



TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Place in This World

We Are God's Creation Ephesians 2:10

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

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MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

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MONTHLY LIFE APP

Creativity—Imagining what you could do because you're made in God's image

BASIC TRUTH

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"Wow! You guys made some amazing things! You made (describe some of the kids' creations). You are so creative! And you know what? [Transition] Your creativity reminds me of today's Bible story. Let's go learn more."

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- Next, lead kids to pantomime things they can do now.
- Encourage them to pantomime things they enjoy doing: playing soccer, drawing, playing video games, reading, or building with blocks.
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WHAT YOU SAY:

"God created you! You are His VERY SPECIAL creation. And you know what? Long ago, God knew all about you. He knew when you'd smile, when you'd crawl, and when you'd take your first step. He also knew that you'd love to play video games, draw, or build. He not only KNEW that you'd love to do those things—He CREATED you to do them. Wow!

"God created you exactly the way that you are! You are His special masterpiece. And you know what? **God created you, so you can be creative.** You can use all the things you like to do to love God and show others what He's like. You can praise Him by doing what you're good at and doing what you like. So, remember: **God created you, so you can be creative.**"

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- Show kids how they can use markers, crayons, or colored pencils to trace their hands onto cardstock.
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[Make it Personal] (Tell kids about a time you used your creativity to show others who God is and what He's like.)

"This week, how could you use your creativity to show others who God is and what He's like? (Pause for responses.) Good ideas! You can come up with creative ideas because **God created you, so you can be creative."**

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3. WORTHY OF PRAISE [HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

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WHAT YOU DO:

- Help kids look up and "read" Psalm 145:3 using the Bible navigation tips from Week One (if needed).
- Unpack the phrase, "You are really worthy of praise."
- Lead kids in a game of follow the leader, demonstrating different ways that we can praise God: dancing, clapping, giving high-fives, singing, etc.
- As you move, say the verse phrase by phrase, guiding kids to repeat after you.
- Invite kids to be creative and think of other ways that they can praise God.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"God. Is. AMAZING! One way that God is amazing is how incredibly creative He is. He is so creative that He made you! And since God is so creative and amazing, He is worthy of praise. What is one way that you can praise God this week? (*Pause.*) Great ideas! So, this week, remember to praise God, and remember that **God created you, so you can be creative.**"

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Pray, thanking God for His love for you and for each kid present. Be sure to mention each kid by name.

As adults arrive to pick up, encourage kids to tell them today's Bottom Line. **God created you, so you can be creative.**

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• A variety of "construction" items such as craft sticks, plastic cups, connecting toys, or building blocks; provide enough for every two or three kids to have sufficient supplies to create their own masterpiece

GROUPS: CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT (25 MINUTES)

Create a safe place to connect and learn how the Bible story applies to real life experiences, through interactive activities and discussion questions.

(Choose as many of these activities as you like.)

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2. GOD'S HAND-IWORK

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

Made to Imagine: an activity that promotes empathy and facilitates concrete application through role-play and reenactment

WHAT YOU NEED:

- White cardstock, cut in half horizontally; one piece for each kid
- Markers
- Crayons
- Colored pencils

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[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

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WHAT YOU NEED:

- Bibles; for kindergartners, mark Bibles at Psalm 145
- Upbeat worship music

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

Made to Reflect: an activity that creates space for personal processing and application

WHAT YOU NEED:

No supplies needed

HOME: PROMPTING ACTION BEYOND THE EXPERIENCE

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WHAT YOU NEED:

• A variety of "construction" items such as craft sticks, plastic cups, connecting toys, or building blocks; provide enough for every two or three kids to have sufficient supplies to create their own masterpiece

GROUPS: CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT (25 MINUTES)

Create a safe place to connect and learn how the Bible story applies to real life experiences, through interactive activities and discussion questions.

(Choose as many of these activities as you like.)

* If you don't have time to do all these activities, be sure to do activity #1.

