



## Family Battle Plan

A discipleship pathway to assist parents in engaging their children on their journey of faith

### **Week 2: God**

#### High School

#### **Theme Verse**

*“For everything was created by him, in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through him and for him” Colossians 1:16.*

#### **Objective**

God is Creator. All creation is a result of His work, and He created people in His image and as His crowning achievement to enjoy a relationship with Him and reflect His glory.

#### **Teach**

When you think about God creating all things in His image, what comes to mind? Do we see the literal face of God in everything?

Let’s read together, Colossians 1:16: *“...for by him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones, or dominions, or rulers, or authorities—all things have been created through him and for him.”*

God created all things. Do you believe that? God created you to reflect Himself. Oftentimes, we fall into the trap of thinking God only created the trees, Sun, Moon, and stars. But you and I are created by God, too!

This passage of Scripture teaches us a profound truth. God created all things *“by him and for him.”* In other words, all of creation is a crowning achievement, and God wants us to see Him and His work in everything. I get it. For many of us when we look in the mirror, we don’t see God; we see our imperfections more than His glory. You know why? The evil

one seeks to distort and twist our thoughts to move us away from experiencing the glory of God in our everyday lives.

Let's do our best to remove our selfish, pride-filled, 'poor me' moments. God is a good God, filled with love! He loves you! He created you! And He loves having a relationship with you. To prove it, He created all things, even you, to glorify Himself. The next time you look in the mirror, say to yourself, "God, it's nice to see you!" When you are tempted to slander or use sarcasm to build your self-esteem up, say to yourself... "No, I'm not going to make creation bow to my desires, but rather I am going to reflect the love of God by complimenting those around me."

### **Discussion Questions**

1. What does "*for him and by him*" mean in this week's verse?
2. How are we to reflect God as His creation?
3. How do "little things" like sarcasm affect people?

### **Play**

You are a reflection of God because God created you, so we need to learn how not to refrain from using sarcasm to make ourselves look or feel good. Here's your challenge. For the next 24 hours, you cannot say anything sarcastic. If you get caught by any of your family members, you have to drop and do 10 push-ups. (Yes, mom and dad, you too.) It's not a punishment but a teachable moment of how we carelessly use sarcasm.

### **Sing**

["We are Messengers—Image of God"](#)

### **Live it Out**

We can live out this truth by demonstrating God's love in how we interact with not only nature but also with each other. We are all created by God and for His glory. If the love of God is in you, then it should come out of you. Reflect on God and His creation today.

### **Closing Prayer**

Dear God, thank You for this reminder of how many times I seek to make life about me. Forgive me. I know I am cherished and loved by You. Help me to demonstrate this same love to the people around me.