

We Are Made in God's Image



We are made in God's image. Everyone is made in God's image. We are men, women and children of all ages, cultures, and abilities. We are all beautiful and unique.



Welcome What does God look like?

(Let's look in our mirrors and see, or trace our hands over our faces)



Explore Hymn 147 "All Things Bright and Beautiful" Chorus, v1 & 4



Scripture: Genesis 1: 27 – 30

So God created humans in the image of God. God blessed them. God said, "Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and subdue it. Control the fish of the sea, the birds, and everything that moves."

1 Corinthians 9: 24-27

You have all been to the stadium and seen athletes race. Everyone runs. One person wins. Run to win. All good athletes train hard. They do it for a gold medal that tarnishes and fades. You are after one that's gold eternally.

I don't know about you, but I'm running hard for the finish line. I'm giving it everything I've got. No sloppy living for me! I'm staying alert and in top condition. I'm not going to get caught napping, telling everyone else all about it and then missing out myself.



Lets talk about the Oylmpics –True or False

- The Olympics were around in Jesus' time.
- The Modern Olympics have been around over 100 years.
- Since 1968, athletes with intellectual disabilities have shown that athletes of all abilities can compete, be fit, gain confidence and win!
- Bonus: What special gifts or skills did God give you?



Pray

Unstoppable God. Let your glory go on and on. Impossible things in your name they shall be done. Amen.

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Wacky Olympics

These are favorite Olympic Games the Minnesota Centennial UMC Flames play once a year to win wacky prizes. Try them or other wacky races!

1. **Full of Wind Race** – Everyone sit at one side of a table. Pick up the straw in front of you. See who can use it to blow a ping pong ball to the other side of the table. Start again if your ball falls off the table!
2. **Bowling** – Go to the “bowling alley” area. Select a card to see if you will bowl backwards, or sitting, or throwing the ball under one leg, or granny style. Select any ball. Roll the ball to see how many pins (or plastic milk bottles with a little sand in the bottom) that you can get down. Strikes and spares get a double prize.
3. **Jell-O Races** – Two or three people ask the jello captain to put a square of jell (jiggler style) ANYWHERE on your body EXCEPT the palm of your hand. Go to the starting line. Someone will say “1, 2, 3 GO!” Walk, run or wheel to the bowl at the finish line (if you drop your jello, pick it up and place it on your body. Continue to race). Drop your jello into the bowl. The winner of each round will contribute in the semi final and final race until you have a gold medal champion. Do not eat jello that fell on the floor. Teachers will offer extra jello for after the race.



Until next time ...

1. Try to treat everyone you meet like they are made in God's image.
2. Think about someone who is different from you. Then think about what you have in common with each other.