



Individuality is discovering who you're meant to be so you can make a difference.

DAY 1

Read Psalm 139:14

This month is all about individuality which is discovering who you're meant to be so you can make a difference! There are so many unique things about you and part of growing up is discovering what those things are. But while you're learning about you, here's something huge you need to understand. God knit together each part of you exactly the way He wanted you to be. You are wonderfully made. There is no one else in all of creation, past, present or future, exactly like you.



Mirror Reminder

1. When you look in the mirror, what's the first thing you notice?
2. Find a dry erase or regular marker and write "Made in God's Image" on the mirror.
3. Every time you brush your teeth, fix your hair, or wash your hands, stop and thank God for the totally uniquely awesome way He's made you!

DAY 2

Read Luke 12:7

Who knows more about you, you or God?

Do you know how many hairs are on your head? Grab a chunk of hair and start counting. Sorry, short haired readers, this might be a lot more difficult for you.

Could you do it? While counting some of the hairs on your head is possible, counting every single one is most definitely not.

What's impossible for you is possible for God. God knew how many hairs were on your head when you started counting and He knows how many fell out as you tried to complete this crazy task.

God knows you. He loves you. He made you in His image. That means that out of all the beautiful, exotic, crazy cool, and amazing things God made, you are most like Him. You are a one of kind, uniquely created, valuable gift from God to the world.



DAY 3

Read Genesis 1:27

God created people in His own image.

That means that you were made by God to reflect or show His goodness to others. Seems a little crazy, right? Think about all the wonderful things you know about God. He is loving, kind, faithful, true, trustworthy, righteous, strong, and good. You were made to reflect those same qualities with the people around you. God chooses to use people, made in His image, to share His love with others.

The next time you're together with your family, read this verse aloud. Then discuss the following questions:

- ➔ What is an image?
- ➔ Why do you think God made us in His own image? How does this make us different from animals, or plants or other parts of creation?
- ➔ How are we – people that God made – image bearers of God to the world around us?

DAY 4

Read Psalm 139:16

Have you ever broken a bone and had an x-ray that allowed you to see the break inside your arm or leg? Pretty cool, right?

Guess what? God doesn't need an x-ray machine. He's the one who formed you in the first place. And while you were still growing, even before you made your entrance into the world, God knew you. He already had a plan for you. God lovingly made you in His image so that you can share His love with everyone.

Ask your Mom or Dad to show you some of your baby pictures. As you look back at all that cuteness, stop and thank God for the awesome way He made you! Ask Him to help you trust Him each day, knowing that the way He made you is wonderful!

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Read Matthew 9:9

This week, we talked about a guy from the Bible named Matthew. One day, Jesus stopped at Matthew's tax collector booth and said, 'Follow me.'

Matthew didn't wait! He didn't ask a million questions before saying, "Yes." Right then, Matthew chose to follow Jesus.

Matthew was disliked because he was a thief, taking more taxes than he should and keeping the extra for himself. People back then didn't see Matthew the way Jesus did. Matthew went on to do amazing things, even writing one of the most famous books of the Bible!

Guess what? Jesus sees the potential in you.

Knowing Jesus changes how you see yourself. He saw something in Matthew that no one else could see! And just like he did with Matthew, Jesus can use you to do important things.

DAY 2

Read 1 John 3:16

Jesus did something no one else could do. He gave His life so that we could have a relationship with God forever. This is how we know what real love is. Jesus gave His all for you and for me to prove just how much He loves us.

And guess what? When God made you, He gave you the potential to show His love to others too. But in order to show this kind of love to others, we have to accept Jesus' love for us first.

Grab a piece of paper and draw a large heart on the page. Write out the words of today's verse in the center of your heart and cut it out. On the back, write out a prayer to God. Ask Him to help you understand His love for you so that you can love others.

DAY 3

Read Ephesians 5:1-2

Have you ever tried to build something without instructions? It's much easier to see an example or have step by step instructions, isn't it?

