

Making it Mine

A Bible study for kids ready to
grow a faith of their own.

Month 4 Week 1

WHO AM I?

READ:
Romans 1-7

HEART GRAFFITI:

**“... Do not think of
yourself more highly
than you ought, but
rather think of
yourself with sober
judgment in
accordance with the
measure of faith God
has given you.”
Romans 12:3**



There are many ways that we answer the question “Who am I?” How easy is it to see ourselves as we really are? What are the things that we use to **define** ourselves? Which are most important to us? What do others define us by?

Give yourself a one word description in each category. They all matter, because you matter, but which one is the most important? Put a number one for what is most important to you, a number two by the next most important and so on through 9. Then do the same for what you think is most important to others in how they see you.

	To you:	To others:
the best thing you ever did	_____	_____
the worst thing you ever did	_____	_____
Are you a boy or girl?	_____	_____
the church you go to	_____	_____
What your parents are like	_____	_____
How you do in school	_____	_____
the worst thing that has happened to you	_____	_____
your best quality	_____	_____
your greatest fear	_____	_____

How would God rate each of these? What matters most to Him? How does He see you? Who do you let decide who you are: self, others or God?

FORGETTING TO SAY THANKS

Romans 1:18-32

What can be clearly seen through creation? (v.20) _____

What did the godless and wicked fail to do? (v.21) _____

What did they trade the glory of God for? (v.23) _____

What did God turn them over to? (v.24) _____

What was the lie that they traded the truth of God for? _____

How did that change who they were? _____

What are some of the sins named in v.28-32? _____

Are any of those what you want to be known for? _____

What choice are we given in 2:6-8? _____

Which do you choose? _____

WHAT IS AN IDOL?

Romans 1:25 says that people became foolish and worshipped other things instead of God. Those other things are called idols.

What are some of the “idols” that kids you know worship instead of God? _____



NO ONE IS GOOD...

Sometimes when we read of sins like in Romans 1, we start feeling pretty good. We start feeling like we must be pretty good compared to those “bad” people. Paul cautions against judging others in 2:1 by saying that “at whatever point you judge the other, you are **condemning** yourself.” What do you think he means by that? _____

Paul goes on to say in 3:12 that “there is no one who does good, not even one.” So, are we supposed to see ourselves as bad? No, we are supposed to see ourselves as **justified** by Christ’s blood and saved from God’s **wrath** (5:9). If we have taken on Christ as our Lord, then when God sees us, He sees Christ. We have been restored to our original glory of being created in God’s image. We are like Him. The purpose of the laws He gave were to show us how we have become **not** like Him. So, we don’t think of ourselves more highly than we ought, but neither do we think of ourselves less than we ought. Look at the most beautiful aspect of creation and know that you are even more beautiful because **you** were created in the image of God! You were worth dying for even as a sinner! In Romans 7 Paul talks about the battle we still have with sin, even as we desire to live by the Spirit. How is that different than the people described in Romans 1? _____

Does that mean it doesn’t matter if we sin? (6:15-17) _____

Who is called to belong to Christ? _____



PUZZLE PAGE

SOURCES OF IDENTITY from Romans 1-7

Find twenty words from Romans 1-7 that can be a source of identity.

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2. _____
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WHAT DO THESE WORDS MEAN?

define:

sober:

accordance:

condemning:

justified:

wrath:

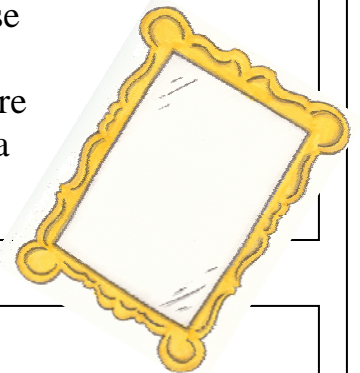
TIPS for parents and teachers

Romans 1 is a good opportunity to talk about contemporary idols. Kids may not realize how very relevant this section of scripture is to them today. Spend some time talking about what they are grateful to God for, and what consequences not being grateful has brought onto those Paul talks about. How does a lack of gratitude result in the list of sins? Does it ever seem like it isn't worthwhile to "retain the knowledge of God?" What does that mean? How does the law help us understand who we are?

