



WEEK  
**THREE**  
AUGUST 2022

SMALL GROUP  
**3-5** YEAR  
-OLDS

PRELUDE      SOCIAL      WORSHIP      STORY      GROUPS      HOME

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION  
15 MINUTES

## MADE TO MOVE

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



## BODY MOVES

**WHAT YOU NEED:** No supplies needed

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Gather the children to stand and spread out in your activity area. To make this easier, have the children hold their arms straight out to their sides to

make sure they aren't touching any other friends then lower their arms and stay in that spot.

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Call out different things that God created from the list below and encourage the children to show you what those look like with their bodies.

- Mountain
- Rock
- Cloud
- Tree
- Bird
- Waves
- Tiger

After you finish the list, ask the children to form their bodies into a shape of their choosing. Then praise them for being so creative!

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** "Friends, come stand here with me! Put your arms out to your sides like this. (*Demonstrate.*) Spread out so you're not touching any other friends. Great job. You can put your arms down."

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** "I will call out some wonderful things God created, and I want you to show me what that looks like with your body. No voices, just use your body to create it. Are you ready? Here we go!"

"Show me a mountain. Remember, bodies only, no voices. Maybe your mountain is tall and looks like a triangle. (*Demonstrate by standing with feet spread apart and arms by your side.*) Or maybe your mountain is wide and low. (*Demonstrate by putting your hands and knees on the ground and arching your back.*) Show me your mountain. Three, two, one, GO! (*Pause.*)

"Wow, I love to see all your different mountains! Great job!"

(Repeat with other items on the list.)

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** "You are so creative! Way to go, friends. Who made your bodies to do so many amazing things? (*Pause.*) Yes, God did! He made you in a wonderful, wonderful way! We'll hear more about it in our Bible story today. Let's go!"

**TRANSITION:** Move to Worship and Story by calling out animals for children to mimic as they travel. Walk like a penguin, slither like a snake, hop like a bunny, swim like a fish, etc.

## BIBLE STORY

I am wonderfully made in God's image.

**IN GOD'S IMAGE**  
**ACTS 17:24; PSALM 46:1;**  
**PROVERBS 2:6**

## MEMORY VERSE

"I am fearfully and wonderfully made."

**PSALM 139:14, NIV**

## KEY QUESTION

Who made you wonderful?

## BOTTOM LINE

God made me wonderful.

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CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT  
25 MINUTES

## 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



## I CAN!

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "I Can Activity Book" Activity Page, paper, and crayons

### WHAT YOU DO:

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Copy "I Can Activity Book" on paper. Fold the pages in half lengthwise, then in half again

widthwise to make one book per child.

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Guide the children to do each activity as instructed in the activity book.

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** Talk about how God made us in His image. God thinks, creates, and helps, and He made us to think, create, and help, too!

### WHAT YOU SAY:

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** "Hi, friends! Come sit with me. I have a fun activity book for each of you that we can do together."

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** "First, I want you to write your name in this space on the front of your book. I can help you if you want. It says, '[Child's name] is wonderfully made in God's image.' You can decorate the cover after you write your name.

"Now open your book. This page says, 'God made me to think.' I want you to look at the pictures and think about which pictures match. When you find a match, draw a line from one to the other. When you're done, you can color the pictures.

"The next page says, 'God made me to create.' It has flower stems on it but no flowers. I want you to draw colorful flowers on each stem.

"Now turn to the last page. It says, 'God made me to help.' Look at the picture. What are some ways you can help? (*Talk about ways you can help.*) Now you can color the picture."

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** "God made you to be like Him. That means God made you to think, create, and help! Those are all wonderful things! **Who made you wonderful? God made me wonderful!**"

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**DANCE PARTY**

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Scarves; music player; and the monthly song, "Wonderfully Made" from ThrivingTeams.org

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Gather the children in the activity area. Pass out the scarves. Invite the children to

dance and sing and wave their scarves to the monthly song, "Wonderfully Made." Repeat as desired.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** "Friends, gather here with me!"

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** "Let's wave our scarves and dance and sing about how we are wonderfully made!" (Do activity and repeat as desired.)

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** "You are wonderfully made by God! He gave you those hands to hold your scarves, those arms to move them back and forth, your mouths to sing, and your whole bodies to dance! See what I mean? You are wonderful! **Who made you wonderful? God made me wonderful.**"





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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 use some of our creativity and sing a song while we walk to our Small Group spot. Let's sing . . .

[familiar preschool song]! Here we go! Follow me! *(Lead the children in singing a song as you walk to your Small Group spot.)*

"That was a wonderful way to get to our Small Group spot. 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.)*

"In our Bible story today, we learned that God made us in His image. And because God thinks, creates, and helps, He made us to think, create, and help, too! We really are wonderfully made! And **who made you wonderful?**"

**CHILDREN AND SGL:** "God made me wonderful!"

**SGL:** "He sure did! And the Bible verse we're learning will help us remember that God made us wonderful! 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.)*

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

**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.)*

**SGL:** "You sure are! *(Give two thumbs-up.)* 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 ways we can help since God made us to help. When I say your name, tell me one way you can help. *(Say each child's name as you write it down. Write down what they say beside their name. Remember to print so the children can recognize their names and the letters.)*

"This is such a wonderful list! Would anyone like to pray before I pray?"

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

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**(JOURNAL AND PRAYER, CONTINUED)**

**PRAYER**

**SGL:** "Dear God, thank You for making (*name each child*) in Your image to do all kinds of wonderful things like (*read the list the children made*). Help us keep thinking, creating, and helping, just like You. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."

