

**I am who He says I am**  
**Riverside Young Vineyard Teaching Material**  
**Date: Week 2**  
**Topic: How does God see me?**

<p><b>Worship</b></p> 	
<p><b>Story</b></p> 	<p><b>Recap the Memory Verse:</b>          “If each part of the body were the same part, there would be no body. But truly God put the parts in the body as he wanted them. He made a place for each one of them.” 1 Corinthians 12: 18-19</p> <p>This week we are learning about how every single one of us is made in the image of God. Hold out a bank note. Point to the picture of the queen and ask “Who is this?”. When they shout out “ the Queen”, say “but this piece of paper isn’t the queen??! It is an image of the Queen. We all know what she looks like because we see her face on the TV and on our money. If we walked down the street and the Queen walked past us, we would know straight away it was her even though we had never seen her in person before. But we recognise her because we know her image. This is the same with us and God. He has made us in His image, which means when we look at each other we can see Him because we are made in His image.</p>
<p><b>Game</b></p>	<p><b>Celebrity Photo Challenge</b>          For older groups, spilt the group into teams, for younger groups do it together.          Give each team the attached photo challenge. They have to guess who is who and write their name underneath. The first team to guess all of them correctly are the winners.</p> <p>Ask them at the end “Have you ever met any of these people? How did you know it was them? Some of the images weren’t of the person’s face. Could you still recognise who it was?” Explain that we know their image because we have seen it lots before.</p>

<p><b>Teaching/ Discussion</b></p>	<p>The Bible says we are made in God's image. Read Genesis 1:26-31.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is it about us that makes us human, different from animals?</li> <li>• How are humans different from fish? Dogs? Birds? Monkeys?</li> </ul> <p>We are made in God's image- no other creatures are. And God said that it was 'very' good.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What does this tell us about humans? What does God think about us?</li> <li>• What do you think it is about humans that makes us like God? (Creativity v 28- be fruitful- not just about filling the Earth with people but also about being creative- think about technology and inventions- all part of God's creative mind given to humans. ability to rule: v 28 we are the top of the food chain- we make decisions that impact and change the world in a way animals can't)</li> </ul> <p>God has made humans special- we are all made in his image and all show part of God's character and likeness. We are all different, unique, but we are all valuable- we are worth the same because we are all made in God's image.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How does this make you feel about yourself/about God? How does it make you think about the other people around you? How does it change the way we treat everyone around us?</li> </ul> <p>We are all made in God's image yet we are all different. We are good at some things and not so good at others. We all learn in different ways and communicate in different ways. Some of us learn quicker than others, some people need more support. We are all made in God's image and we are all equally special and loved by Him.</p>
<p><b>Craft/ Activity</b></p>	<p>Poster competition:</p> <p>We want the children to create some posters that can be put up in the Young Vineyard rooms to remind us all about this. Work in 2's and 3's, Make a rough design on A4 paper and then when you have approved it, you could give them and A3 sheet to make. You can use crayons, pencils, felt tips or paint. Here are some phrases they can include:</p> <p>'We are all special' 'we are all different' 'made in God's image' 'worth the same but different' 'everyone has a place' 'Body of Christ' 'We are all in God's Kingdom' or they can come up with their own phrase from this topic.</p>
<p><b>Chat &amp; Catch (Response)</b></p>	<p>Spend some time chatting to God, telling Him how it makes you feel to know you are loved and valued, tell him your favourite thing about being you. Ask him what his favourite thing about you is, ask him how you can help other people, ask him who you could encourage today and tell them they are special to God.</p>

