



What is God Image?

- Picture of God.
- Your basic view of God.

Exodus 34: 5-7

And the Lord descended in the cloud, and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the Lord .

And the Lord passed by before him, and proclaimed, The Lord , The Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth,

Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation.

Why is God Image Important?

- It is a lens through which you view life.
- Major part of your worldview.
- Hard to reconstruct a severely distorted view of God.

Where Does God Image Come From?

Experience

- Past
- Present

Information

- Teaching
- Reading
- Observation

Teaching Children: Information

Imagination

- Story
- Imagery

Testimony

- Help them interpret and view life in light of who God describes Himself to be.
- Culture

Teaching Children: Experience

- Past experiences.
- Daily Life
- Modeling in Relationship
 - Safe, Seen, Secure
 - Shame
- Patience
 - They will ask questions we don't have the answer for.
 - Embrace the unknown and unsettling.

What Can Parents Do?

- Help build a moldable picture of God.
 - If we don't have a perfect picture of God, our children won't either.
- Point them to the scriptures as primary source of who God is like.
- Thoughtful engagement.
- Exploration and Humility

The Jesus Story Bible
by Sally Lloyd-Jones

Children's Authors: Max
Lucado

The Ology by Marty
Machowski

Chronicles of Narnia by
C.S. Lewis

Tiny Theologians

Catechisms

Resources