

Made in God's Image

Dignity • Responsibility • Relationship • Renewal

CENTRAL TRUTH

Every human life has God-given dignity, responsibility, and a calling to reflect God.

Plan	What you need
Time	Four days • 20-30 minutes per day
Bible	Genesis 1:26-31; Genesis 2:4-25; selected supporting passages
Shared print	Family Story Resources pp. 1-4; print once per household
Per child	One 12-page pathway: K-2, Grades 3-5, or Grades 6-8
Keep nearby	Teacher Guide and standalone Answer Key
Gather	Pencils, crayons, optional scissors, highlighter, and Bible tabs

Your four-day overview

Day	Family focus	Read	Use
1	Created to reflect God	Genesis 1:26-31	Resources p. 1; pathway pages 1-3
2	Embodied, relational, responsible	Genesis 2:4-25	Resources p. 2; pathway pages 4-6
3	Dignity after the fall	Genesis 5:1-3; 9:6; James 3:9	Resources p. 3; pathway pages 7-9
4	Renewed toward Christ	Colossians 1:15; 3:9-11; Ephesians 4:20-24	Resources p. 4; pathway pages 10-12

Prepare before Day 1

- Choose one pathway for each learner; K-2 independent reading is never required.
- Preview body, marriage, disability, family, and mistreatment language; keep explanations age-appropriate.
- Plan a non-reading response choice: point, draw, move a card, answer orally, dictate, or use AAC.
- Keep questions general. Never require private disclosure about sin, bodies, trauma, abuse, or family conflict.

Teach dignity with truth and care

MEMORY

Genesis 1:27a • Learners may say, sing, point, trace, or use motions.

Truth	Family-ready meaning
Image of God	Humans are creatures called to represent God; image-bearing does not make people divine.
Shared dignity	Male and female humanity share God-given worth. Ability, age, ethnicity, appearance, or achievement never creates that worth.
Responsibility	Image-bearers receive accountable work: cultivate, protect, serve, discern, and exercise delegated care.
Relationships	Genesis 2 presents embodied and relational life and a one-flesh marriage pattern; it never authorizes coercion, shame, or control.
After sin	Sin damages our reflection of God but does not erase the significance of his image for how people must be treated.
Christ and renewal	Christ uniquely reveals God and rules creation. By grace, believers put on the new self and are renewed toward his likeness.

Choose a safe response

- Honor someone with truthful, kind speech.
- Serve or protect a neighbor in a parent-approved way.
- Care responsibly for a task, place, animal, or shared belonging.
- Ask forgiveness for contempt or mockery without forcing a public confession.

Safeguards and accommodations

- Equal worth does not make every action right; correct harmful choices without denying a person's dignity.
- Do not use disability, reading level, behavior, body, or one wrong answer as evidence of lesser worth or weak faith.
- Use adult reading, chunks, home-language discussion, extra time, scribing, speech-to-text, AAC, and reduced copying as needed.
- If a learner reports harm or feels unsafe, pause the lesson, listen calmly, and follow the family's safeguarding plan and applicable reporting duties.

LESSON COMPLETE

The learner states the central truth at pathway level, uses Genesis evidence, preserves equal dignity and moral responsibility, distinguishes Christ clearly, and gives one safe grace-shaped response.