

**Maker Fun Factory: God Made You**  
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**Introduction**

Then God said, “Let the earth produce every sort of animal, each producing offspring of the same kind—livestock, small animals that scurry along the ground, and wild animals.” And that is what happened. God made all sorts of wild animals, livestock, and small animals, each able to produce offspring of the same kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, “Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us. They will reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the wild animals on the earth, and the small animals that scurry along the ground.” So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. Then God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it. Reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that scurry along the ground.” Then God said, “Look! I have given you every seed-bearing plant throughout the earth and all the fruit trees for your food. And I have given every green plant as food for all the wild animals, the birds in the sky, and the small animals that scurry along the ground—everything that has life.” And that is what happened. Then God looked over all he had made, and he saw that it was very good! And evening passed and morning came, marking the sixth day. Genesis 1:24-31 (NLT)

God loved us with an everlasting love before He even created us. (Jeremiah 31:3 NLT) Because of that love and His wonderful creativity, we were made to enjoy all that He is, all that He's done and to become a part of His eternal plan. Over the next few weeks we will discuss the many ways God loves us, is for us and is always by our sides. Today we place our focus on the blessing He gave us through His creation.

**Digging Deeper**

**God made you...**

**IN HIS IMAGE.**

- We bear the image of God (James 3:9), but we also bear the scars of sin. When God redeems an individual, He begins to restore the original image of God, creating a “new nature, created to be like God – truly righteous and holy” (Ephesians 4:24 NLT). That redemption is only available by God’s grace through faith in Jesus Christ as our Savior from the sin that separates us from God (Ephesians 2:8-9). Through Christ, we are made new creations in the likeness of God (2 Corinthians 5:17). Can you think of a specific verse or perhaps a devotional you’ve read about the fact that we were made in God’s image that helped you to see yourself in a more positive light? Can you think of ways in which you struggle to reflect God’s image? Explain. When negative self-talk starts to creep into our psyche it helps to remember that we were created to be like God, and God doesn’t make mistakes!

### BLESSED.

- God has blessed mankind with the ability to create new life. Even if we do not choose (or are not able) to physically reproduce, we all have been called to tend to His miracles of life as He granted us dominion over His creation. Discuss what you think it means to “subdue the earth and have dominion over animals.” What is man’s role to play in the earth?

### TO BE SEEN.

- When God looked over His creation, He said it was good. After creating man, He declared it was very good. God delights in us and meant for us to be a reflection of Him. Look up every reference in Genesis chapter 1 where God declares an aspect of His creation to be good. Think about the verse and explain what it is that is good. Now consider what makes God’s declaration in Genesis 1 verse 31 different from the other passages that you have just reviewed. What does this tell you about God’s creation of humanity?

### Conclusion

Let us rejoice in the complexity of God’s craftsmanship that we cannot begin to understand this side of heaven. God made each of us in such a way that we are uniquely gifted to perform a purpose that He longs for us to discover during our time here on earth. Romans 8:28 (NLT) tells us that “God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.” Have you figured out your purpose? Once you fully recognize that you were made in His image, are blessed by His creation and are precious in His sight, you can begin to get busy living for Him and working towards fulfilling the specific purpose for which you were created.