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NURSERY



BABIES

MAY 2020

GOD MADE YOU.

Say the following rhyme as you rock or change the baby.

One, two, God loves you! (Repeat)

WORDS FOR BABY

"Baby, God loves you! Nothing can ever separate you from God's love!"

May 2020

Curriculum for Nursery A

We want our babies to take a first look at who God is and understand:

God made me.

God loves me.

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.



With each baby you should be taking the time to sing the song, speak the Bible verse and let them know that God made them. This can be done while holding, feeding and/or changing the baby's diaper.

Bible Words: "Nothing at all can ever separate us from God's love." Romans 8:39,

NIrV

Bottom Line: God loves you. **Basic Truth:** God loves me.

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Words For Baby:

"Baby, God loves you! Nothing can ever separate you from God's love!"



TODDLERS AND EARLY PRE-K (AGES 1-3)



May 10, 2020

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Romans 8:39, NIrV

God Made Me • Genesis 1:26, Psalm 139:14

Bottom Line: God loves me. **Basic Truth:** God loves me.

Story Time

Have your child sit with you on the floor in a specific place in your house to tell the story. Some kids (especially the younger ones) may wander. That's okay. They're still listening and learning!

What You Need: Your Bible to show that the story is from God's word.

LEADER: Come sit with me. Today's true story from the Bible (hold up the Bible) is about God's most special creation, you and me! God made so many amazing things. God made the earth. God made every piece of grass, every flamingo and bunny and giraffe. God put the sun in the sky, and He made the mountains REEEALLLY tall!. Everything God made was good. But there is something God created that is more special than everything else. People are his most special creation. God made each of us completely special. We're one of a kind! We have different color hair, skin, and eyes. Isn't that awesome? Some of us wear glasses. Some of us ride in wheelchairs. Some of us are really tall, and some of us are small. We're all different! And we are all completely, amazingly, and wonderfully made. You are the most super, special, best thing God created! But do you know why God made you as His most special thing? God made you special because He loves you so, so much! God loves you and **[Bottom Line] God loves me."**

Craft Time

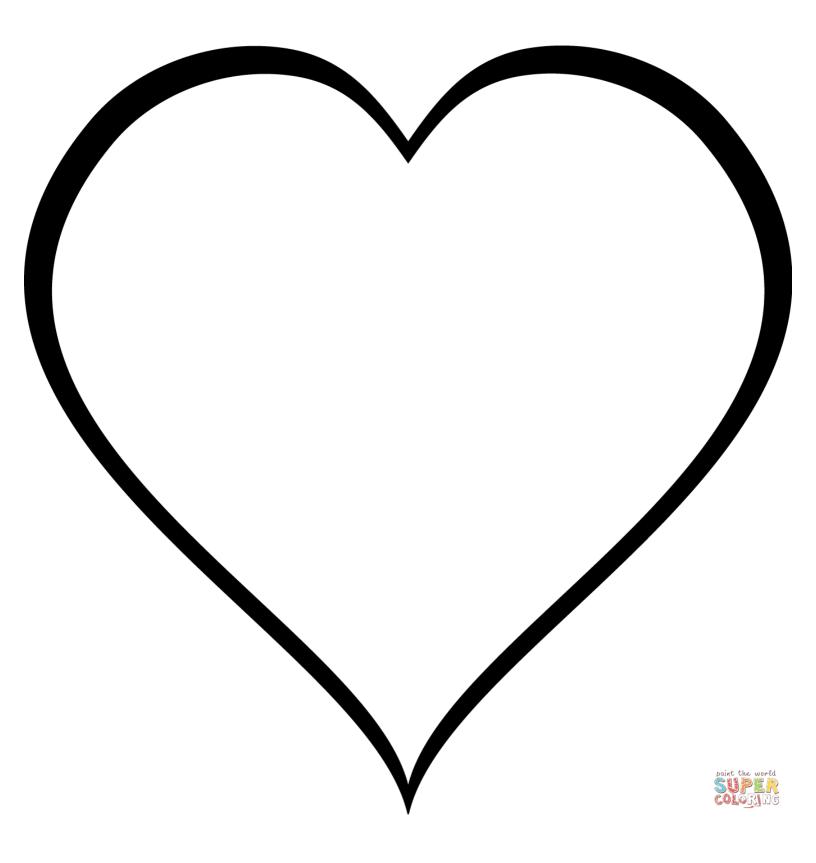
What You Need: "Heart" Coloring Page (attached), red markers or dot markers

What You Do:

During the Activity: Retell the story. Encourage children to fill the heart with the red marker.

What You Say:

During the Activity: "Today, we learned that of all of the things God made, people are God's most special creation. That's right! You and I are God's most special creation. On your paper is a picture of a heart. Fill it with the red marker. (Pause.) Great job! We are all completely, amazingly, and wonderfully made. God made you special because He loves you so, so much! God loves you and [Bottom Line] God loves me."



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PRE-K



WEEK TWO

ESTHER 2:2-8:17

Esther trusts God's plan for her and helps save her people.



REMEMBER THIS:

"Nothing at all can ever separate us from God's love." ROMANS 8:39, NIrV



SAY THIS:

Who loves you?

GOD LOVES ME.



PRESCHOOL

As you drive, ask your child questions like, "Can going to school separate you from God's love? Can riding in an airplane separate you from God's love? Can a thunderstorm separate you from God's love? Can being sick separate you from God's love?" Each time you ask a question, answer together, "Nooooo. Nothing can separate us from God's love!"

BASIC TRUTH:

GOD LOVES ME.

EVERY MOTHER IS A WOMAN OF VALOR

By Sarah Anderson

"Thank you for making this dinner! But I think I like Dad's spaghetti better." It was so close to being a compliment, but I'll take it. My five-year-old was right. I put forth a good effort, but his dad is the better cook. Mothering can feel like this at times. Like you are just close enough to getting it, only you just didn't make the cut. You want to be the best. But these days you'll just settle for someone noticing your effort. "Thanks for trying, but . . ."

Mother's Day can feel like the day to celebrate the golden standard of mothering, leaving you to hope others don't get close enough to see how insecure parenting really makes you feel. I get it. But I'm starting to think on days like Mother's Day, or any day we feel inadequate, the last thing we should be doing is worrying over everything we're not.

Proverbs 31 is famous for the picture it paints of the *ideal* woman. It's today's domestic superhero. The wife of noble character it describes is nothing short of intimidating—getting up before dawn, making her family's clothes, and conducting lucrative business with her handiwork. It's a beautiful picture, but sounds so daunting.

The Hebrew words used to describe this elusive woman are *eschet chayil*, directly translating to "woman of valor." But

interestingly, this doesn't imply something women should *aim* for. It asserts we've already accomplished it.

These words are celebratory, meant to be a blessing, spoken over the valorous women in our lives. It isn't, "Next week, work a little harder on making your own bread" It's, "You love our family well—you are a woman of valor! Eshet chayil!

Sure, we may miss the mark sometimes. But there are a million things we have done and are doing that make us, that make you, worthy of the title, "woman of valor." For the clean dishes, homework help, warm hugs, listening ears—for the courage to get up each day, every day, and do it all again, Eshet chayil! You are a woman of valor.

This Mother's Day, instead of feeling inadequate or guilty for what you think you ought to be, but can't muster the strength to actually be, be encouraged. You are doing a great job. You are worth celebrating. And if no one else notices, your Heavenly Father does. He looks at you and says, "Eshet chayil!" Nice work, mamas.

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