*1. CREATED IN CHRIST JESUS

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW] Made to Move: an activity that increases the oxygen in the

brain and taps into the energy in the body

WHAT YOU NEED:

No supplies needed

2. GOD'S HAND-IWORK

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

Made to Imagine: an activity that promotes empathy and facilitates concrete application through role-play and reenactment

WHAT YOU NEED:

- White cardstock, cut in half horizontally; one piece for each kid
- Markers
- Crayons
- Colored pencils

3. WORTHY OF PRAISE

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

Made to Move: an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Bibles; for kindergartners, mark Bibles at Psalm 145
- Upbeat worship music

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

Made to Reflect: an activity that creates space for personal processing and application

WHAT YOU NEED:

No supplies needed

HOME: PROMPTING ACTION BEYOND THE EXPERIENCE

- Print on cardstock or email this week's GodTime devotionals and Parent Cue cards.
- Tell parents about our additional family resources: Studio252.tv and the Parent Cue app.

SMALL GROUP

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TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Place in This World

We Are God's Creation Ephesians 2:10

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

God created you, so you can be creative.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

Lord, you are great. You are really worthy of praise. No one can completely understand how great you are. Psalm 145:3, NIrV

MONTHLY LIFE APP

Creativity—Imagining what you could do because you're made in God's image

BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter what.

PRELUDE: Setting the tone for the experience

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SMALL GROUP



SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction

Early Arriver Opening Activity

LARGE GROUP

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STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

Welcome/Opener

Worship ("Made In the Image" from Little Praise Patry-Ready Set Go and "Beautiful" from This Love)

Bible Story

Bottom Line

Prayer

Closer

SMALL GROUP



GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Bible Story Review: Creative Bingo Application Activity: Bag of Good Works

Memory Verse Activity: Move It Prayer Activity: Pray and Dismiss

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

Parent Cue Card (print or email)
GodTime devotional for kids
Studio252.tv
Parent Cue App

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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 each child would begin to understand that no matter what he or she is good at (or not good at), God equipped every one of us with some type of imagination and creativity. Pray that you would be able to encourage the kids that God made them for a specific purpose; all they have to do is do what they love and allow God to

use those efforts for His glory.

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

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1. EARLY ARRIVER IDEA

WHAT YOU NEED: Offering container, "Create What? Cards" Activity Page, paper, markers

WHAT YOU DO:

- Invite kids to put their offering in the offering container as they arrive.
- Place the "Create What? Cards" face up.
- Let each kid pick a card.
- Ask kids to create an object or picture incorporating the design on the card.
- Let them share their creations when everyone is finished.
- If you have time, have kids choose a different card and repeat the activity.

SMALL GROUP

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2. OPENING ACTIVITY

WHAT YOU NEED: Mirrors, dry erase markers, erasers or tissues

WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each kid a mirror and a dry erase marker. (NOTE: Depending on the number in your group, kids may have to take turns doing this activity.)
- While looking in the mirror, challenge kids to draw or trace their own face.
- Recommend closing one eye to make it easier.
- Lay the mirrors out and challenge the group to identify who is represented in each portrait.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Each portrait looks different, which shouldn't be a surprise since each of us was created differently. Some of us have blue eyes, some brown eyes. Look around at all the different hair colors we have. Even though a few of us have brown hair (adjust based on your group), we still have different shades of brown. We were all created differently, but one big thing we have in common is that we were all made in God's image. [Transition] Let's head to Large Group to see what being made in God's image has to do with our creativity."

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

SMALL GROUP

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PRELUDE SOCIAL

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HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO PLAY

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1. CREATIVE BINGO [LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "BINGO Templates" Activity Page, index cards, markers or pencils, and Bingo markers

WHAT YOU DO:

