God Made People Male and Female

Poem with Gestures

This poem is a simple version of Genesis 1:27-28: “God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them….”

Have the group stand in a circle all looking at you with some space around each child to allow for arm gestures. Say the simple poem with the children using hand gestures each time the following five key words or phrases are said.

- **God** – raise arms above head up toward heaven
- **People** – spread arms out on either side to indicate the people around you
- **Image** – starting with arms raised and elbows bent move the arms down the body (Explain what the word image means to the children—it means that the Lord made us so that we look like Him.)
- **Male and Female** – hold out first one hand and then the other
- **Blessed** – bring hands together in a prayer gesture and bow your head

Say the following sentences slowly, prompting the children to imitate your gestures as you go. Say each phrase once, and then have the children repeat them with you. The poem can be repeated until the children can follow them or as long as they are interested.

God made **people** in His own **image**.
God made **people** in His own **image**.

God made **people male** and **female**.
God made **people male** and **female**.

And He **blessed** them.
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And He **blessed** them.

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