



WEEK
ONE
AUGUST 2022

SMALL GROUP
3-5 YEAR
-OLDS

PRELUDE SOCIAL WORSHIP STORY GROUPS HOME

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION
15 MINUTES

MADE TO PLAY

an activity that encourages preschoolers to follow guidelines while having fun and learning new concepts



WHAT CAN YOU MAKE?

WHAT YOU NEED: bin; various craft supplies like yarn, pipe cleaners, popsicle sticks, stickers, pom-poms, and cotton balls

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Place the craft supplies in the bin in the center of the table.

BIBLE STORY

God made everything, and God made you.

**GOD MADE YOU
GENESIS 1**

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage the children to use the supplies provided to create anything they imagine on the butcher paper.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Give the children time to share what they've made with the group. Gather the remaining supplies and return to the bin for the next service.

MEMORY VERSE

"I am fearfully and wonderfully made."

PSALM 139:14, NIV

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, come sit at the table with me. Today, we're going to be AWESOME ARTISTS! I've gathered lots of supplies here for you.

I want you to use your imagination to create something with these supplies. Make sure to share supplies with your friends so that everyone has what they need. *(Hold up a popsicle stick or pipe cleaner.)* What could you make with this? *(Pause.)* Great ideas! When you've created something amazing, glue it on the paper!"

KEY QUESTION

Who made you wonderful?

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Wow! Look at all the beautiful things you've made! You are all AWESOME ARTISTS! *(Give the children time to share their creations.)* Our paper looks amazing. Great job, friends. In today's story, we'll learn what God made! Let's go."

BOTTOM LINE

God made me wonderful.

TRANSITION: Move to Worship and Story by calling out different objects, numbers, or letters for the children to "make" with their bodies as they walk. Examples: A, C, O, T, V, Y, 1, 2, 7, 9, sun, moon, tree, triangle, box, star, and house.

BASIC TRUTH

God made me.





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CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO MOVE

an activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn



MEMORY VERSE WITH MOTIONS

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE REVIEW]

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.

BIBLE STORY

God made everything, and God made you.

**GOD MADE YOU
GENESIS 1**

"I am (*thumbs to chest*) fearfully (*right hand up high*) and wonderfully (*left hand up high*) made," (*clap hands together*) Psalm 139:14. (*Open hands 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, listen watch me! 'I am (*thumbs to chest*) fearfully (*right hand up high*) and wonderfully (*left hand up high*) made,' (*clap hands together*) Psalm 139:14." (*Open hands like a book.*)

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Now, let's do it together! Are you ready? 'I am (*thumbs to chest*) fearfully (*right hand up high*) and wonderfully (*left hand up high*) made,' (*clap hands together*) Psalm 139:14." (*Open hands like a book.*)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Our memory verse tells us that God made us! We are fearfully and wonderfully made. **Who made you wonderful? God made me wonderful!"**

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MADE TO CREATE
an activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible story, bottom line, or memory verse by creating a craft to take home



HANDPRINT WORLD

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Handprint World Label" Activity Page; Avery® #5160 labels or equivalent; paper plates; blue dot markers; green construction paper; pencil; scissors; glue sticks; and a permanent marker

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Handprint World Label" on label paper, one per child. Trace each child's hand on construction paper and cut out. Write each child's name on the back of their hand cutout and paper plate.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage children to color their paper plates with the blue dot markers. Have children glue their handprints to the center of their plates. Add the label to their handprint.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bible story.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Hello, friends! I'm so glad to see you. Today, we heard a story about how creative God is. God made the whole wide world and everything in it."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Let's make the world with this paper plate. Color it in with the blue dot marker. (Pause.) Great! Earlier, we traced your handprints and I cut them out. (Pass out the handprints.) Glue your handprint to the middle of your paper plate. (Pause.) Now add the label to your handprint. (Pause.) Your label says, 'God made me wonderful.' Each and every one of you is a work of art!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "God made this huge, amazing world full of fantastic things. And God made the most special thing of all—people. You and me. God made everything, and God made you wonderful! **Who made you wonderful? God made me wonderful.**"

BIBLE STORY

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MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that encourages personal application and prayer



JOURNAL AND PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Paperclipped "Memory Verse Card" in your Bible at Psalm 139:14; journal; and a fun-shaped pen

SMALL GROUP LEADER (SGL): "It's Small Group time! Today, we'll pretend we're animals. You can be any animal you want because God made ALL the animals! So, think

about what animal you want to pretend to be, and follow me! (*Pretend to be an animal as you lead the children to your small group spot.*)

BIBLE STORY

God made everything, and God made you.

"Whoa, animals! We made it! Now you can be wonderful YOU so we can 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.*)

**GOD MADE YOU
GENESIS 1**

"In our Bible story today, we learned that God made EVERYTHING. And that means God made YOU! But God didn't make you like He made everything else in the world. You are wonderfully made by God, in His image. Wow! That's super-special! So, when I ask you, '**Who made you wonderful?**', I want you to say, '**God made me wonderful!**' Ready? **Who made you wonderful?**"

MEMORY VERSE

"I am fearfully and wonderfully made."

CHILDREN AND SGL: "God made me wonderful!"

PSALM 139:14, NIV

SGL: "That's right! And the Bible verse we're going to learn will help us remember that we're wonderfully made by God. It 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.*)

KEY QUESTION

Who made you wonderful?

"Let's stand up and say those words together with the motions. Just say what I say and do what I do."

BOTTOM LINE

God made me wonderful.

CHILDREN AND SGL: "'I am (*thumbs to chest*) fearfully (*right hand up high*) and wonderfully (*left hand up high*) made,' (*clap hands together*) Psalm 139:14." (*Open hands like a book.*)

(*Repeat the verse with motions a few times.*)

BASIC TRUTH

God made me.

SGL: "That was . . . WONDERFUL! (*Clap.*)

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

"Today, we'll make a list of things God made. It can be anything because God made everything! Listen for your name, and when I say it, I want you to tell me one thing God made. Ready? God made [child's name]. Tell me something God made, [child's name].





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(JOURNAL AND PRAYER, CONTINUED)

(Repeat with each child, writing down what they say beside their name. Remember to print so the children can recognize their names and the letters.)

“This is a wonderful list because it has all of YOUR names on it! 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 this amazing world for us to live in. Thank You for all of the flowers and foods and animals for us to enjoy. But most of all, thank You for making us in Your image. Thank You that [child’s name] is wonderfully made by You. Thank You that [child’s name] is wonderfully made by You. *(Repeat with each child.)* You are amazing, God, and we love You. In Jesus’ name, amen.”