- As a group, make a list of at least 15 things that people are good at doing (dancing, swimming, singing, writing,
- baking, reading, designing, building, helping etc.)
- Prompt kids to include things they enjoy doing.
- As kids share their ideas, write each one down on an index card.
- Give kids a "Bingo Template" and set out the index cards where everyone can see them.
- Encourage kids to fill in the empty squares with ideas from the cards. If necessary, kids can use the same idea for multiple squares.
- When kids finish filling in their bingo card, play a game of Bingo.
 - Explain that the middle space, "Made in God's Image," is a free space.
 - Shuffle the index cards.
 - Ask a kid to draw a card and read it to the group.
 - Kids put a marker in the square on their bingo card that matches the index card drawn.
 - Shuffle the index card back into the pile.
 - Ask someone else to draw the next card and read it to the group.
 - Players put a marker in the square on their bingo card that matches the index card drawn.
 - Make sure everyone gets a turn drawing a card.
 - Players can only place one marker for each card called. (If a kid wrote "dance" in three squares, the "dance" index card must be drawn three times to mark all three squares.)
 - The first player with five in a row wins.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"When we look at all God made, we see how creative He is. Just look at all the colors God created or the different types of plants and animals. And look at each of you! You are all made in the image of God, yet each of you have different things you enjoy and different talents. Some of you are good at art or designing cool structures with blocks. Some of you enjoy sports or music. Some of you love to read. Imagine what you could do because you are made in God's image. **God created you, so you can be creative.** You can figure out ways to use the things you enjoy and the things you are good at to help others and show them God's love."

SMALL GROUP

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PRELUDE SOCIAL

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

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STORY

2. BAG OF GOOD WORKS [TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Bag of Good Works" (Activity Page) cards in a bag or good works items in a bag

WHAT YOU DO:

- Pair kids up.
- Ask pairs to pick an item or card out of the bag.
- Give pairs a couple minutes to brainstorm a few ways the item could be used to creatively love God and love others.
- Allow time for them to share and discuss their ideas, whittling it down to one idea to share with the whole group.
- As the pairs share what they came up with, encourage kids to listen for an idea of something they could do this week.
- Optional: To make it a competition, instead of teams selecting an item themselves, hold up an item or card and the first team to jump up gets an opportunity to suggest a way the item could be used to creatively love God and others. Award a point to each team that provides a "reasonable" way to use the item to do good works.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Since we are made in God's image, each of us reflects a bit of God and God's creativity. It is important to remember **God created you, so you can be creative,** too. Figuring out what you are good at doing is a great way to discover how you can creatively help others. How can we can figure out what we are good at? (Ask someone. Try different things. Ask God. Think about what you enjoy doing.) There are so many ways you can use your creativity to do good works and help others. If you like to build things, you could use your creativity to build a tool box for a friend or build a fort for your brother. If you enjoy baking cupcakes, you could use your creativity to bake treats for your classmates or for a new neighbor. Maybe, you enjoy rap music and could use your creativity to write a rap praising God then share it with your family. God made each of us to do good works to help others out."

[Make It Personal] (Share a time when someone used the way God made them to help you or a time you did something that you're good at to help someone.)

SMALL GROUP

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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

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Place in This World

We Are God's Creation Ephesians 2:10

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

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*3. MOVE IT [HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Memory Verse Cards" Activity Pages, masking tape, and Bibles

WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each kid a Bible and look up the memory verse, Psalm 145:3. Use the tips from Week One for finding
- verses with 2nd and 3rd graders.
- Read the verse together.
- Divide the group into two teams.
- Using masking tape, create a start line.
- Line up teams at the start line.
- Place a set of "Memory Verse Cards" across from each team and tell kids they will race to be the first team to collect all the cards.
- When you say, "Go," the first kid on each team runs to the cards, grabs one, and quickly brings it back to his team.
- As soon as the first kid returns, it's the next kid's turn, and so on until one team has all the cards.
- During the relay, randomly shout out ways for kids to move to the cards like skip, tiptoe, gallop, crab walk, hop, crawl, walk backward. Wherever they are, the kids must start moving whichever way you call out.
- The first team to collect all the "Memory Verse Cards" and put them in the correct order, wins.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Our memory verse reminds us how great our God is, and God's greatness is one reason He is worthy of our praise! Another reason He is worthy of our praise is there's no limit to God's creativity. When God made us in His image, He gave each of us the ability to think, act, and feel a bit like Him. He also gave us the ability to be creative. What are some creative ways you could praise God for how great He is? (sing, pray, write poems about God, thank Him, enjoy His creation, talk about Jesus, etc.) God created you, so you can be creative in how you praise Him and how you show others they are important to God."

SMALL GROUP

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

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Place in This World

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

WHAT YOU NEED: Mirror

WHAT YOU DO:

- Gather kids in a circle.
- Pass the mirror around the circle.
- Instruct kids to look in the mirror and say, "Thank You,

God, for making me creative."

