



WEEK
FOUR
AUGUST 2023

SMALL GROUP

2-3

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

STORY

WORSHIP

GROUPS

HOME

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION
15 MINUTES

MADE TO CREATE

an activity that explores ideas through the process of drawing, building, designing, and problem-solving



Before kids arrive, take a few moments to pray for them. Pray for those who might visit your group for the first time. Pray that all of the kids would take to heart the truth that they were created by a creative God who has blessed each of them with individual gifts and talents. Pray that God would lead the kids to discover what those gifts are and give them opportunities to use those gifts to share the

story of God's love.

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Pure Imagination

The Tabernacle

Exodus 25:8-9; 28:1, 3; 31:1-11, 35:21, 25, 34; 39:42-43

1. EARLY ARRIVER

WHAT YOU NEED: Offering container, large piece of butcher paper, and markers

WHAT YOU DO:

- Welcome kids by name as they arrive.
- Invite kids who brought an offering to put it in the offering container.
- Set out the butcher paper and the markers.
- Draw 20 circles on the paper.
- As kids arrive, invite them to use their imaginations to make something out of each circle.
- Provide an example like drawing a smiley face in a circle.
- Work together until all 20 circles have been created into something new!

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Use your imagination to honor God.

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

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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



*2. LOVE GOD, SERVE OTHERS [LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "People to Serve Cards" Activity Page

WHAT YOU DO:

- Gather the kids together to sit in a circle.
- Shuffle the "People to Serve Cards" and place in a stack, face down in the center of the circle.
- Introduce the idea that we can honor God and show how much we love Him by serving the people around us.
- Let the kids take turns selecting a card, reading it aloud (you may need to help pre-readers with this), then naming one way they could help or serve that person this week.
- Continue until each kid has a chance to share.
- Collect all of the cards and set aside for "Pray and Dismiss."

WHAT YOU SAY:

"I love how all of you named different ways you could serve the people around you. When you choose to help others, you're actually honoring God! Because every person was made in God's image, every person is deeply loved by God. When we LOVE others and serve and help, we're showing God we love Him, too! This week, I want you to **use your imagination to honor God.**"

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MADE TO MOVE

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



3. VERSE HOP

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Verse Hop Cards" and "Verse Hop Decoy Cards" Activity Pages taped to the floor and Bible

WHAT YOU DO:

- Gather the kids around the space where you've set up the cards.
- Look up and read Ephesians 2:10 out loud from the Bible to refresh their memories.
- Challenge the kids to hop across the space only hopping on the cards that have a word or phrase from the verse.
- If a kid hops on a decoy card, direct them to go back to the beginning.
- If you have more than ten kids, direct two kids to hop at once, starting at opposite sides of the card area. (One kid will be hopping on the verse backwards.)
- Once everyone gets across, read Ephesians 2:10 again.
- Play as long as time allows.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"I prepared this path for you, and you all figured out how to get across it! (Or most of you, or we helped each other, etc.) Our memory verse says that God has prepared good works for us to do, and we have what we need to do them because of Jesus. Jesus was the ultimate example that you can **use your imagination to honor God**. Jesus was incredibly creative—think of all His miracles! He was imaginative. He could see incredible lives for people like Peter and Mary Magdalene who other people thought were unimportant.

"We can be like Jesus when we use our imaginations to honor God by loving people, bringing peace, and taking all the opportunities God gives us to follow Jesus and share with others."

[Make It Personal] (Share an age-appropriate time you used your imagination to love someone, to worship God, to bring peace, or do something you felt God wanted. Maybe you struck up a conversation with an outsider and shared Jesus with them. Maybe you wrote a song or a poem or journaled about God's goodness. Maybe you resolved a conflict between friends, etc.)

Optional Discussion Questions for Older Kids

If you lead 4th, 5th, or 6th graders, consider asking these discussion questions:

- Our imaginations are powerful! Do you think there are ways that we could use our imaginations that are NOT honoring to God?
- Do you ever feel like you're bored with church or worship? How could you use your imagination to get out of that rut and still honor God by being part of the church?



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MADE TO CONNECT

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



4. PRAY AND DISMISS

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Cards from "Love God, Serve Others" activity

WHAT YOU DO:

- Gather the kids to huddle in a circle.
- Pass out a card to each kid.
- Make sure each kid knows what's written on their card.
- Lead group in prayer to remind them to **use your imagination to honor God.**

WHAT YOU SAY:

"God, thank You for loving us and making us with such creativity! We want to honor You and show You how much we love You. Help us love and serve others this week and use our imaginations to honor You. You are an awesome, powerful, creative God, and we LOVE You. In Jesus' name we pray, amen."

As adults arrive to pick up, encourage the kids to show off their graham cracker tabernacles and talk about how you, just like the Israelites so long ago, can **use your imagination to honor God.**

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