

What is God like?

FOCUS

1. God is love.
2. We are made in the image and likeness of God.
3. God created us with free will; we can choose to do what is right and what is wrong.

During these lessons your child :

- *explored a scriptural image of God;*
- *understood that God always cares for us;*
- *learned that all people are unique and made in the image of God;*
- *identified that the first sin towards God is known as Original Sin.*

Luke 15:4–7

“Who among you, if he has a hundred sheep and loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wasteland and follow the lost one until he finds it? And when he finds it, he puts it on his shoulders in jubilation. And when he comes home, he invites friends and neighbours in and says to them, ‘Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.’ I tell you, there will likewise be more joy in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need to repent.”

Genesis 1:26–27

God said, “Let us make man in our own image, in the likeness of ourselves, and let them be masters of the fish of the sea, the birds of heaven, the cattle, all the wild beasts and all the reptiles that crawl upon the earth.” God created man in the image of himself, in the image of God he created him, male and female he created them.

Genesis 3:1–13

Now, the snake was the most subtle of all the wild animals that God had made. It asked the woman, “Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?” The woman answered the snake, “We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, ‘You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death.’” Then the snake said to the woman, “No! You will not die! God knows in fact that the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good from evil.” The woman saw that the tree was good to eat... So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She also

gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. ... The man and his wife heard the sound of God walking in the garden ..., and they hid ... among the trees of the garden. But God called to the man. “Where are you?” he asked. “I heard the sound of you in the garden,” he replied. “I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid.” “Who told you that you were naked?” he asked. “Have you been eating from the tree I forbade you to eat?” The man replied, “It was the woman you put with me; she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.” Then God said to the woman, “Why did you do that?” The woman replied, “The snake tempted me and I ate.”

SUGGESTED HOME ACTIVITIES

These are some suggested activities to do at home with your child.

1. Tell your child to look into the mirror and ask them what they see. Explain to them how the mirror reflects their image. Compare this to how everything God created, including us, reflects his beauty in some way.
2. Read with your child the Bible parable of the lost sheep, (**Luke 15: 4–7**) leaving gaps in the story and see if your child can tell you what happens next.
3. Ask your child to draw a ladder. Each step can represent how they can build their relationship with God. Explain that when we sin, we start climbing down the ladder. When we do the right thing, we are climbing closer to God.
4. Invite your child to colour in the picture on p. 70 and pray the prayer at the bottom of the page.
5. More activities can be found at www.ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au Click on **Home Activities**.



God loves me

To Remember:

I am made to love like God.



God, you love me and made me to be like you.
Help me to be more like you by loving, forgiving and caring for people.
Thank you God for creating me. Amen.