• When the mirror returns to you, close in prayer.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"God, There's no limit to your creativity! Thank You for making each one of us in Your image. God, remind us every time we look in the mirror that we were made to reflect a bit of Your creativity to the world. Help us see how we can use our creativity to do good works and show others how important they are to You. Amen."

As adults arrive to pick up, encourage kids to share with them one example of how they can be creative and help others.

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HOME

GETTING READY

HERE'S EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW TO GET READY FOR THIS WEEK

SOCIAL: PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION (15 MINUTES)

Welcome kids and spend time engaging in conversation and catching up. Get ready to experience today's story.

(Choose one or both of these activities.)

1. EARLY ARRIVER

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

WHAT YOU NEED:

- An offering container
- Print "Create What? Cards" Activity Page on paper and cut apart; at least one card for each kid
- Markers
- Paper

2. OPENING ACTIVITY

Made to Explore: an activity that extends learning through hands-on experimentation and discovery

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Hand mirrors; one for every one to two kids (check other ministries in your church that may use mirrors you could borrow.)
- Dry erase markers
- Erasers or tissues to clean the mirrors

GROUPS: CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT (25 MINUTES)

Create a safe place to connect and learn how the Bible story applies to real life experiences, through interactive activities and discussion questions.

(Choose as many of these activities as you like.)

* If you don't have time to do all these activities, be sure to do activity #3.

1. CREATIVE BINGO

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

Made to Play: an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and/or working as a group

WHAT YOU NEED:

 Print the "BINGO Template" Activity Page on paper; one for each kid

- 15-20 index cards
- Pencils or markers
- Small objects to use as Bingo markers like beads, pennies, buttons, one-inch square pieces of paper, etc.

2. BAG OF GOOD WORKS [LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

Made to Imagine: an activity that promotes empathy and facilitates concrete application through role-play and reenactment

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Print the "Bag of Good Works" Activity Page and cut apart; one set for each group
- Opaque bag
 - Place the cards in a bag.
- (Optional) You may also use real items that can be used for good works such as modeling clay, a muffin tin, a seed packet, paints, a dog leash, building blogs, etc. Place items in the bag. OR you can mix the cards and items together inside the bag.

*3. MOVE IT

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

Made to Move: an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Print the "Memory Verse Cards" on cardstock and cut apart; two sets for each Small Group
- Masking tape
- Bibles

Note: The "Memory Verse Cards" will be used again in Week Four.

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

Made to Reflect: an activity that creates space for personal processing and application

WHAT YOU NEED:

Mirror

small group

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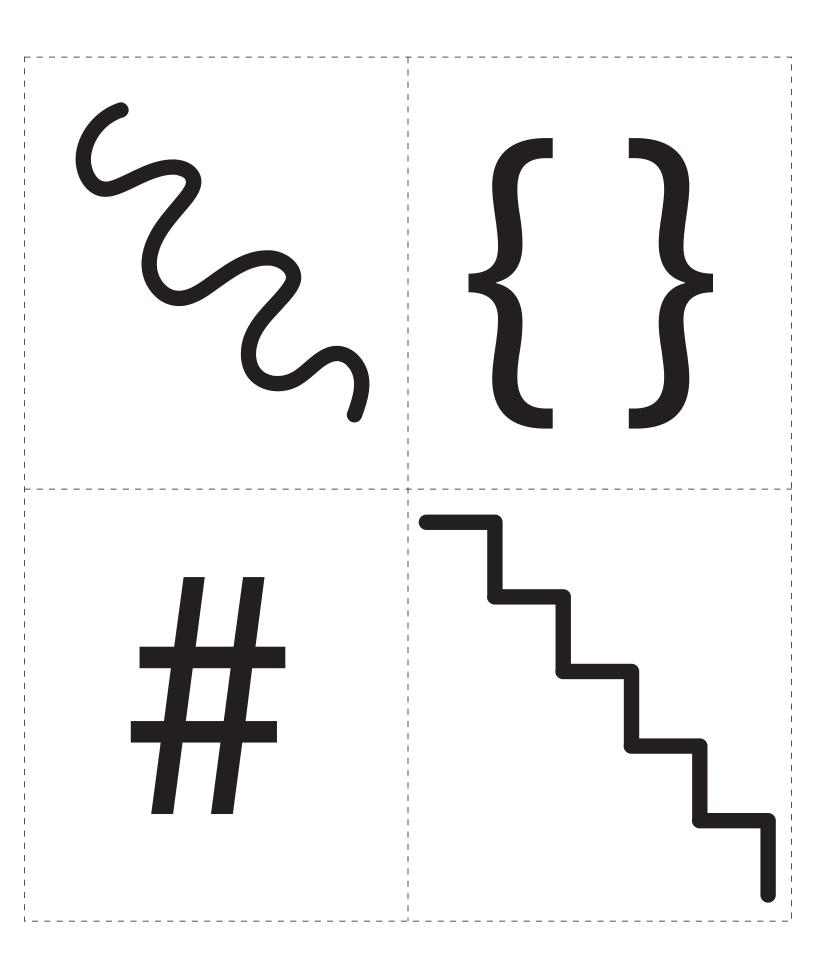
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GETTING READY

