



PRELUDE

SOCIAL

STORY

WORSHIP

GROUPS

HOME

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION  
15 MINUTES

## MADE TO CONNECT

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



## 2. OPENING ACTIVITY

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "All About Me" Activity Page and markers

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Hand each kid an "All About Me" Activity Page to fill out.
- Make sure your prereaders understand what to draw in each section.
- As kids work, ask questions about their week.
  - Who has a funny story to share from this week?
  - What is the BEST thing you ate this week?
  - What made you smile this week?
  - What made you frown this week?
- As kids finish, allow each one to share at least one drawing from their page with the group.

## TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

**Unwritten**  
Creation  
Genesis 1-2:3

**NOTE:** *If today is promotion week and you have a new group of kindergarteners, take a moment to explain what is about to happen. They will handle change better if they know what's coming. For instance, you might say, "Friends, we're going to walk together as a group to our Large Group room. Once we arrive, we will sit together with all the other small groups to sing in worship and listen to our Bible story. Then we'll travel together right back here to our Small Group spot."*

## TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

**God created you so you can be creative.**

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

"I learned so many cool things about you! Thanks for sharing, friends. God created you, and YOU are amazing! **[Transition] We'll hear all about the wonderful things God made in our Bible story today. Come with me.**"

## MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

**"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

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

## MONTHLY VIRTUE

**Creativity—Using your imagination to do something new**

## BASIC TRUTH

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WEEK  
**ONE**  
AUGUST 2023

SMALL GROUP  
**K-1**

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CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT  
25 MINUTES

## MADE TO IMAGINE

an activity that promotes empathy and facilitates concrete application through role-play and reenactment



## \* 1. CREATION FLIP BOOK

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Creation Flip Book" Activity Pages, markers, and stapler

### WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each kid a set of "Creation Flip Book" Activity Pages.
- Place the markers in the center of your Small Group area.
- Encourage kids to draw one thing to represent what's listed in each quarter page section.
- In the last space, encourage kids to draw their self-portrait as you remind them that **God created you so you can be creative.**
- As they finish, instruct the kids to cut the pages apart and stack pages in order.
- Staple each kid's book together along the left-hand side and make sure they've written their name on the back.
- Use one friend's book to review the days of creation.
- Collect all flip books to use during "Pray and Dismiss."

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### WHAT YOU SAY:

"Wow! God is SO creative! God made everything. First, God made all the spaces by creating light and dark and sky and water. Then God filled those spaces with land, plants, trees, the sun, moon, and stars, sea creatures and birds, creatures on land, and people! Then God rested from the work."

"Friends, God made YOU. Just look around our group. We all have different hair, different fingerprints, different likes and dislikes. We all have different things we enjoy. And we are ALL creative in different ways. Some of you may love to paint or draw. Some of you might love to build things. Some might like to take things apart and see how they work. Some of you might be REALLY good at solving problems. Remember, **God made you so you can be creative.**"

**[Make it Personal] (Talk to the kids about how God made YOU creative. Remember, creativity isn't just about art. You can be creative in the way you help others, the way you lead at work, the way you parent, etc.)**



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## \*2. WHO DID WHAT

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Who Did What" Activity Page and pens

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Give every kid a "Who Did What" Activity Page and a pen.
- Invite the kids to complete the page by guessing who invented which invention and drawing a line from the inventor to the invention.
- Allow the kids to work with partners if they choose.
- When finished, invite kids to think of one or two ways they can creatively reflect God's love to the world around them this week and write it in the space at the bottom of the page.
- Prompt kids by helping them think about what God has made them to be good at and what interests they have.

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**WHAT YOU SAY:**

"It's easy to see all of the amazing inventors and wonder how we could possibly be creative, too. Just like these inventors are totally different in their own ways, God made us creative in our own specific ways, too.

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"Raise your hand if you love math. *(Pause for hands.)* Raise your hand if math is not your favorite. *(Pause.)* Raise your hand if you love science. *(Pause.)* Raise your hand if you love art. *(Pause.)*

"If God made us all the same, the world wouldn't be a very creative place. Remember, **God created you so you can be creative.** This week, we can be confident in our own creativity because we were made by a creative God in God's own image. We can be happy with the skills and gifts we have and be confident using them in the world around us to show off how awesome God is."

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### MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that creates space for personal processing and application



### 4. PRAY AND DISMISS [PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Kids' books from "Creation Flip Book" activity

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Pass the books back to their creators and encourage them to open to the last "self-portrait" page.
- Once they've found the page, instruct the kids to pass their books to the friend on their left.
- Give the kids a few moments to pray silently for that friend, that they will remember **God created you so you can be creative.**
- Close the group in prayer.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

"Friends, open your books to the last page. Can you find it? It's the one where you've drawn a picture of yourself! Okay, now pass your books to the person on your left. Do you remember that friend's name? If not, take a quick look at their name sign on the floor. Let's take a moment to pray for that friend. You don't have to pray out loud. You can pray silently on your own. As you pray, thank God for making your friend to be creative! I'll give you a moment to pray, then I'll close us out.

"God, thank You for the wonderful world you've made! And thank You for the wonderful way You've made each of us! Help us see how You created us to be creative and use that creativity to help others around us. In Jesus' name we pray, amen."

As adults arrive to pick up, encourage kids to show off their "Creation Flip Book" and talk about how **God created you so you can be creative.**

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