



WEEK 1 - August 2020 - PRESCHOOL

Today's Bible Story: I am wonderfully made in God's image.

Wonderfully Made In God's Image • *Genesis 1:26; Psalm 46:1; Proverbs 2:6*

Memory Verse: "I am fearfully and wonderfully made." Psalm 139:14, NIV

Key Question: Who made you?

Bottom Line: God made me.

Basic Truth: God made me.

Make it Fun

Activities to help kids transition into the classroom and set up the bible story.

-Memory Match

Make it True

Captivate kids with a bible story and help them understand how it connects to their world

-Large group time

Make it Stick

Activities and crafts that help kids personalize the story and apply the truths to their life.

-Memory Verse
-Brainstorm
-Wonderfully made
-Journal and prayer

First 15 min - MAKE IT FUN

1. Memory Match

Made to Play: An activity that encourages preschoolers to follow guidelines while having fun and learning new concepts

What You Need: “Memory Match” Activity Page, cardstock, and scissors

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Make two copies of “Memory Match” onto cardstock and cut on dotted lines. You will have two of each card.

During the Activity: Place each card face down on the floor or table. Ask one child to go first by choosing two cards and you can turn them over. If they match, remove both cards and set them aside. If they do not match, turn both of the cards back over in the same place. In both cases, allow another child to have a turn. Repeat until all of the matches have been made and every child has had a turn. If all matches are made before everyone has gone, shuffle and lay them out again.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Let’s work together to make matches. (*Point to the cards.*) There are pictures of things that God made! There are two of each picture. When it’s your turn, you can pick two cards and I will turn them over and see if they are a match!”

During the Activity: (*Choose a child to be first.*) “Pick two cards that you like.” (*Do activity*) Great job! Do you see a match?” (*Continue and finish activity, making sure every child gets a turn.*)

After the Activity: “Great job! We found all of the matches! The pictures are of things that God made. God made the animals (*point*); sun, moon, and stars (*point*); and flowers and plants (*point*). We know that God made everything because the Bible tells us so! In today’s Bible story, we’ll hear about the most important thing that God made!”

Transition: Move to Worship and Story by looking for things that God made as you walk to the story area.

Large group time - MAKE IT TRUE

Large Group Overview:

Story Focus: I am wonderfully made in God’s image. We will kick off the month teaching preschoolers that they are made in God’s image. God put thought and love into every

single part of them. Not only did He make their curly red hair or their chocolate brown eyes, He also made their brains to think awesome ideas and learn cool things. He made them with the ability and heart to help others. He made them creative so they can build and sing and imagine.

Last 20 min- MAKE IT STICK

1. Memory Verse with Motions

Hear from God | Memory Verse Review

Made to Move: An activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn

What You Need: No supplies needed.

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Say the memory verse and do the following motions in front of the children.

I am (point thumbs to chest) fearfully (right arm muscle) and wonderfully (left arm muscle) made, (clap hands together) Psalm 139:14 (hold hands open like a book).

During the Activity: Say the verse again with the motions and invite the children to do it with you. Repeat several times.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "I'm going to say our new memory verse. Everyone, watch me! *I am (point thumbs to chest) fearfully (right arm muscle) and wonderfully (left arm muscle) made, (clap hands together) Psalm 139:14 (hold hands open like a book).*"

During the Activity: "Now, let's do it together! Are you ready? *I am (point thumbs to chest) fearfully (right arm muscle) and wonderfully (left arm muscle) made, (clap hands together) Psalm 139:14 (hold hands open like a book).*"

After the Activity: "Our memory verse tells us that God made us! We are fearfully and wonderfully made. **Who made you? [Bottom Line] God made me!"**

2. Brainstorm

Live for God | Application Activity

Made to Think: An advanced activity specifically designed for older preschoolers

What You Need: Butcher paper, marker, and wall tape

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Divide the page into three columns. Write one heading at the top of each column:

- What we can learn
- What we can create

- How we can help

Hang the butcher paper on the wall.