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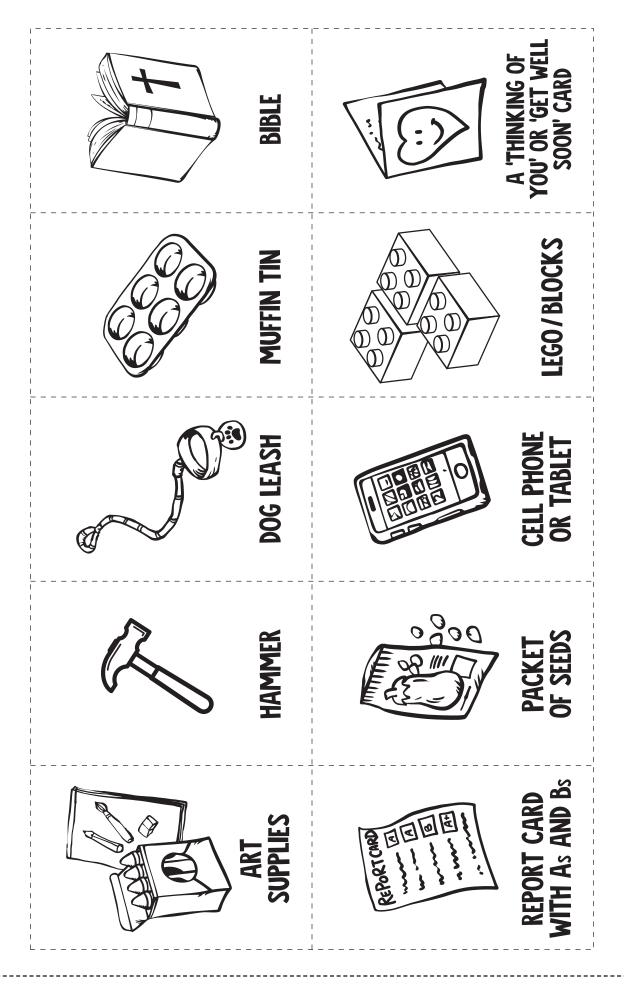
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CREATIVITY BINGO

	MADE IN GOD'S IMAGE	



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ARE GREAT.

YOU ARE REALLY

WORTHY OF PRAISE.

NO ONE CAN

COMPLETELY UNDERSTAND

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PSALM 145:3
(NIRV)

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AND MOST

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HIS GREATNESS

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PSALM 145:3
(NIV)







TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Place in This World

We Are God's Creation Ephesians 2:10

TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

How are you creative?

