

## Devotion #1

We are made in God's image

### GATHER THE PLAYERS AND HAVE THEM SETTLE

#### READ THE SCRIPTURE

Then God said: "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and the cattle, and over all the wild animals, and all the creatures that crawl on the ground." God created man in his image; in the divine image he created him: male and female he created them... God looked at everything he had made, and he found it very good. –Genesis 1:26-27;31

#### USE QUESTIONS BELOW TO DISCUSS THE SCRIPTURE

1. What does "dominion" mean (definition)?

-it means we are in charge and superior; we exercise authority or lordship

2. What does it tell us about humans and animals?

-it tells us that God wants us to care for the animals and the earth

-it means we are in charge of them

-we can hunt and eat animals

-we will have to answer for how we take care of God's creation

-humans are very special because we alone are made in God's image and likeness

-God makes us male and female so that we can reflect the Trinity that is God (in loving relationships)

3. All that God made (the earth, the animals and ultimately us), is it good or bad?

- Good!

-how do you know it is good? Because God says so.

-what is it that makes it good? We are made by God and in his image and likeness

-is there anything that we can do to change how we were made? NO

-so, we will always be good even if we do bad things and God will always love us! (not necessarily for discussion, but f.y.i. we may sin and become incapable of returning God's love, but he never stops loving us!)

4. So, if we have dominion over creatures, and everything that God made is good, how should we try to live our lives?

- we need to care for everything that God made

- we need to see the good in all things

- we need to treat others with respect, including those on our team and those who may be on other teams.

**PRAY IN THESE OR SIMILAR WORDS, OR INVITE A PLAYER TO LEAD PRAYER**

Heavenly Father, we gather this evening in the name of Jesus, and we ask you to send your Holy Spirit into our hearts and minds. Help us to always reflect your image and glory to a world in which many have forgotten your beauty and your love. Keep us safe for the remainder of this practice and helps us to return to our homes safely. Please bless our families and heal our wounds. May we, as a team, remind anyone who sees us play that You love the world and that we should always rejoice in that knowledge. We ask all of this in Jesus' name. Amen.