

Home Discipleship

Family Activities

Q: How and why did God create us?

A: God created us male and female in his own image to glorify him.

Key Verse: Genesis 1:27

Key Passage: Genesis 1:26-31

Music: For each question there is a song that can be found on the New City Catechism App. Listen to the song for this question and sing it as a family. Songs have a unique way of helping ingrain truths into our hearts. Look up *God of Wonders* by Third Day and enjoy singing this song as a family. Be sure to point out the Spiritual truths of God as creator and his creation praises him.

Memory Activity: Another great way to ingrain this truth into your family is to practice memorizing it with different activities.

If you have play doh at home, use the play doh to spell out the words and letters of the question for this week. Also try to create different things that God has created. If you do not have play doh, use noodles or dry beans to spell out the words. Practice taking words away and trying to say it out loud with less and less words.

Teaching Activity: print out page three of this activity sheet or draw a picture of a person just like on page three on a blank sheet of paper. Once each person has a drawing of a person ask them to identify all the ways that humans are different from the rest of God's created beings. Have them fill in the outline of the human body with words or drawings that describe or show the differences. Challenge them to think of things that are being physical appearances.

The aim of this activity is to help the children clearly understand that by being created in the image of God, humans are distinct from the rest of God's creatures. Conclude this activity by highlighting to the children that God not only made humans different from the rest of creation, but he actually made two different genders, male and female. Tell the children that God intentionally made men and women to live in his creation and that he made them equal but different.



Coloring Activity: Coloring is a fun activity for all ages. And a great way to spend time thinking deeply about the spiritual truths that we have talked about today. On page four and five of this document are two coloring pages. Challenge your kids to talk about what they are coloring and why they think God created it. On page five have your kids color the picture of John 3:16 and talk about the truths that this special verse reminds us of.

Teaching Activity: Use the Play doh or a blank piece of paper. Create or draw something of your own. Make sure that it is unique, your own new invention. Describe to the family what it does. Challenge the kids to Now breathe it to life. Give it a personality, a memory. Finally give something special to this new creation that is only within you. Its impossible right? Talk as a family how amazing it was that God created everything and how complex and challenging that would be. Now share, if you could create a new invention what would it do? If you had to give your new invention one piece of you what would it be?

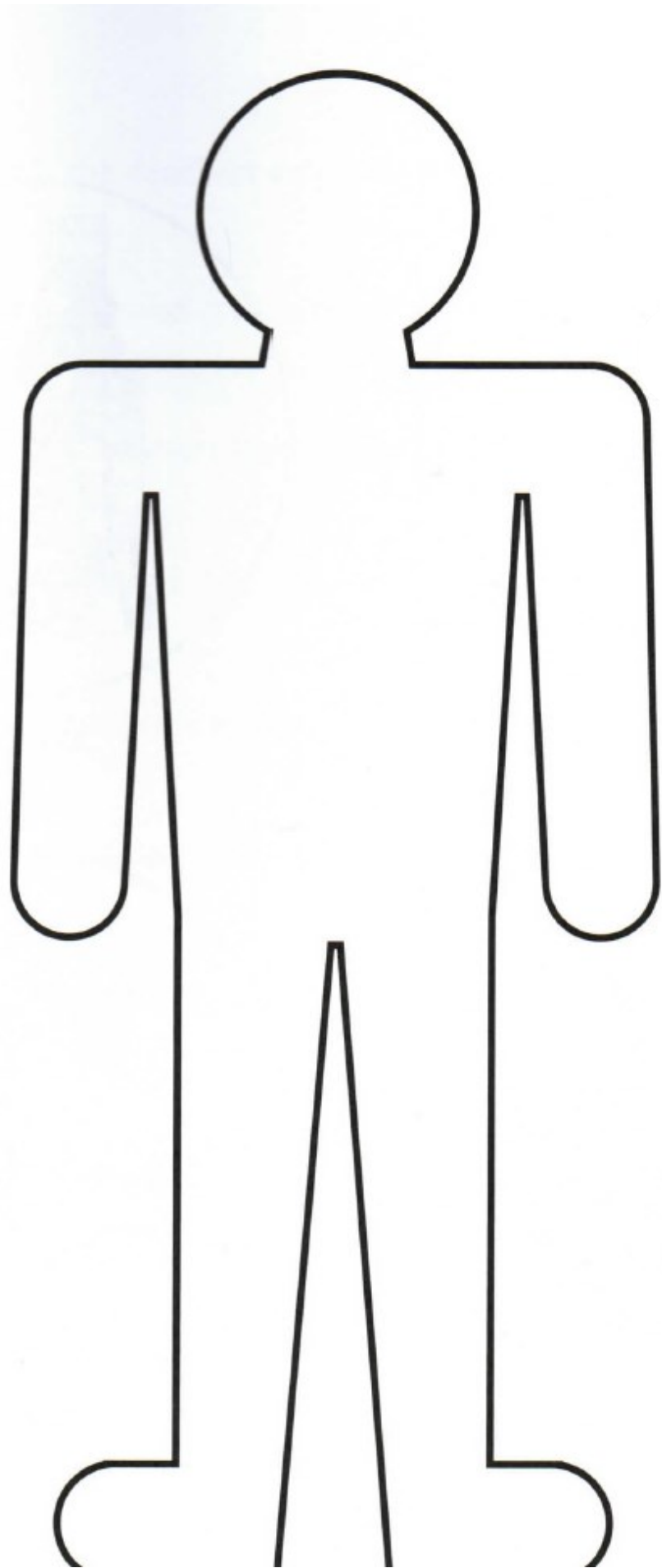
Discussion Questions: Discuss a few of these questions as a family to help everyone think deeper about their own lives with this doctrinal truth.