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

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BASIC TRUTH

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PRELUDE: Setting the tone for the experience

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SMALL GROUP



SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction

Early Arriver Opening Activity

LARGE GROUP

35

STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

Welcome/Opener

Worship ("Live My Life" from Live My Life single, "Beautiful" from This Love, and "Who You Say I Am" from Who You Say I Am single)
Bible Story (Communicator Script)
Key Question

Prayer

SMALL GROUP



GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Application Activity: Take a Snapshot Bible Story Review: Bible Story Review and

Discussion Questions

Memory Verse Activity: Verses to Take with You Prayer Activity: Make it Personal with Prayer

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

Parent Cue Card (print or email) GodTime devotional for kids Studio252.tv Parent Cue App





PRELUDE

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Before kids arrive, take some time to reflect on your own about God's creativity, thanking him for the amazing world he has created for us to enjoy. Ask Him to give you insight into ways that your kids are creative and how to draw those things out of them so they can see how creative God has made them to be.

1. JUST FOR FUN

WHAT YOU NEED: Offering container, "Wordless Conversations" Activity Page, pens

WHAT YOU DO:

- Pair kids up with someone they don't know very well.
- Give each partner a pen and a copy of the "Wordless Conversations" Activity Page.
- **Direct** them to ask their partner the questions on the activity page.
 - The challenge is that they cannot speak; they must communicate without using spoken or written words.
 - In other words, they can't trade papers and simply write in their own answers to the questions.
 - (They can, however, point to the question they're asking. But the partner can only give a "charades-like" answer.)
 - **Tell** kids to fill in the answers they are given from their partner, even if they have to guess what their partner is trying to communicate.
- When finished, bring everyone together.
- **Invite** each person to introduce their conversation partner and read the answers to the questions they asked.
 - If the answer isn't the one they were trying to give, let the partner clarify so that kids are getting to know one another.





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2. OPENING ACTIVITY

WHAT YOU NEED: Prepared bags (see Getting Ready for context)

WHAT YOU DO:

- **Give** each kid a bag with the materials you've gathered.
- **Tell** kids to create something using all of the supplies.
- They can create anything they like, as long as they use all or most of the supplies given and as long as they can finish in the amount of time you have for this activity.
- **Bring** kids together after a few minutes of working on their ideas and let them show off their creations.
- **Observe** the variety of creativity that came from the same supplies.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"It was fun to watch as you came up with so many unique ideas for using all of those random supplies. It's exciting to know that God created us with the ability to be creative. Imagine what it would be like if we didn't have the capacity to come up with new ideas, think outside the box, or make things. We'd never be able to solve a problem, build, invent, or make life better. The world would be a very dull place and it would never change. How awesome of God to give us the gift of creativity. [Transition] Today we're going to go deeper into the topic of creativity to discover more about the image of God that is in each of us."

Lead your group to the Large Group area.





PRELUDE SOCIAL STORY WORSHIP GROUPS HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
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1. TAKE A SNAPSHOT [LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "I Got Skills" Activity Page, pens

WHAT YOU DO:

- **Give** each of the kids a pen and a copy of "I Got Skills" Activity Page then spread out around the room.
- Without letting others seeing their answers, tell kids to circle the boxes that describe things they feel they are good at and put an "X" in the ones they are not.
- They can also use the blank boxes to write in additional skills are not included in the other boxes.
- When finished, have them write their name one the line provided and then fold them in half.
- Collect all the papers and pass them out again in random order.
- **Invite** kids to take turns reading from the "I Got Skills" sheet you gave them without revealing whose it is.
 - They can say something like, "This person is good at [read the boxes that are circled] but not as good at [read the boxes that have the "X" in them].
 - Before revealing who the person is, let the others guess which kid they think the profile belongs to.
- Continue until all the profiles have been read.
- Collect the activity pages to use again in "Bible Story Extension."

WRAP UP AND SAY:

"You've Got Skills! It's true. God has given each person their own special brand of creativity. You may already know what some of your talents are, or maybe you have gifts just waiting to be discovered. Pay attention to the things you enjoy doing. What are you good at—without even trying? Or maybe you don't feel like you're good at much. Ask some people who know you best to suggest things they feel you're good at. Sometimes family members, teachers, coaches, or Small Group leaders can see things in us that we don't see. It's exciting to keep discovering and developing our creativity. Keep trying new things to find out what you're good at then ask God to show you ways to use those skills for Him. There's no limit to the different opportunities you'll find. So, get creative!"