Guess what? When it comes to showing love to others, we have an awesome example to follow! **God made you and loves you.** He sent Jesus to give His life for you so that you could be forgiven. And when you begin to discover the unique way God made you, you can make a big difference in the world around you.

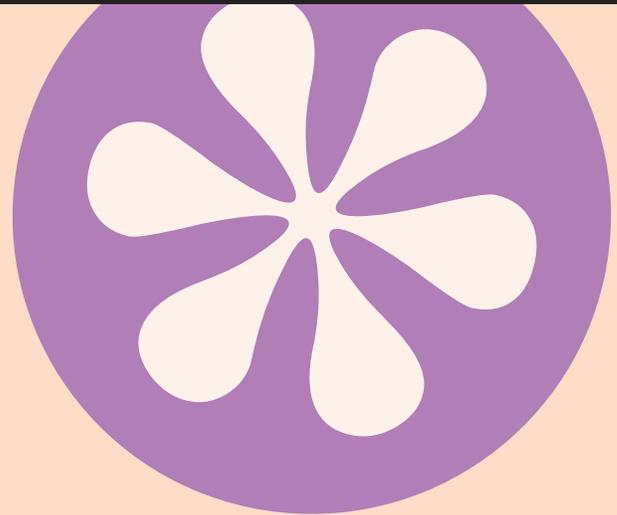
Grab your Bible and draw a box around the words "Follow His example" from today's verse. Remember these words this week. When you're tempted to say or do something unkind, repeat these three words and ask God to help you follow Jesus' example.

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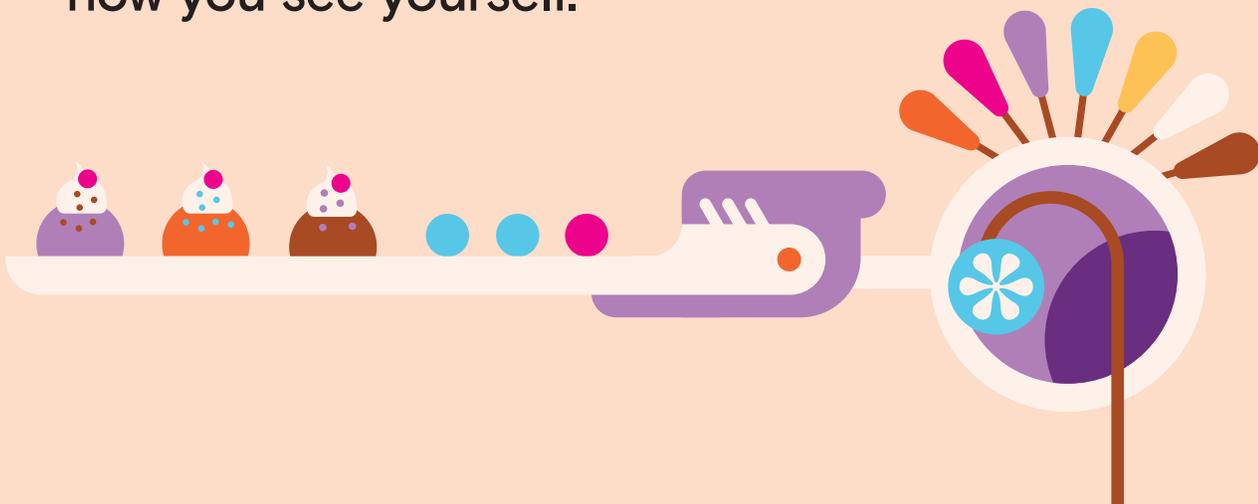
Read 1 Samuel 16:7

What are some things that make you smile? Puppies? Popsicles? Cool lizards in your backyard? Grab a piece of paper and draw or make a list of the things that bring you joy.

Do you realize that if Jesus had a list of things that make Him smile, your name would be on it? **You are deeply loved and valued because God made you.** Knowing Jesus changes the way you see yourself because you are one amazing creation.



