- ▶ What makes each of us different from one another?
- ▶ Why might God consider those things special?