PRELUDE SOCIAL STORY WORSHIP GROUPS HOME

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2. BIBLE STORY EXTENSION [TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: Bible, "I Got Skills" Activity Page completed in "Take a Snapshot"

WHAT YOU DO:

- **Name** an invention kids are familiar with and let them share/guess why they think it was created.
- What problem did it solve?
- What good thing came from it?
- How did it make life easier or the world a better place?
- **Use** ideas from the list below or others you think of. Let kids name some as well.
 - shoes
 - cars
 - umbrella
 - soap
 - socks
 - spoons
 - crutches
 - pockets
 - locks and keys
 - paper
- Read and discuss Ephesians 2:10.
 - In what ways are we God's creation or handiwork?
 - Like the inventions we talked about earlier, we were created for a purpose, too. Why do you think God created people?
 - What do you think are some of the "good works" God created you to do?
 - What skills do you have that could help you do good things for God?
- Hand out the "I Got Skills" activity page kids filled out earlier.
- **Remind** the group of things they learned about one another's individual talents and abilities.
- **Challenge** the kids to suggest creative ways each person could respond to the following scenarios by using the things they're good at and enjoy doing.
 - You want to help your neighbor who lost his dog.
 - You want to encourage a friend's grandma who is sick.
 - You notice that the kid you sit next to in class seems really sad.
 - The house of someone in your town burned down.
 - You want to invite your friend to small group.
- **Encourage** kids to share stories of situations similar to these in which they or someone they know used their skills to do good for someone else.
- **Tell** them that when they feel like they're not creative or good at something, all they have to do is ask their Creator to show them something He made them to do.





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

Place in This World We Are God's Creation Ephesians 2:10

TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

How are you creative?

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

Lord, you are great. You are really worthy of praise. No one can completely understand how great you are. Psalm 145:3, NIrV

MONTHLY LIFE APP

Creativity—Imagining what you could do because you're made in God's image

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:

- Why is it important to know that God created you?
- Does believing that God created you 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?
- Picture the world without creativity. What would change if God had not given us the ability to be creative?





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

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

WHAT YOU NEED: Bible, bookmark, prepared bags (see Getting Ready for context)

WHAT YOU DO:

- Sit together in a circle.
- **Remind** kids that creativity is part of who they are. God gave them the ability to think of unique ways to use what they're good at to serve Him.
- Invite a volunteer to read 1 Peter 4:10 to the group.
- Ask the group:
 - Explain this verse and use the word "creativity" in your explanation.
 - What first comes to mind when you picture yourself using your gifts to serve others?
 - Talents, abilities, and skills are gifts, but what else does God give to help us serve Him? (time, possessions, love for others, love for God)
- Mark 1 Peter 4:10 with the bookmark and close the Bible.
- Place the bags and the Bible in the middle of the circle.
- **Explain** that each bag contains a different item that, like a talent, could be used in some way to help them serve God.
 - They will take turns choosing and opening a bag.
 - Tell them to use their creativity to think of a way the object could be used to serve God by doing good in some way.
 - Before each turn, ask the person opening a bag to turn to 1 Peter 4:10 and read it aloud.
 - Continue around the circle until each person has read the verse and opened a bag.
- **Remind** kids that they've been given something better than (name some of the items in the gift bags.).
 - God created them in His image with the capacity to discover new things, come up with amazing ideas, build, invent, fix things, write, draw, sing, plan . . . there's no end to the possibilities of ways they can use their talents for good if they are willing.





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

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Place in This World We Are God's Creation Ephesians 2:10

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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 His image and are given the job of doing good with all that He 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 in His image.)
 - "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 you later.)
 - "Because of Jesus, we can do good works." (Invite kids to ask God to show them ways to serve and love Him this week.)
 - "Long ago, You prepared these works for us to do." (Invite kids to ask God to lead them in His 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."





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HOME

GETTING READY

HERE'S EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW TO GET READY FOR THIS WEEK

SOCIAL: PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION (15 MINUTES)

Welcome kids and spend time engaging in conversation and catching up. Get ready to experience today's story.

(Choose one or both of these activities.)

