



WEEK 4 - August 2020 - PRESCHOOL

Bible Story Focus: God made me to talk to Him anytime, anywhere, about anything.

I Can Pray to God • *Jeremiah 29:12; Matthew 6:5-13*

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.

-Sleep and Jump

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.

-Say it loud
-All the emotions
-Anytime, anywhere
-Journal and prayer

First 15 min - MAKE IT FUN

1. Sleep and Jump

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

What You Need: No supplies needed.

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Have the children stand or sit in front of you. Making sure there is plenty of space in between them.

During the Activity: Invite the children to lie on the floor (or sit at their desks) and pretend to sleep. After about 15 seconds, say, "Wake up," and encourage the children to stand up and jump. Repeat several times.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: (Yawn) "I am sleepy!"

During the Activity: "Let's pretend to sleep. (*Demonstrate and do activity.*) WAKE UP! Everyone, jump up. It's time to wake up! Now, go back to sleep." (*Continue and finish activity.*)

After the Activity: "Today, we'll hear a really cool Bible story about how we can talk to God during the day and at night."

Transition: Move to Bible story time by pretending to snore as you walk to the story area

Large group- MAKE IT TRUE

Large Group Overview:

Story Focus: God made me to talk to Him anytime, anywhere, about anything. Week four, we are going to talk about how God wants us to talk to Him anytime... anywhere... about anything. Just think about that! The God who made EVERYTHING wants us to talk to Him! Now that should definitely put a smile on your face!

Last 20 min- MAKE IT STICK

1. Say It Loud, Say It Soft

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:

During the Activity: Gather the children in your activity area to repeat the memory verse with the motions, using different voices: loud, soft, singing, mouse, lion, high, and low.

What You Say:

During the Activity: "Let's say our memory verse together with the motions. Ready? *I am (point thumbs to chest) fearfully (right arm muscle) and wonderfully (left arm muscle) made, (clap hands together) Psalm 139:14 (NIV). (Hold hands open like a book.)*

"Great job! Now, let's say it in a soft voice." (*Repeat, changing the voice for each round.*)

After the Activity: "Great job! You are wonderfully made for sure! Does God hear you when you speak in a soft voice? He sure does! Does He hear you with a low voice? Absolutely! You can talk to God anytime, anywhere, about anything, and He will hear you, always. Tell me, **who made you? [Bottom Line] God made me.**"

2. All the Feels

Live for God | Application Activity

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

What You Need: "Emoji Game Cards" Activity Pages, cardstock, and scissors

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Make a copy of "Emoji Game Cards" on cardstock and cut the cards apart.

During the Activity: The small group leader pick a child and will draw an “Emoji Game Card” and show only them. They will act out the emotion on the card for the other children. The other children will try to guess the emotion.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “I need some friends to play a game. (*Gather the children.*) Great! This is how you play. We will take turns drawing one of these cards. (*Hold up the cards.*) I won’t show your card to anyone but you. There will be a face on the card. It could be a happy face (*show happy emoji*) or a sad face (*show sad emoji*) or even an angry face (*show angry emoji*). When you see the face on your card, you will make the same face. We will try to guess what you’re feeling. Okay, let’s play!”

During the Activity: (After a child acts out an emoji card) “You made a very good [emotion] face. Can we talk to God when we’re [emotion]? Yes! We can talk to God anytime, anywhere, about anything!”

After the Activity: “God wants to talk to you because He made you. **Who made you? [Bottom Line] God made me!**”

3. Anytime, Anywhere, Anything

Talk about God | Bible Story Review

Made to Explore: An activity that channels a preschooler’s innate curiosity into a discussion of the week’s crucial concepts

What You Need: “The Three A’s” Activity Pages and cardstock

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy “The Three A’s” on cardstock, one set per group.

During the Activity: Review the Bible story by holding up the three cards. Anytime=sun and moon; Anything=happy or sad face; Anywhere=car and playground.

After the Activity: Talk about how you can talk to God anywhere, anytime, about anything.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “I’m so glad my friends are here with me today. I have three pictures to go with our story. Look at them, and tell me what you see. (*Hold up the Anytime picture.*) Yes! It’s the sun, moon, and stars; the day time and the night time. What about this picture? (*Hold up the Anything picture.*) It’s a happy face and a sad face. And what about this one? (*Hold up the Anywhere picture.*) You’re good! It’s a car and a playground. Let’s listen to find out why we have these pictures.”

During the Activity: “The Bible teaches us that we can talk to God anytime (*hold up picture*), anywhere (*hold up picture*), and about anything (*hold up picture*)! Can we talk to God when we wake up in the morning? (*Pause.*) Yes! We can talk to God anytime. (*Hold up Anytime picture.*) Can we talk to God . . . at night before we go to bed? (*Pause.*) Yes! We can talk to God anytime. (*Hold up picture.*) Day time, night time, bath time, nap time, ANY TIME!

“And, do you know what we can talk to God about? *(Pause.)* ANYTHING! *(Hold up Anything picture.)* Can you talk to God and tell Him you’re scared when there’s a storm outside? *(Pause.)* Yes! We can talk to God about anything. *(Hold up picture.)* Can you tell God you’re sad when your friends aren’t being nice? *(Pause.)* Yes! We can talk to God about anything. *(Hold up picture.)* You can always tell God when you’re sad. What about when you’re happy because it’s your birthday, and you’re getting presents? Can you tell God all about it? *(Pause.)* Yes! We can talk to God about anything. *(Hold up Anything picture.)*

“Can you talk to God when you are in the car? *(Pause.)* Yes! We can talk to God anywhere. *(Hold up Anywhere picture.)* Can we talk to God when we’re at the doctor’s office? *(Pause.)* Yes! We can talk to God anywhere. *(Hold up picture.)* I love that we can talk to God anytime, anywhere, about anything! And, God hears us! When can you talk to God? *(Pause.)* Anytime, anywhere, about anything.”

After the Activity: “You can talk to God no matter where you are or what you’re doing—whether you’re loud or quiet—He WILL hear you. You are important! God made you, and He loves you. **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 pretend to swim to our Small Group spot. First, let’s pretend to put on our floaties. *(Demonstrate.)* All set! Now, let’s swim! *(Pretend to swim as you lead the children to your Small Group spot.)*

“Whew! We made it! Let’s take off our floaties so we can sit down and talk about today’s Bible story. *(Demonstrate.)* 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 we can talk to God anytime, anywhere, about anything. Does that mean we can talk to God when we’re swimming? *(Pause.)* It sure does! We really can talk to God anytime, anywhere, about anything—even when we’re swimming!

“God made us, and He wants us to talk to Him. **Who made you?**”

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

SGL: “He sure did! And the Bible verse we are learning says just how great of a job God did when He made you. It says . . . *(Turn the pages of your Bible to the Memory Verse Card.)*

“I am fearfully and wonderfully made, Psalm 139:14 (NIV). (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: "You sound amazing!"

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

"We know that God wants us to talk to Him anytime, anywhere, about anything, right? *(Pause.)* Right! So, today I want us to take turns telling God anything we want. It really can be anything! When I say your name, tell me anything you want to say to God, and I will write it in our prayer journal. Remember, it really can be about anything! *(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.)*

"Thank you for doing that! I'm going to use this when we talk to God. Would anyone like to pray and talk to God before I pray?"

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

Prayer

SGL: "Dear God, I love knowing that we can talk to You anytime, anywhere, about anything. Thank You for always listening to us and caring about what we say. [Child's name] wants to tell You [what they listed]. *(Continue with each child.)* And I want to tell You *(whatever you want to say)*. You are the best God, and we love You very much! In Jesus' name, amen."