



WEEK
ONE
OCTOBER 2021

SMALL GROUP
PRETEEN

PRELUDE **SOCIAL** **STORY** **WORSHIP** **GROUPS** **HOME**

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION
15 MINUTES

MADE TO MOVE

an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body



Before kids arrive, pray that God would give you eyes this month to see how each one of your students is a masterpiece that God created. Ask Him to give you individual insight into each of them and the courage to tell them what you see in them.

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Someone Like You
Image of God
Genesis 1:26-28

TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

How would you describe God?

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

You were made in God's image.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

How you made me is amazing and wonderful. I praise you for that. What you have done is wonderful. I know that very well.
Psalm 139:14, NIRV

MONTHLY LIFE APP

Individuality—Discovering who you're meant to be so you can make a difference

BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter what.

JUST FOR FUN

WHAT YOU NEED: Offering container

WHAT YOU DO:

- Invite kids to put their offerings in the offering container as they arrive.
- Pair kids up and tell kids to face each other.
- Tell teams to pick one kid to be the "mirror" and one to be the actor.
- The actor moves slowly in front of the "mirror" and the "mirror" reflects the movement and facial expressions of actor.
- The goal is to reflect the actor's movements so well you can't tell who is the mirror and who is the actor.
- Give teams time to practice reflecting each other's movements.
- After teams have practiced, allow teams to take turns "reflecting" each other and see if the rest of the group can guess who the mirror is.





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CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO CONNECT

an activity that invites kids to share and collaborate with others while growing their understanding



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS [TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

Ask:

- What does it mean to be made in the image of God?
- Sometimes it is hard to wrap your head around what it means to be made in the image of God and we need to trust God no matter what. What can help us to remember no matter how we feel that God made us in His image?
- What does it say about how we should treat others, knowing that they are made in the image of God? What about the annoying kid in your class—how would it define how you treat them to remember they are made in the image of God?

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MADE TO CREATE

an activity that explores ideas through the process of drawing, building, designing, and problem-solving



TAKE A SNAPSHOT [LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Prepared bags, paper, hand sanitizer

- Candy Option: Fill each bag with Skittles® or M&M® (at least 10 pieces), Licorice Rope (1-2 pieces), Lifesavers® (5 -10). You can use individual, fun-size packages of each candy or buy the candy in bulk and divide it into the

individual "Writing Supply Bags."

- Non-Candy Option: Fill each bag with 3-4 pipe cleaners and 1-20 beads for each kid.

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WHAT YOU DO:

- Gather kids in a circle and instruct them to sanitize their hands.
- Give each kid a bag of candy and a piece of paper.
- Tell kids to write their names on their bags of candy.
- Instruct kids to write words or draw pictures on their papers they would use to describe God—the catch is that they have to make their creations using only the candy in their bags!
- As they finish, allow kids to share their creations.
- Especially for common descriptions, ask why they chose those words to describe God?
- Challenge them to think of a verse or a story from the Bible to support why they would describe God the way they did.
- Be sure to affirm their descriptions before asking why they choose that word to describe God.
- Instruct kids to return their candy to their bags.
- Allow kids to take their candy home.
- Suggest that when kids get home, before eating their candy, they re-write or re-draw the words for their families.

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MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that creates space for personal processing and application



MAKE IT PERSONAL WITH PRAYER [PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: (optional) mirrors and dry erase markers

WHAT YOU DO:

- Gather kids in a circle.
- Ask kids to think back to earlier in your group time and remember the words they used to describe God.
- Encourage kids to write those words on their mirror.
- To get as many words as possible on the mirror, ask kids to share their words with each other and write others' words on their own mirrors, too.
- When kids look into the mirror, what do they see on their reflection?
- Tell kids to look in their mirror and pick a word that describes God.
- Guide the group in prayer using Psalm 139:14. Encourage kids to use their mirrors during the prayer.
- A sample prayer could be:
 - God, You are . . . (Pause for kids to fill in the blank aloud or silently. Kids can fill in the blank using the words on their mirrors.)
 - God, how You made me is amazing and wonderful. I praise You for that. (Pause for kids to list some awesome characteristics of God.)
 - God, what You have done is wonderful. I know that. (Pause for kids to think of what God has done.)
 - God, help us to remember we are made in Your image, and help us to see others the way You see them.
 - In Jesus' name we pray, Amen

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