



WEEK
FOUR
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



IMPORTANT ANYWHERE

WHAT YOU NEED: Car playmat and toy cars

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Gather cars and place them around the car playmat.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage children to drive the cars around the mat, talking about each area they drive to.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Talk about how we'll hear a story that we are important to God, no matter where we go.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, come over and play cars with me."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Pick a car, and let's go! (Pause.) Where are we? (Pause.) Is this the [place's name on the mat]? Wow! Let's drive some more. (Pause.) Where are we now? (Pause.) Is this the [place's name on the mat]? (Repeat as long as desired.) That was fun, driving all around to the different places on the car mat."

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Today, we'll hear a story about how we're important to God wherever we go."

TRANSITION: Move to Worship and Story by pretending drive, turning steering wheels, stopping, starting, and using blinkers to turn.

BIBLE STORY

I am important to God.

YOU ARE IMPORTANT TO GOD
LUKE 12:7

MEMORY VERSE

"I am fearfully and wonderfully made."

PSALM 139:14, NIV

KEY QUESTION

Who made you wonderful?

BOTTOM LINE

God made me wonderful.

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



PARACHUTE OF IMPORTANCE

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Parachute or flat sheet

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Lay the parachute or sheet flat in your activity area.

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LUKE 12:7

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Gather the children to spread out around the parachute. Lead them to bend down and grab the edge of the parachute in front of them with both hands. Call out each child by name using the dialogue below as you lead the children to raise the parachute over their heads so the child can run into the center and then back to their original spot. Repeat until every child is named.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Gather the parachute and set aside for clean-up.

MEMORY VERSE

"I am fearfully and wonderfully made."

PSALM 139:14, NIV

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, gather here with me, and let's have some fun!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Everyone, bend down and grab the parachute in front of you with both hands. When you hear your name, everyone will lift the parachute above their head as you run to the middle and then back to your spot."

KEY QUESTION

Who made you wonderful?

"Here we go! [Child's name] is important to God! Everyone, lift your arms over your head. [Child's name] run to the center! Now run back to your spot." (Continue with each child.)

BOTTOM LINE

God made me wonderful.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "That was super fun! God made each of us. We are important to Him. We're so important to Him that He knows how many hairs are on each of our heads! Isn't that wonderful? **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



CRAZY NOODLE HAIR*

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Allergy Alert Poster" and "Crazy Noodle Hair" Activity Pages; cardstock; various dry pasta; paper plates; white glue; and a pen; Optional yarn in various hair colors and scissors instead of pasta

**Be sure to list the items you will be using today on the "Allergy Alert Poster" (from "Other Resources" on the Website) and post it at the door to your room.*

BIBLE STORY

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YOU ARE IMPORTANT TO GOD
LUKE 12:7

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Allergy Alert Poster" on cardstock and post at the door. Copy "Crazy Noodle Hair" on cardstock, one per child. Write each child's name on their paper. Place each pasta on its own plate and place it on the table. Option: Cut yarn in various lengths.

MEMORY VERSE

"I am fearfully and wonderfully made."

PSALM 139:14, NIV

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage children to recreate their hairstyle by gluing pasta to their paper. Clean hands as needed.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bible story.

KEY QUESTION

Who made you wonderful?

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Today, we heard a great story about how important we are to God! We are so important that God knows the number of hairs on our head!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "On your paper is a face without hair! That's what this pasta is for. You will pick the pasta most like your hair and use it to make the hair in your picture. (Pause.) Do you think you have as much pasta as hair? You have lots of strands of hair and only God knows how many you have! These look amazing! Let's set them aside to dry."

BOTTOM LINE

God made me wonderful.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "God made everything in the whole wide world, including you! You are so important to God that He knows how many hairs are on your head. And you are important to God, no matter where you are or what you are doing. You are so important that God sent His Son, Jesus, to show you how to live and be your friend forever. I am so glad that we are important to God and that He made each of us 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; fun-shaped pen; and reward stickers or handstamp

SMALL GROUP LEADER (SGL): "It's Small Group time! Today, we'll put our hands on our heads, like this (*put your hands on your head*), while we walk to our Small Group spot. Follow me! (*Keep your hands on your head as you lead the children to your Small Group spot.*)"

"Here's our spot! You can put your hands down. We're going to 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 we are so important to God that He knows how many hairs are on our head. (*Point to your head.*) That should make you feel very special. Because you are! You are wonderfully made by God! **Who made you wonderful?**"

CHILDREN AND SGL: "God made me wonderful!"

SGL: "That's right! God made you wonderful. And we have been learning a Bible verse that 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 one time with the motions, then anyone who wants to say it can have a turn."

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.*)

SGL: "Yay! You sound so good! (*Give two thumbs-up.*) Now you can sit down. Anyone who wants to try to say that verse can. I have my [stickers/handstamp] ready! (*Give each child the opportunity to try to say the Bible verse.*)"

"Yay, [child's name]! Here is your [sticker/handstamp]! (*Continue with each child as they try to say the Bible verse.*)"

"Okay everyone, when I count to three, I want you to stand up and show me your [sticker/handstamp]. One, two, three! (*Pause to look.*) Yayyyy! (*Give fist bumps to the children.*)"

"Now let's sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God."

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(JOURNAL AND PRAYER, CONTINUED)

(Hold journal and fun-shaped pen.) Today, we'll guess how many hairs are on our heads. Just say whatever number you think it is when I say your name. This is just for fun, so take a fun guess! *(Say each child's name as you write it down. Write what they say beside their name. Remember to print so the children can recognize their names and the letters.)*

"That was fun! We may not know how many hairs are on our heads, but God does! Would anyone like to pray before I pray?"

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

PRAYER

SGL: "Dear God, we should never wonder if we are important to You. We are so important to You that You even know how many hairs are on our heads. Please help us treat everyone like they are important because every person is important to You. In Jesus' name, amen."

