PRELUDE SOCIAL STORY

WORSHIP

GROUPS

HOME

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

Pure Imagination

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

TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

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TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

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MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

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Ephesians 2:10, NIrV

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:

- What do you think most people use their imaginations for? For good or for something else? Give me some examples: use imaginations to come up with phone apps, or play video games, or house plans, etc.
- What stops or gets in the way of kids and adults using their imaginations for good? (Laziness, wanting the easy way out, scared or not paying attention, not wanting to take on something so big, don't know how to.)
- How can you honor God in creative, outside-the-box ways?

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an activity that extends learning through hands-on experimentation and discovery



4. VERSE TO TAKE WITH YOU [HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY] WHAT YOU NEED: Bibles

WHAT YOU DO:

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• Lead kids in looking up and reading Psalm 115:1.

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.

Ask:

- What does it mean to give God honor or glory?
- How can you worship God with the way you live and use your creativity?
- Remind kids that every strength, talent, and ability we have comes from God. God created us with those gifts. We honor God when we give God credit and say, "Look what God helped me do" instead of, "Look at what I can do."
- Challenge kids to have an attitude of "not ME, but GOD" this week. As
 they have opportunities to use their abilities and creativity, encourage them
 to remember that God is the one to be honored most. Like the flowers
 opened up to reveal the color inside, others will see Jesus in us if we use
 our imagination to honor God and not ourselves.

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an activity that creates space for personal processing and application

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

WHAT YOU NEED: "Discover the Skill" Activity Page from Take a Snapshot

WHAT YOU DO:

- Ask kids to think back on what they have learned this month about using their gifts and creativity to live God's way, love God, and love others.
- Pray with kids, thanking God for the talents and gifts each of them uniquely has and asking for guidance to see opportunities where we can honor God.
- Give each kid their "Discover the Skill" Activity Page from earlier and ask them to place their papers on the floor in front of them.
- Explain that if they checked any of the boxes, it will help you know how to pray for them.
 - Let them know that if they didn't check a box, that's okay. It just means that some of their unique abilities aren't listed or they may still be trying to discover them.
 - Understanding our own creativity is something we continue to do for as long as we live.
 - That's why we should pray and ask God for help.
- Pray briefly for each of the kids in your group, highlighting any of the skills they checked on their activity page.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Dear God, we know that You created us to do good things. You have planned it all out and want to help us discover ways to use all you've given us to honor and worship You. Help us discover those plans and put them into motion at each opportunity we get. Help us use our imagination to do what we were made to do. In Jesus' name. Amen."