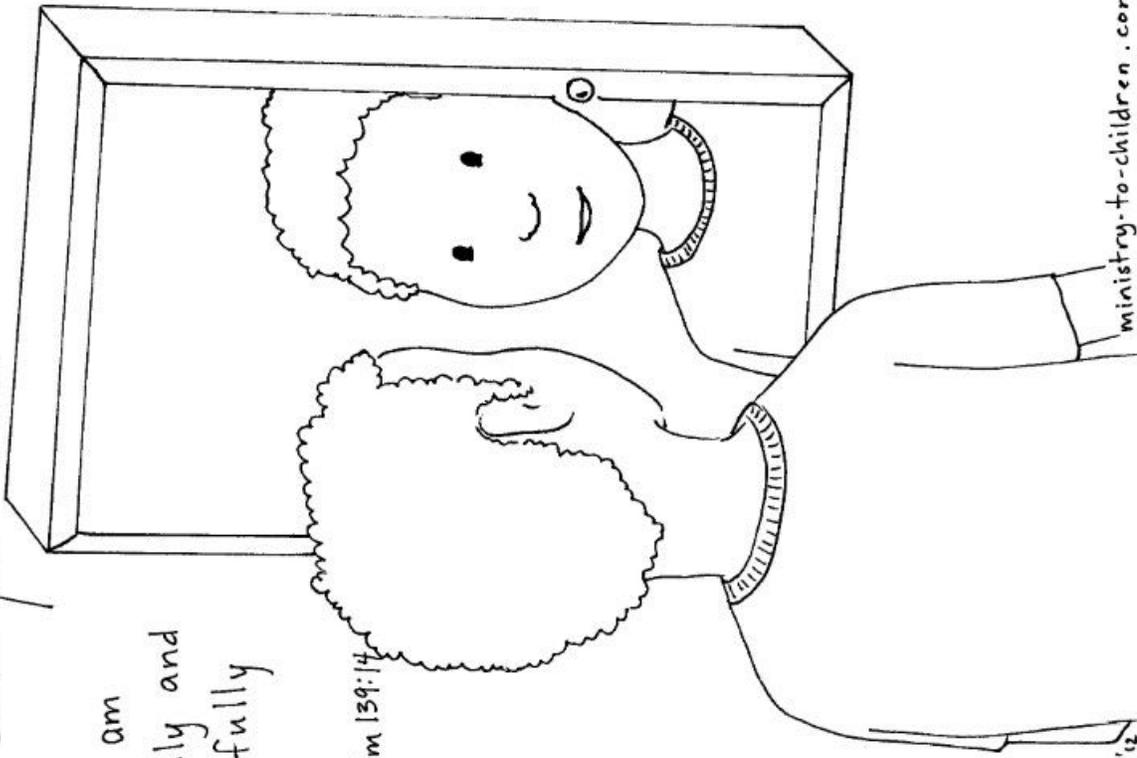


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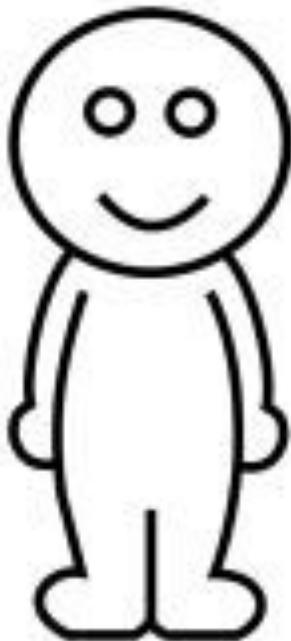
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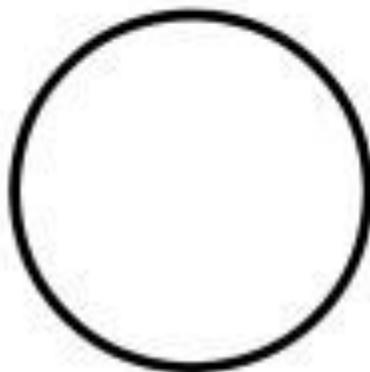
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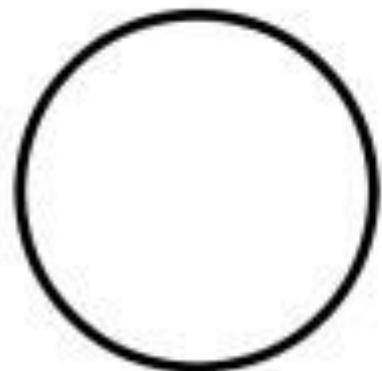
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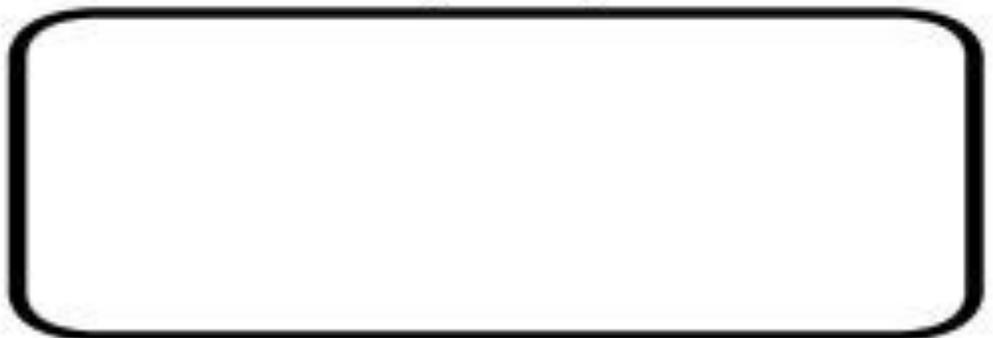
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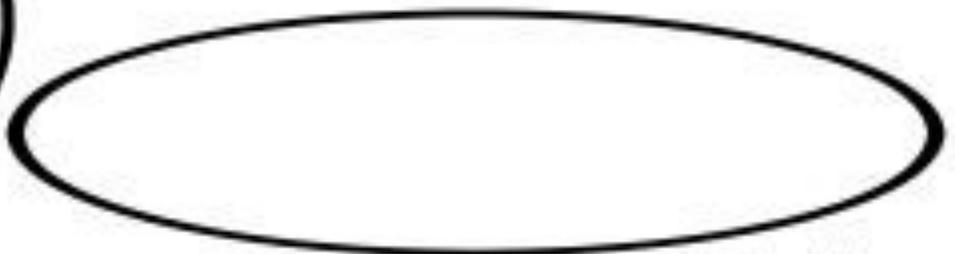
This is my family:



This is something
I love to do:



This is how I serve God:



Made In God's Image

Before we begin today's lesson we are going to talk about things we admire in other people. Think of someone you know and what you admire about that person. Maybe you thought about your mom and you admire how she takes care of you? Or maybe you thought about your favorite athlete and you thought about how good they are at their sport? Or maybe it was even your Hope Kids leader and you like how much they love God?

Now we are going to think about something we like about *ourselves*... It's often easy for us to see good things in other people but only see bad qualities in ourselves. But maybe you like how caring you are, or how good you are at sports, or how smart you are? Those are all great things! But, I like that I am made in God's image.

God cares so much about us that he created us as reflections of him. Today we are going to learn what it really means to be made in God's image.

"Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground. So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them." Genesis 1:26-27

An easy way to understand how we all share God's image is by considering who we look and act like in our family. Sharing the image of a family member involves more than our physical appearances it includes personality qualities as well. The same is true for being made in God's image. Here's just a few of God's qualities: Loving, good, someone who protects you, a provider, gentle, strong, faithful, kind. Can you think of any more? Do you have any of those qualities? That shows God's image reflecting within you!

So if everyone is created in God's image, then why are we unique? He made us unique to fulfill his purposes and represent his power and glory

"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well." Psalm 139:13-14

The author of these verses (David) praised God for making him unique. So let's also praise God for our unique qualities! Think of something about your appearance or personality that makes you special.

"My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be." Psalms 139:15-16 NIV

We know God places great value on us because we were, '*made in the secret place*' and, '*all [our] days were written in [his] book before one of them came to be.*' God wouldn't take such care in creating us if we weren't incredibly valuable to him.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." John 3:16

If we weren't important to God then he wouldn't have sent his perfect son, Jesus, to die for our sins. We are all very special to God, so we can trust that he has a good plan for each of our lives. You matter so much to God because you have the ability to show him to world through a way only you can!