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Read Ephesians 2:10

When God made you, He didn't use a mold or create you on some assembly line so that you looked or acted like someone else. You are a completely unique, one of a kind creation. And all that individuality also means that your gifts and talents are different from the people around you. You have been uniquely made to bring a specific set of gifts to the world.

As a kid, you're just beginning to figure out what those gifts and abilities are and that's OKAY! As you grow, you'll discover more and more what you really love to do. But no matter what those gifts are - whether you can dance or sing or draw or write or run super fast or think of new ideas - all of those different gifts were given to different people for one purpose. God made you to do good works. He wants you to use the gifts and abilities He's given you to help others.

Right now, part of figuring out what you're good at is trying new things. What is one thing you're interested in that you would like to try? Write it down and then share it with your Mom or Dad.

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DAY 2

Read Philipians 2:3

When it comes to helping, God doesn't want us to decide who is or isn't worth our time or energy. Because everyone is important to God, we should do all we can to help others when we see a need.

Use the code below to fill in the blanks:

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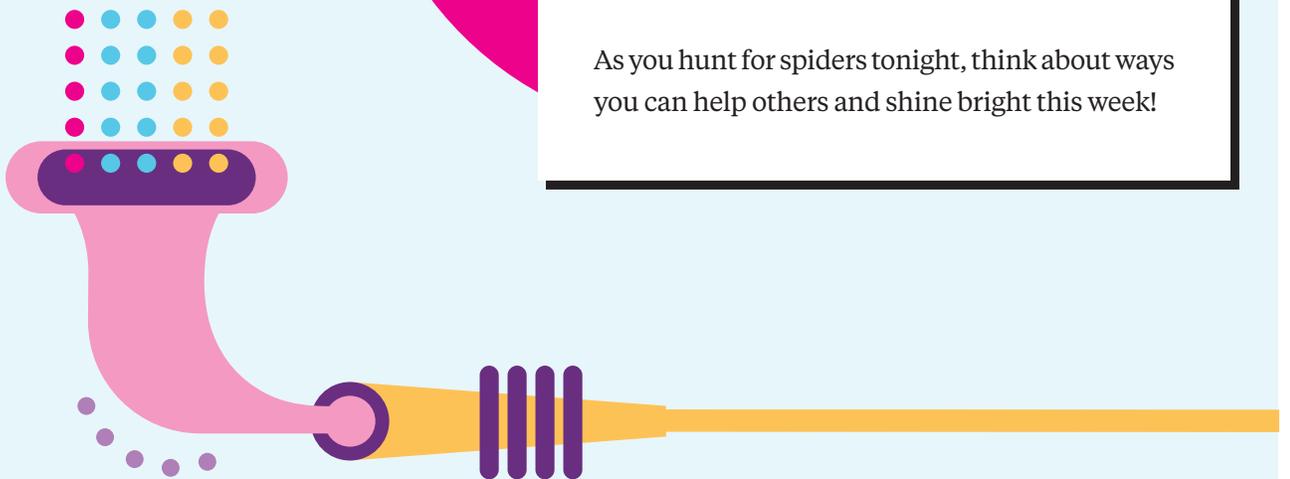
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Read Colossians 3:23

God made you to make a difference. Sometimes, that difference looks like putting away your stuff or cleaning up the dishes. When it comes to helping, no job is too big or too small. **Every single time you choose to help, you use the unique and individual way God made you to make a difference.** And God is so proud of you when you choose to help.

Make a list of your weekly chores. Write today's verse at the bottom of the list. Each time you complete a task, read the verse and tell God "thank you" for the wonderful way He's made you to help.

Use your gifts
to help others.



DAY 4

Read Matthew 5:14-16

Have you ever hunted for spiders at night?

With an adult's permission, grab a flashlight after dark and head outside. Turn on the flashlight and hold it up to the side of your head, level with your eyes. Then look carefully at the grass or flower beds. You should begin to spot some tiny, bright pinpoints of light. Some of these might be drops of water on the grass but if you look closely, you may be surprised at how many spiders you spot!