1. JUST FOR FUN

Made to Connect: an activity that invites kids to share and collaborate with others while growing in their understanding

WHAT YOU NEED:

- An offering container
- Print the "Wordless Conversations" Activity Page; one for each kid
- Pens

2. OPENING ACTIVITY

Made to Create: an activity that explores ideas through the process of drawing, building, designing, and problem-solving **WHAT YOU NEED:**

Paper lunch bags; one per kid

- Inside each bag place 5-10 random supplies. (Each bag must contain the same items. See the list
 - below for suggestions, but modify with whatever you have on hand. See activity for context.)
 - Three cotton balls
 - One paper plate
 - 24 inches of crepe paper or ribbon
 - One sheet of paper
 - Two pipe cleaners
 - One roll of tape
 - Scissors
 - One crayon, marker, or pen
 - Two paper clips
 - Play-Doh (party favor size containers or an amount equal to the size of a golf ball)

GROUPS: CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT (25 MINUTES)

Create a safe place to connect and learn how the Bible story applies to real life experiences, through interactive activities and discussion questions.

(Choose as many of these activities as you like.)

1. TAKE A SNAPSHOT [LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

Made to Connect: an activity that invites kids to share and collaborate with others while growing in their understanding

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Pens
- Print the "I Got Skills" Activity Page; one for each kid

2. BIBLE STORY EXTENSION [TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

Made to Imagine: an activity that promotes empathy and facilitates concrete application through role-play and reenactment

WHAT YOU NEED:

Bible

3. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS [TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

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WHAT YOU NEED:

No supplies needed

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

Made to Imagine: an activity that promotes empathy and facilitates concrete application through role-play and reenactment

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Bible
- Bookmark
- Lunch sack or gift bag containing a random object similar to the ones suggested below; one for each kid
 - Crayon or pen
 - Measuring spoon
 - Nail or tool
 - Small Bible
 - Coins
 - Tissue





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GETTING READY

HERE'S EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW TO GET READY FOR THIS WEEK

- Wristwatch or clock
- Tennis ball or baseball
- Dog leash
- Dish towel or sponge

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

Made to Reflect: an activity that creates space for personal processing and application

WHAT YOU NEED:

• Bible

HOME: PROMPTING ACTION BEYOND THE EXPERIENCE

- Print on cardstock or email this week's GodTime devotionals and Parent Cue cards.
- Tell parents about our additional family resources: **Studio252.tv** and the **Parent Cue app.**

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING TO EAT? WHAT COLOR IS THE BLANKET/QUILT ON YOUR BED? IF YOU COULD WIN AN AWARD FOR SOMETHING, WHAT WOULD IT BE? WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE SUBJECT IN SCHOOL? WHAT IS SOMETHING THAT MAKES YOU REALLY HAPPY? WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO DO IN YOUR FREE TIME? WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT THE WAY GOD MADE YOU?

I LOVE TO SING.	I'M GOOD AT SOLVING MATH PROBLEMS.	I LIKE TO TAKE THINGS APART AND TRY TO FIX THEM.
I LOVE TO READ.	I'M QUIET AND DON'T TALK A LOT.	I LIKE TO COOK.
I WRITE GREAT STORIES.		WHEN THINGS ARE A MESS, I'M GOOD AT CLEANING AND GETTING THEM ORGANIZED.
WHEN SOMEONE IS SAD OR DISCOURAGED, I'M USUALLY ABLE TO CHEER THEM UP.	I'M GOOD WITH TECHNOLOGY.	I LOVE TAKING CARE OF A GARDEN.
I'D RATHER BE DOING THINGS OUTSIDE THAN INDOORS.	I'M A HARD WORKER.	I LOVE TO HANG OUT WITH LITTLE KIDS AND/OR OLD PEOPLE.
I ALWAYS HAVE GOOD IDEAS THAT OTHERS DON'T THINK OF.	I LIKE TO GIVE THINGS AWAY TO PEOPLE WHO NEED THEM.	I'M GOOD AT TALKING TO PEOPLE EVEN IF I DON'T KNOW THEM VERY WELL.
I HAVE BUILT SOME INCREDIBLE THINGS OUT OF LEGOS.		I'M GOOD AT SPORTS.
I LOVE TO TAKE CARE OF ANIMALS.	I DRAW WELL.	I LIKE TO HELP OTHERS.

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AND "I GOT SKILLS."