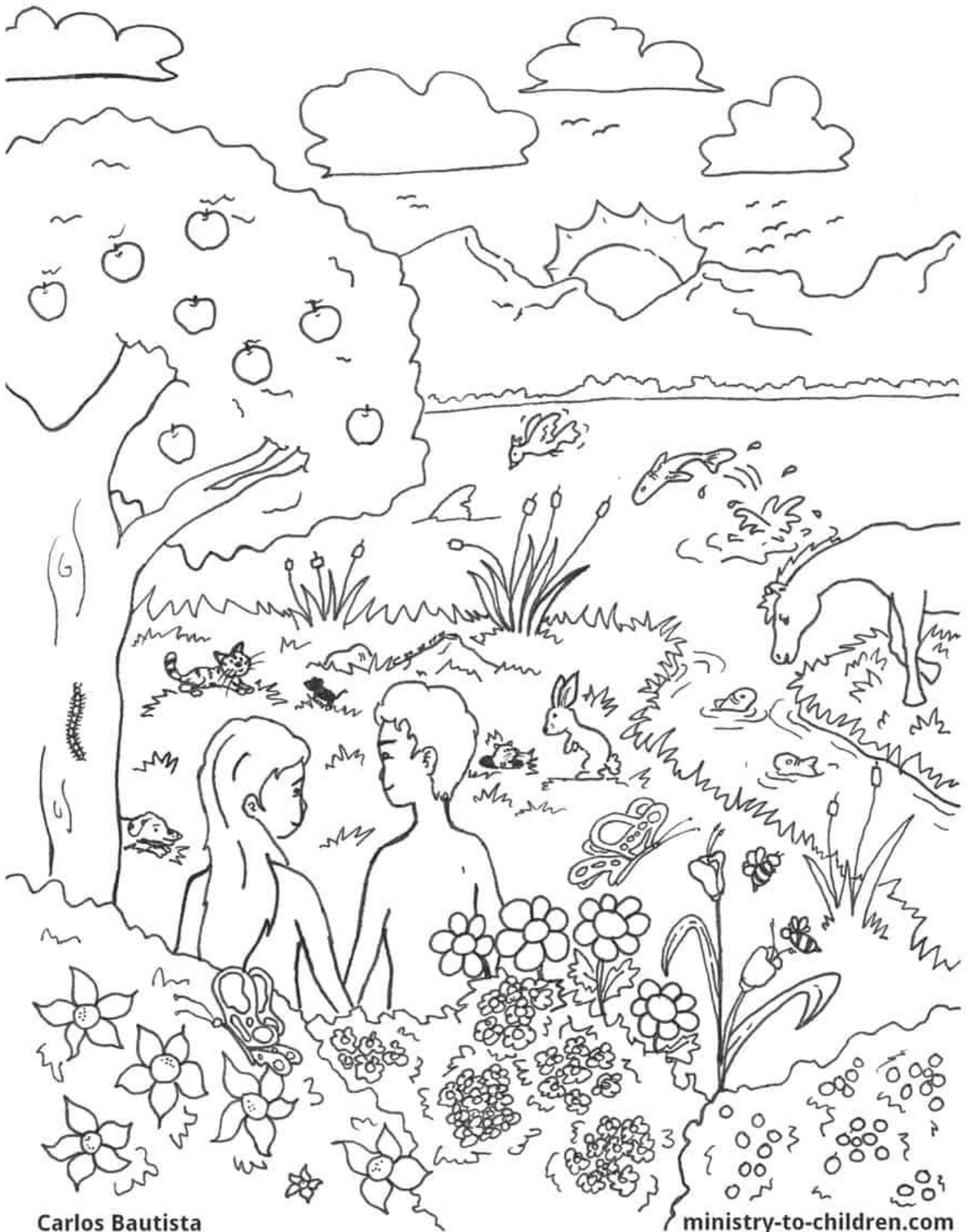
1. How do we reflect God's image in our lives...how are we creative, communicative, relational, loving? Give an example of a way that you can reflect God's image today.
2. What is your favorite thing that God created?
3. Why is it important to know that we were created in God's image?
4. Why is it important to know that God created us different as male and female?
5. What are some verses in your Bible that talk about creation or the creator.

Pray: Take some time as a family to pray. Family prayer time is an incredible way to grow with one another and enjoy our God together! Pray, thank God for being the creator of the universe. For creating you special and unique from all other created beings. Praise him for being the Lord of that creation and for giving you life and keeping you alive every day.

There is also a prayer available on the App if you would like to read through that as a family for your prayer or before your prayer.







Carlos Bautista

ministry-to-children.com

John 3:16