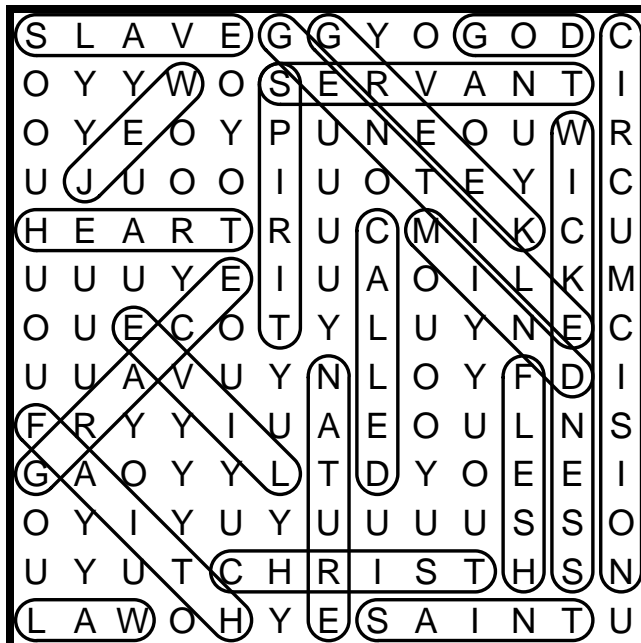
MIRROR, MIRROR

1 Corinthians 13:12 talks about the poor reflection that we see in a mirror. Give each of the kids an inexpensive mirror and discuss what they can and can't see about themselves.

Give the kids the "mirror" on Page 5 and have them illustrate some of the things that God fully knows about them. Romans 2:16 says that God will judge men's secrets. What kinds of things do we keep secret? How can those secrets cause us damage when they are kept hidden? What are some ways the Bible gives us a fuller view of them?



