



TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Do Something
We Are God's Creation
Ephesians 2:10

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

God created you for a purpose.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

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Ephesians 2:10, NIV

MONTHLY VIRTUE

Creativity—Using your
imagination to do
something new

BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter what.

PRELUDE: Setting the tone for the experience

See the **Getting Ready** pages at the end of this document for a detailed description of what you'll need for today. In the **Prelude** folder of your curriculum, you'll find a variety of other resources to help you prepare.

SMALL GROUP

15
MIN

SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction

Early Arriver
Opening Activity

LARGE GROUP

35
MIN

STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways **WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God**

Welcome/Opener
Worship ("Beautiful" from *This Love*, and "So Creative" from *My Life for You*)
Bible Story
Bottom Line
Prayer
Closer

SMALL GROUP

25
MIN

GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Bible Story Review: We Are God's Creation! (*k-1st grade*),
Dissect the Story (*2nd-3rd grade*)

Application Activity: Dough with a Purpose (*k-1st grade*),
Know Your Purpose (*2nd-3rd grade*)

Memory Verse Activity: We Are God's Creation! (*k-1st grade*),
Create You Own! (*2nd-3rd grade*)

Prayer Activity: Pray and Dismiss

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

Parent Cue Card (print or email)
Devotionals for Kids
Parent Cue App



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BIBLE VERSES:

Ephesians 2:10

HOST SUPPLIES

- Two Small Group Leaders
- Masking or gaffer's tape
- Large dry erase board propped up at a height where the leaders can easily draw on it
- Bold, multi-colored dry erase markers
- Eraser (for the dry erase board)
- Paper or reusable grocery bag
- "Fruit and Veggie Cards" print LG Assets PDF cut out individually
- Host's phone

STORY SUPPLIES

- Host and/or Worship Leader(s) to help with the tissue paper mosaic (optional; see "What You Do")
- Bible
- Three large pieces of posterboard.
 - One that says "YOU" with some simple smiling faces around the edges (different ethnicities)
 - One that has a simple drawing of a cross
 - One that is cut into a heart shape
- Tape to attach the three signs to the stage wall
- Contact paper (needs to be adhesive on both sides so that the tissue paper squares will stick to it; you'll need enough to cover the heart-shaped posterboard)
- Small squares of multi-colored tissue paper (ideally, 3-inch or 4-inch square; see "What You Do")
- Bright light (spotlight or flashlight) that you can shine from behind the heart-shaped posterboard mosaic

LARGE GROUP

ENGAGE KIDS' HEARTS THROUGH A DYNAMIC AND INTERACTIVE BIBLE STORY, WORSHIP, AND PRAYER EXPERIENCE IN A LARGE GROUP SETTING.

AUDIO: PLAY HIGH-ENERGY MUSIC AS KIDS ENTER.

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP

WORSHIP



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

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Worship Leaders enter

WORSHIP LEADER:

AUDIO:

Host enters.

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): COUNTDOWN

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME

OPENER

HOST: "Hi, friends! I'm [your name], and I'm so pumped to be hanging out with all of you here at [your environment's name]! This month, we're talking about creativity.

SLIDE: VIRTUE

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME TRANSITION TO VIRTUE

"Creativity is using your imagination to do something new.

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): VIRTUE TRANSITION TO THEME

"If you think about it, it makes sense that our creativity comes from God. God is more creative than we could ever imagine. And since we're made in the image of God, that means WE can be creative, too!

"Remember, there are lots and lots of ways to be creative. You might show your creativity by painting a picture, writing a story, or making up a song. Or you might even use your creativity by cooking! Someone who has a talent for culinary arts is good at preparing, cooking, and serving food in a beautiful way. So I thought we could play a game today with some of the 'art supplies' people use in culinary arts. I'm talking about fruits and veggies!

"First, I'll need two leaders who like drawing to join me on the stage—one leader from each side of the room.

Bring up two Small Group Leaders. Have them stand next to the large dry erase board.

(to the two leaders) "Thanks for playing, [leaders' names].

Pick up the paper or reusable grocery bag with the "Fruit and Veggie Cards" inside.

"In this grocery bag, I have cards with different fruits and vegetables written on them. When it's your turn, you'll grab a card from this bag. You'll draw whatever fruit or vegetable is written on the card and your team will try to guess what it is. Make sure you stand to the side when you draw so your teammates out here can see what you're creating!

"If they guess the item correctly, then you'll erase the board, grab another card, and draw what's on THAT one. Keep going until you run out of time! We'll see which team can get the most correct guesses in 60 seconds.



