



# Respect Life

Values - Elective 13

## Purpose

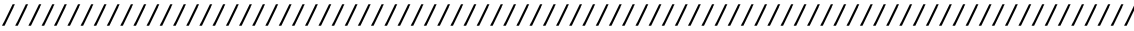
The purpose of 'Respect Life' is to teach the Trailmen that life is precious and wonderfully made.

- 1.       What does it mean to be created in the image of God?
- 2.       What is redemption and why do we need it?
- 3.       What is compassion and why do we need it?
- 4.       When does human life start?




## Notes to the Trail Guide



- 1. The goal is not for the boys to be experts at these topics, but to gain an increased knowledge and awareness of the Objective.
- 2. Make it relative to your patrol.
- 3. Remember, these lessons should build from Fox to Hawk and from Hawk to Mountain Lion.
- 4. See the Leaders Guide for more information on Objectives.



## Skill Progression

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. God is the original and perfect image</li><li>2. God formed us and made us</li><li>3. Jesus mirrors a perfect image as a human</li><li>4. Life is precious and wonderful</li></ol>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. We are reflections of God's image</li><li>2. Our image has been distorted</li><li>3. Jesus paid our debt</li><li>4. Everyone deserves compassion</li></ol>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. God has fearfully and wonderfully made us</li><li>2. Sin is on all of us</li><li>3. Sin tempts us any time we are not focused on God</li><li>4. Compassion allows us to be better image bearers</li></ol>

# Helps

- I. What does it mean to be created in the image of God?
  - a. **Goal:** To understand that all people of all ages are made in the image of God, and are valued and loved by Him.
  - b. **Lesson:** Learn what being an image bearer means.
  - c. **Examples:**
    - i. Genesis 1:26
    - ii. Image Bearer Attributes
      1. General likeness (visually)
      2. Dominion over the Earth
      3. Love
      4. Compassion
      5. Language
      6. Reasoning
      7. Truth
      8. Forgiveness
      9. Holiness
2. What is redemption and why do we need it?
  - a. **Goal:** To understand that all humanity has sinned and distorted the image of God. Yet, we are still image bearers. We are still valuable to God, and therefore God sent His Son to redeem us and make us clear image bearers.
  - b. **Lesson:** Learn that sin is in everyone and that only Jesus could pay our debt.
  - c. **Examples**
    - i. Sin began in the garden of Eden and has been in humans ever since.
    - ii. In ancient Jewish times, Jews would perform sacrifices according to the law in which to cleanse themselves of sin for a very short period. It had to be done repeatedly using specific guidelines.
    - iii. Romans 3:23 – We all have sinned. No one is flawless.
    - iv. John 3:16 – Only Jesus could pay our sinful debt.
3. What is compassion and why do we need it?
  - a. **Goal:** To understand that since we are created in God’s image, valuable to God, and redeemable through Jesus, we should treat each person with dignity, compassion and care.
  - b. **Lesson:** Learn what compassion means and what it looks like.
  - c. **Examples:**
    - i. Compassion is the humane quality of understanding the suffering of others and wanting to do something about it. a deep awareness of and sympathy for another’s suffering.
    - ii. Compassion can be performed in many ways from doing something physical for someone else like holding a door, picking something up that

someone dropped, getting something for someone, or even taking out the trash.

- iii. Compassion can also be verbal. We can encourage, console, and cheer others.
- iv. Sometimes you can be compassionate by just listening to someone who needs a person to talk to.

4. When does human life start?

- a. **Goal:** To understand that babies from the moment they start growing in their mother's tummy, are persons made in the image of God, valued by God, and have a right to life.
- b. **Lesson:** Learn that life starts at conception (When the baby first begins to grow in their Mother).
- c. **Examples:**
  - i. Human life begins the moment the baby starts to grow in the Mother's tummy.
  - ii. A baby begins as a single cell, smaller than the period at the end of this sentence. This cell is created by the union of two parent cells and this union of cells has its own unique attributes.



## Scripture Ideas

### Genesis 1:26 & Isaiah 64:8

- Fox, Hawk, and Mountain Lion – God created us in His image. God is the potter and we are the clay.

### Romans 3:23 & John 3:16

- Fox, Hawk, and Mountain Lion – All have sinned. Jesus paid our debt.

### Psalms 139:13-14 & Jeremiah 1:5

- Fox, Hawk, and Mountain Lion – God knew us before we were born and knit us together in our mother's womb.

## Activity Ideas

- See the relevant patrol and branch section of the activities
- Or, create your own activity relevant to your troop and region
- You will need a mirror, and some way to distort the reflected image (shaving cream on the mirror, a mask on the person, etc.), rags or paper towels. Have the mirror standing to where the boy can see as much of his image as possible in the reflection. Either smear shaving cream on the mirror or have the boy put on a mask. Explain that although each person is still an image bearer of God, sin has distorted it. And because of our sin, we can no longer be in the presence of God. We will be judged by God and will die one day. We now live in a cursed world. Grab a rag or towel and clean the mirror, or take off the mask. Just as water washes this distorted image, so God promised that He would send someone to wash/forgive our sin so we can become a clean mirror again.
- You can use Play Doh to have the boys create a pot or container of their own and relate this to how God has made them.
- You can share Ultrasound videos or photos and have the boys label or find the parts of the babies bodies.

## Game Ideas

- Check the games section online for game ideas
- Or, create a game that works for your patrol

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