

MD KIDS: SHAPED BY THE TRUE STORY



Week Two: Gospel Formation

To the Teachers

*This month we will remind ourselves of the True Story of the world, from Creation to Restoration, and how we are shaped by it. This Story **forms** us into a **community** sent on **mission**. This week we focus on formation, and it means that God has been forming a people since the beginning.*

- **Big Idea:** God has always been forming a people to be His representatives.

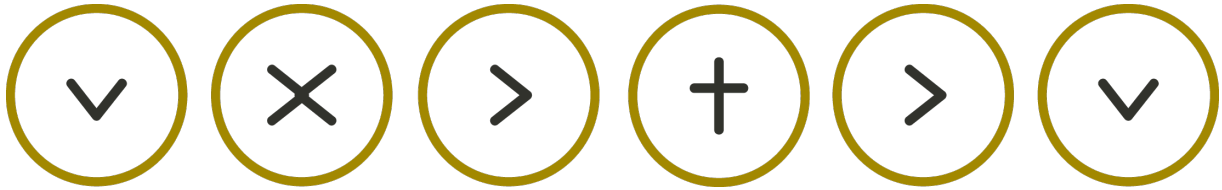
As Kids Enter (15 minutes - Classroom)

- **Question:** Have you ever drawn a self-portrait? What was difficult about it?
- **Starter:**
Bring in playdough or clay, or even legos, and allow the kids to build something.

Sing Together (15 minutes - all together)

STORY (30 minutes - Lead Teacher)

**Refer back to the Story symbols to help guide you through the lesson*



CREATION REBELLION PROMISE REDEMPTION CHURCH RESTORATION

Q: Do you know what it means to form something?

Q: How did God form the first human?

God not only used His own hands to form the shape of the first humans, but He also worked to form the type of people they would be. He came down to earth and walked with them, taught them, and allowed them to name the animals and care for His creation. He was forming them into a people who would be like Him - God's representatives showing the rest of the world what God is like. Remember, He said He would form them *'into His own image'*.

When the first humans chose to listen to the lies of the serpent instead of God's voice, they were now being formed by the lie instead of formed by God's truth. They were being *deformed*. Ever since then, God has been on a mission to re-form His people back into His image.

Q: What are some of the ways God has formed His people?

(He calls Abraham to make a nation, Israel - and forms them through His commands to be a 'light to the nations', 'kingdom of priests', 'blessed to be a blessing')

Then, Jesus enters into the world to *re-form* humanity - to be the human we were always meant to be (the image of God), but also to make a way for all humans to be formed into what we were meant to be. Jesus was the perfect human! Jesus' life, death, resurrection, and him sending his Spirit to fill God's people, now forms us into God's people who reflect His image to the rest of the world.

Q: What does it mean to be formed by Jesus and his Spirit now?

Q: What are some ways we can live to reflect what God is like?

Q: What are some things we can do to continue being formed by God?
(prayer, community, Scripture, worship, etc.)

In Breakout Classes (30 minutes - Classroom)

- **Prayer:**
God, forgive us for listening to lies. Help us to be formed by You and Your truth. Thank You for sending Jesus to help form us into Your people. Fill us with Your Spirit so we can do this. Amen.
- **Craft:**
Have the kids draw a self portrait. Let them show it to the class and explain how the picture represents them.
- **BLESS Activity:**
For kids to do during the week
Because this Story is true, we want to be faithful to live in it. We ask the Spirit to help us to *Bless, Listen, Eat, Speak, and Sabbath* (rest & celebrate) in ways that tell the good news of God's Story.

This week, focus on the **Listen** rhythm. Read the Bible with your parents this week and take some time to listen to what God is saying through His word and through a time of silence after reading. Ask the Spirit to speak to you. Then, discuss it as a family.