During the Activity: Have the children sit in front of the butcher paper. Ask the children to take turns naming items in each column. Write down all the things that the children say under the appropriate column.

After the Activity: Reread all of the things that are on the butcher paper.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Let's use our brains!"

During the Activity: "Everyone, think of ways that you can learn, ways you can create, and ways you can help. When you think of something, keep it inside your brain until it's your turn. When it's your turn, tell me the ways you can learn, create, and help. I will write them all down. (*Point.*) Let's see how many things we can add to our list!"

After the Activity: "WOW! Look at all the things on our list. These are all good ways that we can learn, create, and help! God made us to learn new things, be creative, and help one another!"

Who made you? [Bottom Line] God made me!"

3. Wonderfully Made

Live for God | Application Activity

Made to Move: An activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn

What You Need: Music player and the monthly song from the thriving page

What You Do:

During the Activity: Encourage the children to sing and dance to the music. Repeat as desired.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Let's sing and dance together, because we are wonderfully made!"

After the Activity: "Friends, you have some awesome dance moves! That was so fun. God made you, and that makes you SO very special. Tell me, **who made you? [Bottom Line] God made me!"**

4. Journal and Prayer

Pray to God | Prayer Activity

Made to Reflect: An activity that encourages personal application and prayer

What You Need: Paperclip "Memory Verse Card" in your Bible at Psalm 139:14. Provide a journal and a fun-shaped pen for each Small Group.

SMALL GROUP LEADER (SGL): "It's small group time! Today, we'll use our legs that God made to march to our Small Group spot. Pick those knees up high and march with me!"

“March, two, three, four! March, two, three, four! March, two . . . *(Continue marching and counting out loud as you lead the children to your Small Group spot.)* and stop! Wow! You have strong marching legs. Let’s sit down and talk about today’s Bible story. One, two, three, sit down with me! *(Open the Bible and lay it in front of the children.)*

“Our Bible story, today, was about how God made [child’s name], and God made [child’s name], and God made . . . *(continue with each child)* in His image. That means God made you like Him—smart so you can learn things, creative so you can make things, and a helper so you can help others! This means you are wonderfully made! That’s why the Bible verse we are learning says . . . *(Turn the pages of your Bible to the Memory Verse Card.)*

“*I am fearfully and wonderfully made, Psalm 139:14. (Close Bible and lay it down.)*

“Let’s stand up and say that together with the motions.”

CHILDREN and SGL: “*I am (point thumbs to chest) fearfully (right arm muscle) and wonderfully (left arm muscle) made, (clap hands together) Psalm 139:14 (hold hands open like a book).*”

(Repeat the verse with motions a few times.)

SGL: “Yes, you are! You ARE fearfully and wonderfully made, because God made you! **Who made you?**”

CHILDREN and SGL: **[Bottom Line] “God made me!”**

SGL: *(clap and cheer)* “Yay! **[Bottom Line] God made me!**”

“Okay, let’s sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. *(Hold journal and fun-shaped pen.)*

“One of the ways God made us in His image was that He made a very smart brain for us! We can learn lots of new things and think great ideas! When I say your name, tell me one thing you want to learn about, and I will write it in our prayer journal. Get ready and listen for your name so you can tell me one thing you want to learn about. *(Say each child’s name and write down what they say. Remember to print the names so the children can recognize their names and the letters.)*

“This is a great list! I want to learn about these things, too! Let’s use the list we made when we talk to God. Would anyone like to pray before I pray?”

(Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.)

Prayer

SGL: “Dear God, thank You for making *(name each child)* in your image. Thank You for making them smart, creative, and helpful! You made such an amazing world for us, and there is so much we want to learn! Please help [child’s name] learn about [what they listed] and [child’s name] learn about [what they listed] and . . . *(read what each child listed)*. Learning and thinking about new things is so fun! We love You, God. In Jesus’ name, amen.”

