

PRELUDE

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CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT  
25 MINUTES

## MADE TO CONNECT

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



## TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

### Do Something

We Are God's Creation  
Ephesians 2:10

## TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

What are you good at?

## TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

God created you for a purpose.

## MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

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do good works. Long ago  
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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.

## 3. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

Ask:

- Is it possible for people to miss the purpose God has for them? Explain.
- Is there one specific purpose God has that is the same for EVERYONE? If so, what is it?
- How do you think our purpose might change as you get older?
- Does believing that God created you on purpose and for a purpose make a difference in the way you live? Why or why not? If it does, in what ways?
- If the only verse you knew was Ephesians 2:10, what would you know about God based on that single verse? What would you know about people in general? What would you know about yourself?



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## 4. VERSE TO TAKE WITH YOU [HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Bible, popcorn

### WHAT YOU DO:

- Make sure each kid has a Bible.
- Give everyone a minute to look up Psalm 139:14. Use

the following tip to assist kids who may need help finding the verse.

*Ask kids to tell you if the book of the Bible they're looking for is in the Old Testament or New Testament. If it's in the Old, instruct kids to flip slowly, starting at the front of the Bible and heading toward the back, until they find the book they're looking for. If it's in the New, instruct kids to start flipping from the back, going forward to find the book they're looking for. Once they find the book, explain that the big numbers on the page are the chapter numbers. First, have them find the chapter they're looking for. Then explain that the small numbers are verse numbers. Tell kids to find the verse within the chapter they've already found.*

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- Discuss the verse by letting kids share what they think it means. Ask them how Psalm 139:14 makes a difference in the way they think about themselves and others.
- Give each kid one popped kernel of popcorn.
- Take a couple of minutes to let kids compare their piece of popcorn with others by noting the shape, size, and observing similarities and differences.
- Remind kids that, like popcorn has a purpose, every person God created has been given a purpose. Each kid is amazing because God created them to be.
- Unpack the concept of God-given gifts and abilities by reminding kids that God created each of us to contribute to the world in some way. One of the best ways is to use what you're good at to do good and to show God's love to those around you.
  - What are some things you've figured out that you're good at?
  - What do you enjoy doing and are naturally interested in?
  - How can you get better at those interests and abilities? (*Offer specific suggestions if kids are unsure of ways they can develop their strengths.*)
  - When you think about the things you're good at and the stuff you're most interested in, how do you see those gifts being used in ways that help others see Jesus in you?
- Say Psalm 139:14 together encouraging kids to remember that they are made in an AMAZING way by an AMAZING God who loves them and has AMAZING plans for them.



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## 5. MAKE IT PERSONAL WITH PRAYER [PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Bible

#### WHAT YOU DO:

- Remind your group that God created them with care and love. They are made in God image to do good with all that God has given them.
- Read Ephesians 2:10 then use it as a wrap-up prayer by pausing to let kids think about the words.
- Encourage everyone to pray silently or to interject their own short prayers as you lead them.
  - "Dear God, thank you for the promises we heard today from Ephesians 2:10 that says we are Your creation." *(Invite kids to thank God for creating them this way.)*
  - "You created us to belong to Christ Jesus." *(Invite kids to consider whether they know Christ as Savior. If they are not sure, encourage them to talk with their parents or use the approach your church recommends for explaining the plan of salvation to kids.)*
  - "Because of Jesus, we can do good works." *(Invite kids to ask God to show them ways to serve and love Jesus this week.)*
  - "Long ago, You prepared these works for us to do." *(Invite kids to ask God to lead them in this plan.)*
  - "Thank You for the way You forgive us and give us what we need to make a difference in the lives of others. We love You. In Jesus' name we pray, amen."