

TOP 10 TIPS TO TALK TO CHILDREN ABOUT INCLUSION

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All of us are created in God's image. We know from the creation story that we have been made in the image of God. If we are created in His image, that means everyone reflects Him. Those who are different, are still God's wonderful and beautiful creation. *Genesis 1:26*

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God's hand has been on us since before we were born. While we were growing inside our mother's womb, God's hand was there. He has loved us all since the very beginning and we have been important to Him since our conception. All of us are fearfully and wonderfully made. *Psalms 139:13-14*

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Everyone has a part to play in God's family. The Bible talks about the body of Christ and how each one of us brings different things to the body. The body needs everyone to function and work together. In our unique creation, we all have a special part to play. Everyone matters. *1 Corinthians 12:12*

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How we treat each other matters. Kindness is important when it comes to the way that we treat one another. Kindness can change the lives of people around us, and everyone is deserving of it. Always show kindness and let it flow from all that you do. *Ephesians 4:32*

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All of us have special gifts. Everyone who has been created in the image of God has something special that only they can do for Him. How you serve and use your gifts may be different than the way others do, and that's ok. All of us have special gifts that God uses in our lives in unique ways. *1 Timothy 1:6*

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The Bible tells us to love each other. The greatest commandment is to love God with all our hearts, and then love other people as we would love ourselves. Loving everyone around us, even when they are different than us is one of God's commands. *Mark 12:31*

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God has a plan and a purpose for everyone's life. The Bible says that He knows the plans for us, and that we all have a hope and a future. That promise includes everyone that has been created in His image. His plans for all of us are good. *Jeremiah 29:11*

8



The way that we speak about each other is important. When you are talking about other people, especially people who are different than you, make sure to use words of kindness and love. Use words that include, not separate. God cares about what we say and our words have the power to build up or to tear down. *Proverbs 16:24*

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Serve those around you who need help. Sometimes we see those around us who need help, or encouragement. Be a person who offers friendship and care when you see someone who needs encouragement and compassion. Show love by the way that you serve others. *1 Peter 4:10*

10



All are welcomed and loved by God. We are part of the family of God. In a family, we love, value and accept one another. We treat each other with love and know that our family is a safe and loving place to be. Everyone has a place. *Galatians 6:10*



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