Spiders sparkle because of a shiny layer behind their eyes called a tapetum. This makes things look much brighter. God's creativity is amazing, isn't it?

Did you know you have the ability to shine like a spider? No, that doesn't mean your eyes glow in the dark! **Every time you help, or listen, or encourage, or love others, it's like shining bright light to point others to God.** God is counting on you to use the uniquely individual and amazing way He's made you to help others.

As you hunt for spiders tonight, think about ways you can help others and shine bright this week!

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Read Hebrews 13:16

God made you wonderfully on purpose to help others know about and follow Jesus. He doesn't expect you to do this perfectly but He does want you to try. **When you choose to "do good" to others, you can make a difference right where you are, right now.**

Grab a piece of paper. Fold it in half, then in half again, then in half again and then in half one more time. Open the page to reveal sixteen boxes. Inside each box, write one way you could "do good" to make a difference this week. As you complete each one, draw a big check mark across that box. Can you complete your "do good" list by the end of the week?

DAY 2

Read 1 Peter 4:10

Do God has given you specific gifts – not gifts that are wrapped up with a bow – but gifts like talents and abilities. He gave you those gifts so that you would use them to make a difference. **The way God made you is so very special.** There are things that you can do that no one else can.

As a kid, you're just beginning to discover the unique and special qualities that make you, you! Maybe your friends and family have started to notice them too.

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**"Interview" someone who knows you well by asking these questions:**

1. What do you think I'm good at? What do I love to do?
2. How do you think I could use that gift or ability to make a difference?

## Read 1 Timothy 4:12

Today's verse is from a letter Paul wrote to Timothy. Though Timothy was a young man, Paul was impressed by his faith. Paul wrote these words to encourage Timothy to keep going, to keep telling people about Jesus.

Just like Timothy, you are just the right age to start helping others know about Jesus! In fact, you might even be better than some of the adults around you – especially when it comes to helping other kids your age follow Jesus! You are the best person to invite someone your age to church, to tell them your favorite story from the Bible or to notice when they need help (sometimes, even before an adult might notice). So don't worry about your age. Because God can use you to make a difference right now.

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1. What are some things you are too young to do?
  2. Does God think you are "too young" to do things for Him? Why or why not?

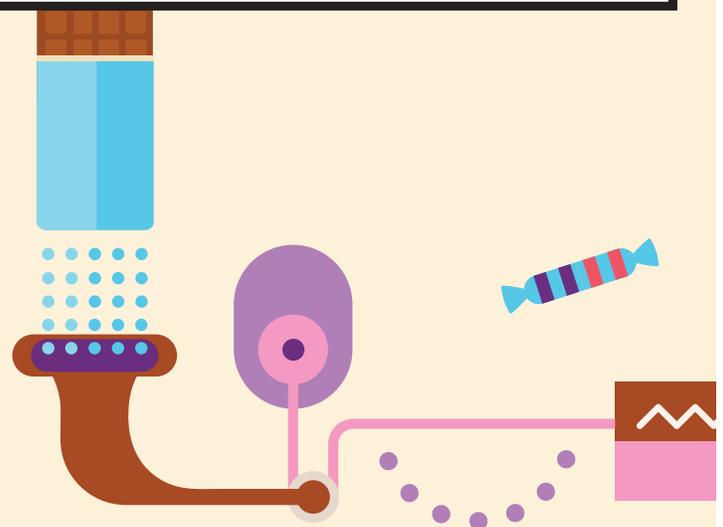
## Read Galatians 6:4

In your language arts class at school, have you ever been asked to read two different passages to find their similarities and their differences? This is usually called "compare and contrast."

Comparing stories is a great way to practice your reading. But comparison is not so great when it comes to people! **God wants you to learn to be content with the awesome way He made you.** If you spend all your time wishing you were like someone else, you might miss something awesome God has for you. Because God made you to make a difference right now.

