

Value of Each Person

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Use a \$10 bill to help children understand the God-given, unchangeable, constant value of each person—even when he or she is not feeling valuable.

For

Young Family

Season

Winter

Needed

\$10 bill (any bill will work), Bible

Prepare in Advance

Mark your Bible at Genesis 1:26a and Isaiah 64:8.



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Activity Plan

1. Hold up a \$10 bill and ask family members who would like to have it.
2. Crumple the bill and ask who would like to have it now.
3. Throw the bill on the floor, stomp on it, and ask again: Who would like this \$10 bill?
4. Ask: Why would you want this dirty, crumpled \$10 bill? If no one mentions it, comment that the bill still has value—it is still worth \$10. It can still be used to purchase \$10 worth of food at your favorite fast food restaurant or \$10 worth of toys. It can still be used to purchase \$10 worth of groceries or to add \$10 to money being saved for something special.
5. Have a family member read aloud Genesis 1:26a from your Bible or the text below:

Genesis 1:26a: *Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness."*

Wonder together about what it means to be made in God's image. What does this say about the value of each person? When would it be helpful to be reminded of this verse?

6. Have a family member read aloud Isaiah 64:8 from your Bible or the text below:

Isaiah 64:8: *But now, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.*

Discuss how God loves each person because God created each person. How might this verse encourage a person who is feeling a little "crumpled" or "stomped on"?

7. Say this prayer aloud to close your time together:

We praise you, O God, for loving each person you have created. Thank you for family and friends, for favors granted and undeserved graces. We are especially grateful for the gifts of our bodies—for (ask each person to name one thing about his or her body for which he or she is grateful). Help us to use the gifts you have given us for your greater glory. Amen.

