



You will need...

- A mirror
- 3 or 4 of the following:
 - A box of Lego or Duplo
 - Flip chart paper and some board markers
 - Play-doh or tin foil
 - A box of random objects (balls, cones, sports bats, books)
- 8 volunteers

This assembly can be led by one person; or two (with one reading **red**, the other **blue**)

The story

Character/Actions	Lines
	Good morning, it is great to be here for this Assembly. My name is X, I'm here from X Church
Choose children, invite them up, split into 4 pairs of children. Put each pair by a different medium: Lego, Play-doh, Flipchart/pens, & no props	Great to be here. Thank you for having me/us. I'm X and this is Y. We're from Z Church. To start-I need 8 volunteers, and I need people who are creative, who can make things.



To first pair

Here is what I want you to do. I've got one word for each pair that I'm going to whisper in your ear. I want you to help the rest of us to guess your word.

You're going to make your word out of play doh (or tin foil)

To second pair

You're going to draw your word. You can't write words- so you have to draw the word I give you.

To third pair

You're going to make your word out of Lego (or "these props to create a freeze frame, using your bodies")

To fourth pair

You're going to do a frozen scene to help us guess.

Here are some options- pick three or four for your context

I will give you one minute to make your sculpture, or drawing or frozen drama. I'll whisper your words in your ear.

Play-doh: "Mouth"

Drawing: "Aeroplane"

Lego blocks: "Giraffe"

Props: "Car"

Nothing- just

themselves: "Breakfast"



You will need to help each pair a little to ensure that the assembly will be able to guess. After 2 minutes or so; give them a whispered 10 second countdown. Get the other children in the assembly to put their hands up to guess for each pair, what the word is. Take 3 guesses for each, then ask the pair what their word was. Send the 8 back to their places with a round of applause.

Didn't they do a great job?! Without saying a word, in 4 different ways, they did a brilliant job of helping you to guess their words. Christians believe that God made us all to be creative- to be able to make and do amazing things.

Read out of a Bible, Genesis 1: 27

Let me read a verse from the Bible. "So God created human beings in his image. In the image of God he created them. He created them male and female."
God made us "in his image". That's a strange idea. Let me explain what he means by that.

Hold up the mirror as if you're looking into it

Pointing to the picture one pair drew
Pointing to the giraffe the pair built

When you look into a mirror- you see an image. An image is like you. It looks like you. But it isn't exactly you. You can't hug an image. You can't smell an image. That's what it means when the Bible says that God made us in his image. We're not exactly like God. We don't look like God. But we're a little bit like him.
We can create - there is no animal in the world who could have drawn that picture.
We can build - You've never seen a monkey who can build like that!
We can speak. We can invent. We can write. We can make.



Pick up one of the models made at the beginning and break it!

When we make or create, we are being a little bit like God. We'll never be able to do what he can. The Bible says that he can make things just by speaking, and that he keeps everything going. Every breath we take, every beat of our heart- that is God making, fixing, keeping it all going. So, today, be people who are a little bit like God. Choose to make, to draw, to do Art, to write, to sing, to dance, to paint, to score a goal ...

It's much easier to break, to destroy, to hurt. Anyone can damage and break. It's not hard, and it's very quick. But it's not good, and it's not like God.

Don't be people who hurt, who discourage and who bully. It's so easy. But it's not how we were made to be. Instead, be people who are kind, who say good things who try to make others feel better.

Think of one way today that you can create, build, do good or encourage someone. Can you think of a way you can do that today?

I'm going to pray that we would be those kind of people. Praying is just talking to God, let's put our hands together and close our eyes.

You don't have to pray. If you want to sit and think about something you've heard, that's fine.

Dear Father God,

Thank you that you made everything and you keep everything going. Thank you that you made us in your image, to be like you, to make, and build and grow. Please help us to be people who don't destroy, hurt and break, but instead make, and encourage and help.

Amen