Do you compare yourself to a sibling at home or a friend at school? Write that person's name on a piece of paper. Then pray and thank God for the unique and wonderful way He made them. On the opposite side of the paper, write your name. Pray and thank God for the awesome way He made you and ask Him to show you how to use your unique gifts and abilities to make a difference right now.

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### Read 1 Corinthians 12:15-17

When you were younger, did you ever play with a Mr. or Mrs. Potato Head? Did you ever stick the ear piece where the nose piece should go? You can come up with some pretty crazy looking potatoes for sure!

Your eyes and nose and ears and hands all have important and different jobs. Hands aren't less important than eyes. Noses aren't less important than ears. It would make zero sense for your feet to say, "Well, I can't do what the mouth does so I guess I should take a hike!" Just like your feet have a specific job or role to play, YOU have a specific role too. Your gifts along with the gifts of others can make the biggest difference!

Grab a potato and some toothpicks from the kitchen. On a piece of paper, draw some eyes, and a nose, two ears and a mouth and color them if you'd like. Tape each part to a toothpick then stick the toothpick into the potato to create your "potato person." Set your creation on the counter in your kitchen as a reminder to use your gifts together to make a greater difference.

## DAY 2

### Read 1 Corinthians 12:18-20

Take a look at your potato person from yesterday. Has anyone in your family asked you questions about your creation?

Just like you placed those ears and eyes and nose and mouth on your potato person, God knew exactly what He was doing when He made you! He has gifted you and placed you exactly where you're supposed to be. And the best response you can have to the wonderful, amazing way He's made you, is gratitude! You can be grateful for the unique ways He's gifted you and look for ways to use those gifts (along with others) to make the biggest impact!

Grab some yarn and add some crazy hair or draw a hat to add to your potato person's head. Use that brain of yours to think of ways you can show God how grateful you are for the awesome way He's made you to work with others. To say "thank you" to God, you could sing a worship song, write out a prayer, share with a friend something cool about God or just sit outside and stare at His wonderful creation.



DAY 3

### Read 1 Corinthians 12:21

Just as the eyes and hands are an important part of your body, you have a role to play when it comes to making a difference in the world around you. Think about it: God made you for a unique and specific purpose. That means that there are things you can do that NO ONE else can do.

Maybe you're thinking, "that sounds great and all, but I have no idea what that unique and specific purpose is?" Guess what? **You can start asking God, right now, to show you.** Just as your body needs your eyes and feet and hands and ears, all the people that love and follow Jesus around you need you. We can use our gifts together to make a bigger impact.

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Grab some paper and some toothpicks. Draw two hands and feet to add to your potato person. Ask God to show you how He's uniquely gifted you to make a difference so you can be part of helping others follow Jesus!

DAY 4

### Read 1 Corinthians 12:27

Have you ever grabbed a gallon of milk to pour onto your favorite cereal and smelled that sour, 'this milk has gone bad' smell? What if your mouth or your eyes decided to ignore your hard-working nose and poured that expired milk into the bowl anyway? Your nose, mouth, and eyes (and all the other parts of you) have to work together so you can safely enjoy that bowl of Fruity Pebble Boo Berry Sugar Smacks.

Just like your body has many parts with specific jobs to do, you have a role to play in helping others know about Jesus. The world needs your individual gifts and abilities. And when you work together with others who have different gifts, you can make an even bigger impact.

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Take your Potato Person to the dinner table for your next family meal. Let each person share one unique talent or ability God has given them. Then brainstorm ways you can combine those gifts to make an even bigger impact.

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Acts 16:13-15  
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Start off your kid's day with encouragement by telling them something great about them that you've noticed.



## Meal Time

At a meal this week, brainstorm with your kid three practical ways that you could show the people around you what God is like—whether it's by encouraging someone with a card or smile, helping make peace in a difficult situation, or something entirely different.



## Drive Time

While on the go, ask your kid: "Besides a cat or a dog, what is your dream pet? If you had one, what would you name it? Would you dress it up? Where would it sleep?"



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