



FREEDOM SUNDAY

GOD'S PEOPLE
WORKING TOGETHER
TO END HUMAN TRAFFICKING



NAZARENE
COMPASSIONATE
MINISTRIES

CHILDREN'S LESSON

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Scripture:

"God spoke: 'Let us make human beings in our image, make them reflecting our nature' ... God created human beings ... reflecting God's nature. He created them male and female."

"... God formed Man out of dirt from the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life. The Man came alive—a living soul!"

- Genesis 1:26; Genesis 2:7 (*The Message*)

Creative Storytelling Idea:

Hold a mirror. Move it so that each can see his or her reflection in the mirror.

Script:

Each of you was made in God's image to reflect God's nature. Each of you has God's breath of life in you.

Look at each other. Every person in here was made in God's image. And when you go to school or the park or the store or anywhere else, every person you see was made in God's image, with God's breath of life in them. That's pretty cool, isn't it? How can knowing this change the way we see and treat other people?

When we forget to reflect that image, we don't always treat people well.

Bible Story:

Genesis 16: Hagar

A woman named Hagar. She was a slave. The woman who owned her mistreated her. She abused her and was very unkind. And so Hagar ran away. And an angel sent from God found her. She called God by a new name: El Roi. She said, "You are the God who sees me."



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Reflection:

Ask: **How do you** feel when someone is mean to someone you love?

(Allow time for response)

Do you believe that God loves everyone?

(Allow time for response)

When you see other people, you can say to yourself, "That is a person God loves."

What about the person who has a disability?

What about the person who sings too loud?

What about the person sitting alone at school?

What about the person who annoys you?

What about the person who's mean to you?

Sing "Jesus Loves Me" and then sing it again but replacing "me" with "you."

Pray over the children.