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"[Leader's name], you're up first. (to audience) Remember everyone, if you're on this side of the room, you're trying to guess what [leader's name] is drawing. Let's put 60 seconds on the clock. Ready, set, go!

AUDIO: FUN INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): COUNTDOWN (60-SECOND VERSION)

If you're not using an on-screen countdown, set a 60-second timer on your phone.

Comment on the action as the leader and kids play the game. Make sure the leader erases the board each time when they draw a new card from the bag.

Keep count of how many fruits and vegetables the kids guess correctly. Then let the other team have a turn.

AUDIO: FUN INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): COUNTDOWN (60-SECOND VERSION)

After the second team has their turn, announce how many answers each team guessed correctly and declare the winning team.

Thank the leaders and dismiss them to their seats.

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP

"Wow! Congratulations to both teams, because that was impressive! You could definitely be creative in the kitchen with those ingredients. Now let's all jump up on our feet and get ready to worship our amazing, creative God!"

WORSHIP

Worship Leaders enter as Host exits.

WORSHIP LEADER:

AUDIO:



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BIBLE STORY

SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND

Storyteller enters as Worship Leaders exit.

SETTING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: “Hello, friends! I’m excited to be here with you to share some wise words written by the apostle Paul in the book of Ephesians. (*Hold up Bible.*)

“What we call the book of Ephesians was actually a letter written by Paul to the people in the city of Ephesus.

“If you’ve heard of Paul before, you might remember that he had a pretty amazing story of how he decided to follow Jesus. At first, Paul didn’t believe that Jesus is the Son of God. He even tried to stop people from putting their faith in Jesus. But one day, Paul actually MET Jesus, in a flash of light. And that changed everything! Paul began to travel all over the place to tell people that Jesus had come to be our Savior.

“Paul began a brand-new church in the city of Ephesus, and he taught there for two years. Both Jewish and non-Jewish people became believers in Jesus during that time. Eventually, Paul left the city to continue his travels. Many years later, Paul wrote a letter to the people in Ephesus. And that’s what we have in our Bible today!”

WE ARE GOD’S CREATION

STORYTELLER: “In the first half of Paul’s letter, he reminded the Ephesians of what God did for us by sending Jesus. In the second half of the letter, Paul explained how different our lives can look when we choose to follow Jesus and live the way Jesus taught us to live.

“For today, I’d like us to focus on one specific part of Paul’s letter that helps us understand how we can put our creativity into action. This is also our memory verse for this month! Paul wrote this to the believers in Ephesus.

Open the Bible to Ephesians 2:10 (NIRV) and read.

“We are God’s creation. He created us to belong to Christ Jesus.

“Let me read that again.

“We are God’s creation. He created us to belong to Christ Jesus.

“Okay, ‘We are God’s creation.’ Every single person who has ever lived is actually made in the image of God!

Hold up the “YOU” posterboard sign.

“God made YOU with your own personality, your own skills and talents, and your own type of creativity. God knows every single detail about you—even how many hairs are on your head!

Attach the “YOU” sign to the back of the stage.

“Paul also said that ‘[God] created us to belong to Jesus.’



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Hold up the cross posterboard sign.

God made us to put our FAITH in Jesus as our Savior . . . and to live like Jesus taught us to live by loving God and loving other people.'

Attach the cross sign to the back of the stage, next to the "YOU" sign.

NOW WE CAN DO GOOD WORKS

STORYTELLER: "So if you know that God created you (*point to the "YOU" sign*), and you know that God created you to follow Jesus (*point to the cross sign*), then that actually changes the way you live your life each day. Here's how Paul explained it.

Open the Bible to Ephesians 2:10 (NirV) and read.

"Now we can do good works. Long ago God prepared these works for us to do.

"Now we can do what? (Pause for response.) Good works.

"When we put our faith in Jesus, God works through us to do good things for others. God made us with the creativity we need to show love to the people around us.

*"Here's the thing, though. When we try to do this on our own, we can often end up getting worn out or frustrated. It's not easy to live a life of love and good works for others! (Point to the cross sign.) But our faith in Jesus makes us see things differently. Our faith in Jesus makes us WANT to do good things for others and **[Basic Truth] treat others the way we want to be treated.** That's what makes us want to do the good works that God prepared us to do."*

EXAMPLES: MOSAIC

STORYTELLER: "Can you help me think of some 'good works' that someone might do for someone else? I'd love to get your ideas, because I have a fun idea of some artwork that we can create together. For each idea we come up with, I'll add a piece of tissue paper to this heart.

