

Wonderfully Made

The Amazing You

At the beginning of saying, “I love God”, or, “I believe in God”, or “I know God” we find the word “I” and mention ourselves.

Before parents teach their children about everything else, parents **start by loving** their children. Parents most often then teach their child the relational words “**mama**” and “**dada**” or “immi” and “abba” or “baba”. Then the parents help the child name needs, “more”, “milk”, “food”, “play”. In this lesson we are beginning with “the amazing you”, **loved and known by God** even before we love and know Him. “We love because he first loved us.” 1 John 4:19

Note: Occasionally, we will encounter Bible verses that show book, chapter, and verse. Feel free to look up the passage in order to get a greater context or for further study.

Where do we learn about this?

When Jesus sends out his apostles to share the good news he reminds them of how amazing each one of them is.

“Are not two **sparrows** sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.” Matthew 10: 29-31

Jesus would leave everything else just for you.

Then Jesus told them this parable: “Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn’t he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he **joyfully puts it on his shoulders** and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’ Luke 15:3-6

What does this remind us of?

I am wonderfully made. - Psalm 139:14

Image of God - Genesis 1:26-31

A little less than the angels - Psalm 8

I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. Jeremiah 31:3

Again and again we thank you, O Lord, and raise glory to you, for giving us your Body to eat, and your living Blood to drink. O Lover of all people, have mercy on us. Have mercy on us, O Lord. O compassionate, and merciful One, O Lover of all people, have mercy on us. (Anaphora of the 12 Apostles)

Note: Anaphora is a Greek word meaning Offering up or literally carry back. What is offered up during an anaphora?

What does this teach us?

We are very good and made in God's image. CCC 1700

We are loved CCC 27

We have reason. CCC 1705

We have freedom CCC1706

Note: CCC is the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

How does this save us?

I am made for love CCC 27

God's law is written in our hearts Romans 2:15-16

Questions

for kids and parents to discuss together and each answer:

What were your first words?

What did you call your parents as a baby and did that change? Why?

What were your needs as a baby?

What are your needs now?

Who are some people who love you?

Who do you love?

What is one example of your freedom?

What is one example of your reason?

What is one thing that is good about being you?

What is one good thing about your family?

What are some points of evidence that you can think of that God loves you and made you for love?

What is one part of the liturgy that shows God loves us?

Prayer

The Book of Psalms is a collection of poetry and songs found in the Bible. The Psalms show us prayer in a variety of emotions and experiences. Many Christians and Jews around the world pray the Psalms daily.

Pray The following selection from Psalm 139 as a family

Lord, you have examined me and **you know me**.

You know everything I do;

from far away you understand all my thoughts.

You see me, whether I am working or resting;

you know all my actions.

Even before I speak,

you already know what I will say.

You are all around me on every side;

you protect me with your power.

Your knowledge of me is too deep;

it is beyond my understanding.

You created every part of me;

you put me together in my mother's womb.

I praise you because you are to be feared;

all you do is strange and wonderful.

I know it with all my heart.

When my bones were being formed,

carefully put together in my mother's womb,

when I was growing there in secret,

you knew that I was there—

you saw me before I was born.

Going Deeper

for older kids or parents

Read through the rest of Psalm 139

Psalm 139: 7-12 and discuss times you have tried to **hide** from God,

Psalm 139:16-18 and discuss how God can know what we do and we **still be free**. (When is a time when you know what one of your loved ones will do without controlling it?)

Psalm 139: 19-22 and discuss when you have been **angry**. How is being honest about being angry different than acting on anger? Can we be honest with God when we are angry?

Psalm 139: 23-24 and discuss one thing that you need to **work** on. Is God calling you to work on that or your conscience? What is the difference?