



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: "Circles" Activity Pages and colored pencils

WHAT YOU DO:

- Pass a "Circles" Activity Page to each kid.
- Encourage them to use their pencils to turn the circles on their pages into something else.
- If they are stumped, encourage them to name some items that are round to get their creative juices flowing!
- If they still need ideas, here are a few: a basketball, baseball, ladybug, tire, donut, apple, cookie, clock, and pizza.
- As they finish, have the kids place their drawings on the floor or table in front of them to compare.
- Point out similarities and differences among their drawings.

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Do Something

We Are God's Creation
Ephesians 2:10

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Wow! I see a pizza and a donut and (*name a few other examples from their drawings*). You all used your imagination to create so many different things out of a simple circle. **[Transition] All of these items have a specific purpose or use! In our Bible story today, we'll talk about how God made YOU for a purpose. Come with me.**"

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

God created you for a purpose.

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

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

MONTHLY VIRTUE

Creativity—Using your
imagination to do
something new

BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter what.



WEEK
TWO
AUGUST 2023

SMALL GROUP
2-3

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

STORY

WORSHIP

GROUPS

HOME

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



*2. KNOW YOUR PURPOSE

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Box of various items, paper, pens, and timer

WHAT YOU DO:

- Divide your group into two teams.
- Direct the teams to stand about ten feet in front of the box.
- Give each team a piece of paper and pen.
- Set a timer for two minutes.
- Instruct each team to send one kid at a time down to the box, grab an item, and run it back to their group.
- For each item, direct the team to write down its purpose. (Some items will be serious and other items will be funny. Challenge the kids to get as creative as they want with their purposes!)
- Once a team has a purpose written for an item, instruct them to send another kid down to retrieve a different item. (Direct the teams not to send a team member to get a new item until they've thought of and written down the purpose of the previous item.)
- The team with the most items, wins!
- Invite the teams to read off their favorite items and descriptions out loud.

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

"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

MONTHLY VIRTUE

Creativity—Using your
imagination to do
something new

BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter what.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"You may just have a gift for creative writing! I loved hearing the many different purposes you gave each item. You know there may be moments when we have a hard time understanding what our purpose is. Maybe you've wondered what God made you for in our world. Perhaps you don't really love sports, you don't get good grades in math, or you can't figure out what hobby you're into. Maybe you've looked around and seen how God has used others, but you want to know how God wants to use you.

[Make It Personal] (Share about a time—recently or long ago—when you've struggled knowing what God made you for. Share when you discovered the things you love, how He has wired you, and how you use those gifts to reflect Jesus to others.)

"This week, let's really dive into how God made us special and remember that **God created you for a purpose.** Maybe you're really good at making people laugh or helping your dad take care of your little sister or you always pick out the best movies to watch. It doesn't matter how God wired you, you can be yourself and shine God's light to others."



PRELUDE

SOCIAL

STORY

WORSHIP

GROUPS

HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO MOVE

an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body



3. CREATE YOUR OWN!

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Create Your Own!" Activity Page, bag, Bible, and box of items from "Know Your Purpose" activity

WHAT YOU DO:

- Open the Bible to Ephesians 2:10 and read it out loud to the group.
- Put the cards from the "Create Your Own!" Activity Page in a bag.
- Instruct each kid to draw a card from the bag.
- Direct the kids to work together to stand in verse order.
- Encourage the kids to read their part of the verse out loud as you say the verse in order several times.
- Once you've repeated the verse several times, instruct the kids to flip over their card and see what kind of movement it says.
- Instruct the kids to make up a game incorporating the movement on the back of their card.
- One by one, instruct the kids to walk down to the box of random items and grab something to use for their game.
- Divide your group into two teams.
- Encourage the kids in a team to work together with their supplies and moves to invent a game.
 - For example, if kids have a ball, a hockey stick, tape, and the direction to spin around, they could hit the ball across a line of tape while spinning around.
- As the kids invent their games, walk around and help them get started with ideas but let them create the bulk of the game on their own.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Look at all of that creativity you have in those brains! I am really loving the games you invented. We may just need to use those again sometime. I shouldn't be surprised though. After all, you are God's very own creation. God's creativity is a part of who you are. No matter what you face this week, remind yourself of all you are capable of because of whose you are. **God created you for a purpose.**"

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

"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

MONTHLY VIRTUE

Creativity—Using your
imagination to do
something new

BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter what.



PRELUDE

SOCIAL

STORY

WORSHIP

GROUPS

HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

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: Sticky notes and pens

WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each kid a sticky note and a pen.
- Instruct the kids to write a note or draw a picture that reminds them of their purpose.
 - Prompt them with examples such as, you make people smile, you are really great at games, or you show others Jesus' love!
- Give each kid a second sticky note.
- Put kids in pairs.
- Instruct the kids to write or draw a picture that reminds them of their partner's purpose.
- Direct the kids to give their partner their sticky note.
- Close your group time in prayer.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"God, You are so good. Thank You for loving us so much that You spent so much time and attention on crafting us together. Remind us that You made us wonderfully. From our head to our toes, from our gifts to the way our brains are wired, You created every part of us to perfectly fit the dreams You have for us. Help us live out the purposes You have for us and tell everyone we meet that **God created you for a purpose.**"

As adults arrive to pick up, ask kids to show off their fingerprint balloons. Encourage kids to compare their fingerprints to their family members' when they get home. Remind kids as they leave that God created them uniquely and perfectly for a purpose!

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

"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

MONTHLY VIRTUE

Creativity—Using your
imagination to do
something new

BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter what.