God Made Me a Boy!



SECTION THREE

Genesis 1:26-31

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31 God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

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Who did God make in His image (verse 27)?

God created all people with one of two genders. What are they (look at the last line of verse 27)?

How does God describe the man and woman He has created (verse 31)?

God created all people in His image (we'll learn more about what this means in the next chapter), and He created all people either male or female. This means that God made you a boy on purpose! It wasn't an accident or a coincidence that you are a boy. God made you that way, and you, the boy who He made in His image, are a part of God's very good creation.

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The Bible is full of stories of men who have followed God. They have done incredibly heroic things, followed God even when it was incredibly difficult, learned about God, and taught others about Him. Here are just a few of them:

Abraham obeyed God when God called him to leave his home and move to a place he had never been before. By trusting God and following Him, Abraham became the father of a great big family – a family the Bible says is as big as an entire nation!

King David was the most special king God's people ever had. But he didn't start out that way. Did you know that King David was once a shepherd boy who watched over sheep in his father's pasture? While he was taking care of the sheep, he fought bears and lions to keep the sheep safe!

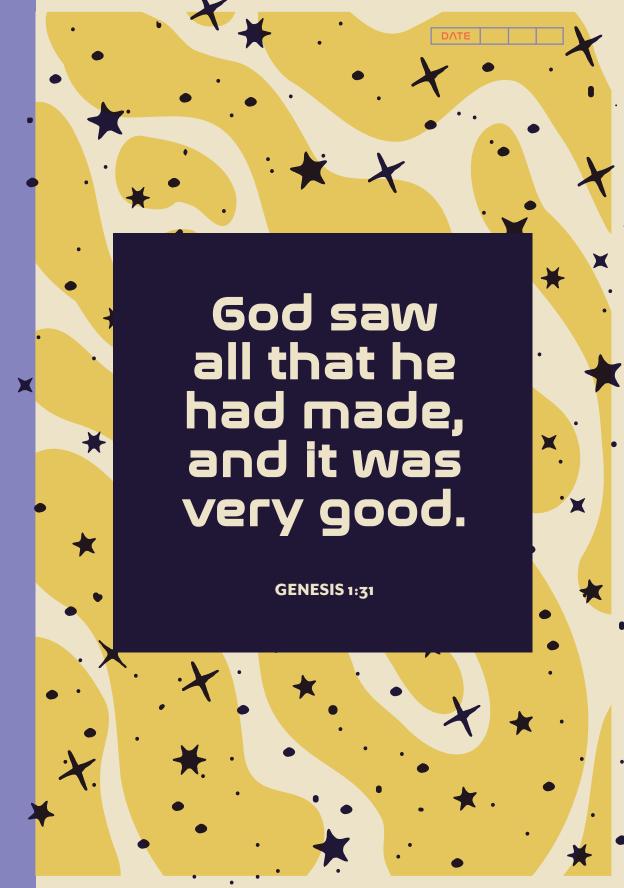
Daniel was a man who worshiped God in a time and place when it was illegal to worship God. The king of the country Daniel lived in made a rule: no one could worship anyone except him, and anyone who tried would be thrown into a pit full of hungry lions! Daniel refused to obey the king's bad rule, and he continued to worship the one, true God. He was thrown into the pit of lions, but God protected him and used him to change the king's bad rule.

Simon and Andrew were fishermen who worked with their dad (and maybe even other family members). They were hard workers with good jobs. But one day, Jesus passed by their boat. They didn't know who Jesus was or what He had come to do, but when Jesus called them to follow Him, they immediately left their boat, nets, fish, and family to follow Jesus.

There are so many more men in the Bible we could look to as examples. All of Scripture teaches us that God creates boys in His image and for a purpose. Being a young man who follows God doesn't look just one way, because not all boys are the same. Being a young man who follows God means you join the many men who have lived lives of faith, seek to follow their example by being brave, kind, humble, trustworthy, and courageous, and by trusting in the promises of God – just like the men in the Bible.

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What do you love most about being a girl?	
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a few of them:

Queen Esther risked her life to save her entire nation from being killed. By her bravery, God's people were saved!

Miriam was just a teenager when her baby brother was going to be killed. She and her mother put him in a basket and hid him along the river to save his life. Her baby brother was Moses, who eventually led God's people out of Egypt!

Mary, the mother of Jesus, believed God's promise that she would bring the Savior into the world – and she did!

Ruth, who was an outsider to the people of God, lived a life of extraordinary faith and became not only a part of God's people, but was also included in the family line of Jesus.

Mary Magdalene was a follower of Jesus and learned at His feet. She was the first person to witness the empty tomb of Christ and tell others that Jesus was alive!

There are so many more women in the Bible we could look to as examples. All of Scripture teaches us that God creates girls in His image and for a purpose. Being a girl who follows God doesn't look just one way because not all girls are the same. Being a girl who follows God means you join the many women who have lived lives of faith, seek to follow their example by being brave, kind, humble, trustworthy, and courageous, and by trusting in the promises of God – just like the women in the Bible.

What words best describe a girl who seeks God? Put a checkmark sticker by each statement that is correct.

Girls who seek God:

must like pink
believe God's promises
love God's Word
have to like "girly" things
can do big things for God
can't be tough and strong
can be brave because God is with them
are created by God with a purpose
can only like princess stories