Reveal the heart-shaped posterboard and attach it to the back of the stage, next to the other two signs.

Ask the kids to name some different types of "good works." For each one they mention, repeat it so everyone can hear, and hold up a square of colored tissue paper so that it's clear the paper represents the idea the kid just shared. Then add the paper to the sticky side of the contact paper on the heart.

This will create the look of a colorful mosaic as you add more and more squares of tissue paper. (Make sure that you tuck the excess paper behind the heart as you work around the edges.)

Note: You may want to have the Host and/or Worship Leader(s) come out and add the tissue paper so that you can walk through the audience and engage with the kids more directly.

Keep going until the heart is completely filled. If the kids are stuck, share some ideas from the printed script as noted below.



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"Good works" ideas:

Smile at someone.

Draw a picture to encourage someone.

Give someone a thoughtful gift.

Share your favorite toys.

Offer to help set the table for dinner.

Help cook dinner. (i.e. doing small tasks to make things easier for your parent)

Clean up someone else's mess.

Fold the laundry.

Clean your room without being asked.

Help a friend at school.

Give someone a hug or a fist-bump.

Do a chore for your sibling when they're stressed-out and busy.

Take the dog for a walk.

Help your little brother or sister with homework.

Help straighten up the classroom at the end of the day.

(Reference the heart.) "Doesn't this look so cool? You had some really great ideas of 'good works' that we can do to show love to other people!

"Remember, we do these good works BECAUSE of our relationship with Jesus. We know what Jesus has done for us on the cross. And we're so thankful that it makes us want to show Jesus' love to other people.

(Point to the 'YOU' sign.) "God designed YOU to have your own skills, talents, and creativity. God has a good purpose for your life! God has designed each of us to love God and love others in our own unique way.

"When we do that, we show the world a beautiful picture of what God is like.

LIGHTS: DIM (IF POSSIBLE)

Pick up the heart posterboard. Shine a bright light from behind it so it has a "stained glass" effect for the audience. This will be easier if the Host or Worship Leader(s) are there to help.

*"We show the people around us that God is good . . . God loves us . . . and **[Basic Truth] we can trust God no matter what.**"*

Attach the heart posterboard back on the stage wall.

LIGHTS: NORMAL

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "Let's look back at what Paul wrote to the Ephesians. Say it with me."

SLIDE: MEMORY VERSE

KIDS AND STORYTELLER: "We are God's creation. He created us to belong to Christ Jesus. Now we can do good works. Long ago God prepared these works for us to do." (Ephesians 2:10, NIV)



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STORYTELLER: “Right now, you’re at a great age where you’re just starting to understand how unique and special God made you to be. And you’ll get to keep learning more and more about that as you grow up! Even us adults are still figuring out how we can use the creativity God gave us to make a difference in the world around us.

“God created each of us for a purpose. And that’s what you can remember today.

SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE

“God created you for a purpose.

“Let’s pray and thank God for that.”

SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND

PRAY

STORYTELLER: “Dear God, thank You for making each of us in Your image. And thank You for also making each of us special and unique in our own way. Help us learn about our purpose and how we can do good works in the world around us. We want to show everyone what You are like and how much You love us! We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”



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CLOSER

Host enters as Storyteller exits.

HOST: "In the letter Paul wrote to the Jesus followers in Ephesus, he explained to them that God had created them to do good things in the world. And the same thing is definitely true for us today.

"We are God's creation. God created us to follow Jesus. And God made us to use our creativity in a really special way! God created us to do good things that will make a difference for the people around us.

"Remember . . .

SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE

"God created you for a purpose.

"One of the good things we get to do is show others how much God loves them. We can tell people about Jesus: how He loves us so much that He died on the cross for us then came back to life! And just as importantly, we can **SHOW** people how much God loves them by the way we treat them. We can do good works, like Paul said, that will help others and show God's love in a way they can really understand.

"God made each of us with an important purpose, our own unique way to love God and love other people. If you're wondering what your purpose might be, start by asking some questions. Ask the people around you like your parents, grandparents, friends, teachers, Small Group Leaders, and coaches. Ask them what kinds of unique skills, talents, and creativity they see in you. Ask them to help you think about how you can use those things God gave you to make a difference for other people.

"You'll get to talk about that some more in Small Group. Let's head that way now!"

Dismiss kids to their small groups.

AUDIO: PLAY HIGH-ENERGY MUSIC AS THE KIDS EXIT.

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP