



Week 3

Created in His Image

Shane loved superheroes. He knew just about everything there was to know about each one. He knew how they became a superhero, their individual characteristics, their strengths and weaknesses, and even the villains each one had to fight. In Shane's mind, superheroes were VIP's--very important people! Shane longed to be a superhero. After all, there was nothing really special about him. He was just plain old Shane, just like everyone else. Even though Shane went to church and knew that God created him, he did not know what that really meant. If he had understood what that meant, he would have known just how special he really was!

Monday: Have you ever created anything? What did you create? Were you able to create it just from dirt on the ground? Were you able to make it like yourself, living and breathing, and being able to think and reason? *Read Genesis 1:27.* The first man and woman were created by God. But they were not just created like the land animals, birds or fish. Instead they were created in God's own image!

Tuesday: *Read Genesis 1:27 again.* What is an image? The dictionary tells us that an image is: a physical likeness or representation of a person, animal, or thing, photographed, painted, sculptured, or otherwise made visible. An image is a close likeness of someone or something that shows what the original is like--a photograph is an image. So, we ARE NOT God, but we ARE created to be like Him and show what He is like. Make a list of all you know about God. How are you like the things you have written down? How are you different?

Wednesday: Think of your family and friends. How are you the same? How are you different? Are any of them exactly like you? *Read Psalm 139:14.* You are fearfully and wonderfully made by God. What do you think that means? Did you know that each person is unique and different from everyone else? God made you exactly how He wanted you to be to fulfill the plans that He has for you. If you ever see yourself as ordinary, like Shane in this week's story, you are not seeing yourself as one of God's divine creations. God does not make mistakes. What He has created has great value and He has created you. That means that you are extremely valuable!

Thursday: *Read Genesis chapter 1.* How do you feel when someone tells you that you are special? Do you believe it? In Genesis 1, we read that God created a beautiful world for his most special creation, people, to live in. God did not speak man into being like the rest of His creation. Instead He took special care to form the first man out of the earth and then breathed life into him. Adam became a living, breathing being formed in God's image. Just like Adam, God formed each of us and breathed life into us, too. How does it make you feel knowing that God took such care in creating you?

Friday: You may have been praised by a parent, teacher, mentor or coach. It makes you feel good when someone takes the time to compliment you and tell you that you have done well. That is praise. Think about what you have read and written down this week. What things did you already know? Was there anything new that you learned? What can you praise God for? Write out a prayer to God about your devotions this week.