

REFLECTION

What is reflection and how does it work (surfaces, eyes, etc.)?

Besides modern day mirrors, list as many reflective surfaces as you can found in nature.

Brainstorm scenes in stories (books/movies) that includes mirrors and/or reflection.

How are they typically used in a storyline and what is it often communicating?

Explore this Hebrew word & picture: mar'ah (H4759)

מראה מראה

Read this selection of verses and ponder God's design of reflection in creation and his use of it throughout Scripture:

Exodus 38:8, 30:17-21
Numbers 6:24-26
Psalm 17:15, 34:4-5
1 Corinthians 13:8-13, 15:49
2 Corinthians 4:3-6, 3:18
James 1:22-25
1 John 3:1-2

The unveiling of eyes is closely related to reflection.

Read and ponder the following verses. How does this physical illustration point to our spiritual transformation?

Exodus 33:7-11
Mark 15:37-39
2 Corinthians 3:7-18

Take some time to ponder on all you've learned.
How does reflection give glory to Jesus & illustrate His story?
Have you made any new discoveries?

ENGAGE IN WONDER

How does reflection illustrate God's living story? Ponder everything you're learned.

Here are some additional questions to ignite your curiosity and imagination:

- What types of things do you see when you look into another persons eyes? Why do you think God created eyes this way?
- How is a mirror both a true yet only partial representation of what its reflecting? How is the real object different? Do you think it's possible we live in only a reflection of what's to come?
- Our senses, especially sight, are purposeful in God's story. In modern times we've discovered ways to reflect and refract light using lenses that enhance our vision and memories. Ponder some of those things & God's design.
- Consider the phases of the moon. How does its reflective waxing/waning journey tell a story?
- The wash basin was made of mirrors by Bezabel whose name means "in the image". Ponder the symbolic purposes of this object.
- The law is often called a mirror to reveal our sin. A mirror can show us our dirty face but can't wash it. Now, instead of a written law, we look to the person of Jesus instead. How is this different?
- Considering the layers of creation that God designed (heavens, earth, sea), why do you think he made water reflect the color of the sky?