ANSWERS TO SOURCES OF IDENTITY WORDSEARCH



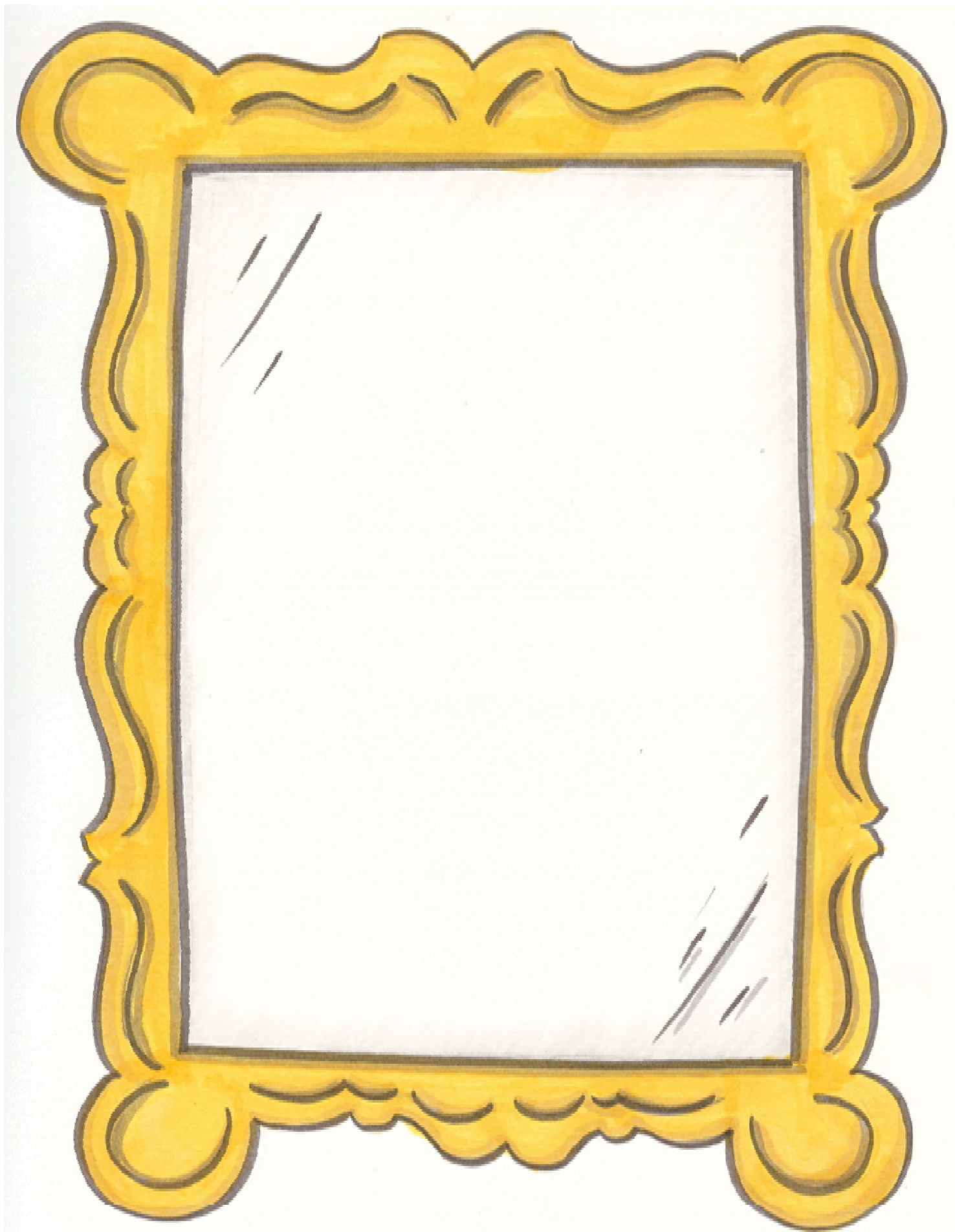
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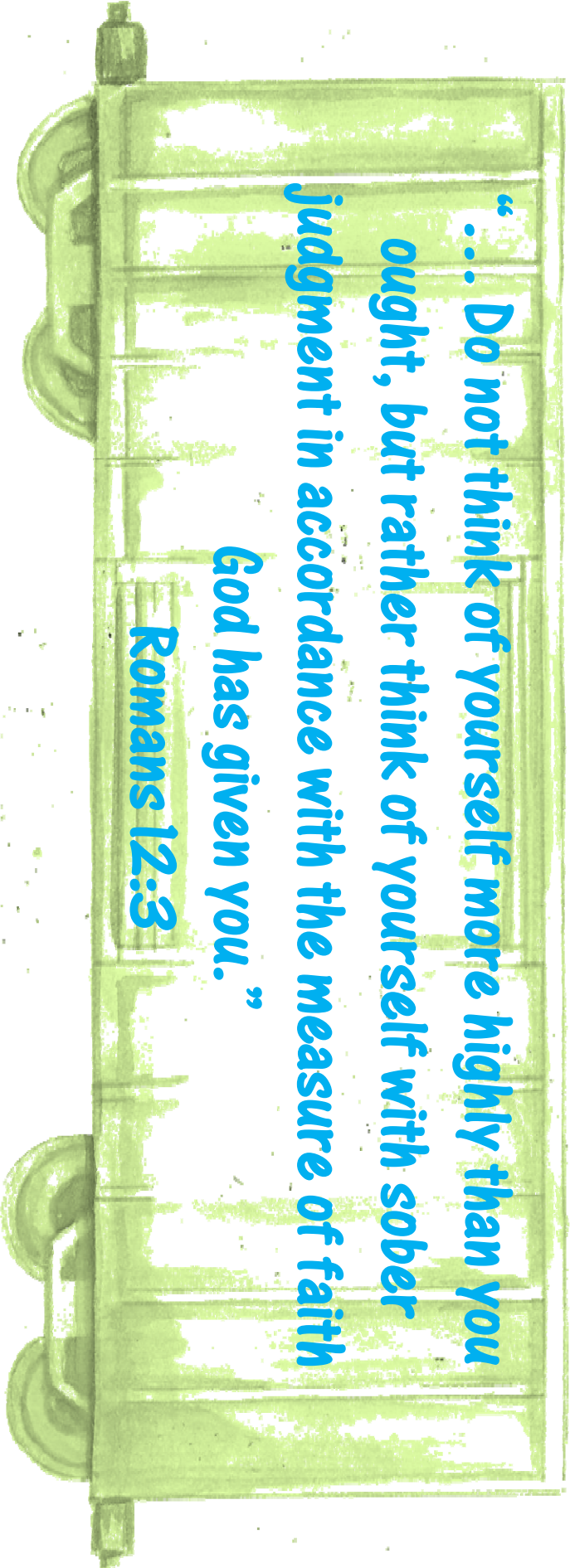
Do a little review and talk about some of the things we learned about God. What is He like? What does it mean for us to be made in His image? What are some ways that you are like your parents? In what ways are we like Him?

How does knowing God help us know ourselves?



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