

WEEK
ONE
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GETTING READY

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

SOCIAL: PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION (15 MINUTES)

Activities that encourage preschoolers to enter the classroom and begin engaging with peers and Small Group Leaders by providing age appropriate and hands on fun while introducing new concepts they will hear in the day's Bible story. Prepare to offer one or more of the following activities as Your 3-, 4-, or 5-year-olds arrive. Let one or two teachers lead activities in different areas of the room while another teacher greets parents and kids at the door.

FLOWER PUZZLES

Made to Play: An activity that encourages preschoolers to follow guidelines while having fun and learning new concepts

WHAT YOU NEED:

- "Flower Puzzles" Activity Pages
- Cardstock
- Scissors

WHAT YOU DO:

• Copy "Flower Puzzles" on cardstock and cut, one set per small group.

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

Create a safe place to connect through activities that are written to reach every learning style while reinforcing the Bottom Line that was introduced during the Bible Story and applying it to real life experiences. In addition, these activities provide preschoolers with an opportunity to build relationships with their Small Group Leader.

Offer as many of the following activities as your time, facilities, resources, and leadership allow. You may want to lead one activity at a time. Or, offer two activities at once and allow half the kids to participate in each. Then switch groups and repeat the activities.

PUPPET ME

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

Made to Create: An activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible story, Bottom Line, or memory verse by creating a craft

WHAT YOU NEED:

- "Puppet Me Label" Activity Page
- Avery® #5160 labels or equivalent

- Paper lunch bags—one per child
- · Googly eyes—two per child
- Yarn
- Washable markers
- Construction paper
- Safety scissors
- White glue
- Glue sticks
- Permanent marker

WHAT YOU DO:

- Copy "Puppet Me Label" on label paper, one per child.
- Write each child's name on their bag.

BIG AND SMALL CREATION MATCH

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

Made to Move: An activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn

WHAT YOU NEED:

- "Big Creation Match" Activity Pages
- "Small Creation Match" Activity Pages
- Cardstock
- Scissors
- Painter's tape

WHAT YOU DO:

- Copy "Big Creation Match" on cardstock, one set per small group.
- Copy "Small Creation Match" on cardstock and cut apart, one or two sets per small group (at least one card per child).
- Tape the pictures from "Big Creation Match" around the room.
- Put a tape loop on the back of each Small Creation Match" picture and lay them face down on the table.



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JOURNAL AND PRAYER [PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

Made to Reflect: An activity that encourages personal application and prayer

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Paperclip "Memory Verse Card" in your Bible at Psalm 139:14, NIV.
- Journal
- Fun-shaped pen

HOME: PROMPTING ACTION BEYOND THE EXPERIENCE

- Make copies on cardstock or email this week's Parent Cue card.
- Copy "Going Home" and hang on the door where Small Group Leaders can reference and remind parents of the Bottom Line and Memory Verse as parents pick up their children.
- Tell parents about our additional family resource, the **Parent Cue app.**

FIRST LOOK PINTEREST PAGE

Visit our Pinterest page to see craft samples and suggested supplies. https://bit.ly/FirstLookPinterest



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WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Flower Puzzles" on cardstock and cut, one set per small group.

BIBLE STORY **DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Children work together to complete the flowers. Repeat as many times as desired.

> AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Talk about how we'll hear God is an awesome artist and made the whole wide world and everything in it.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Hello, friends! I'm so glad to see you today. I have these flower pieces, and I need your help finding their match so we can complete the flower."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Ready to get started? (Pause.) There's a match! Keep working! (Pause.) Great job! You completed all the flower puzzles! This time let's match the pieces a little differently. (Have half the children stand up and hold one flower piece.) These friends will hold a piece of the flower, and the rest of you need to find a match. When you find the match, take it to that friend and stand with them with the pieces of the puzzle put together. Ready, go! (Pause.) Wow! You did a great job of finding the matches! Let's mix them up and swap places. (Repeat as many times as desired.) Awesome, job friends!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Today, we'll hear how creative God was when He created everything in the whole wide world!"

God made everything, and God made you.

> **GOD MADE YOU GENESIS 1**

MEMORY VERSE

"I am fearfully and wonderfully made."

PSALM 139:14, NIV

KEY QUESTION

Who made you wonderful?

BOTTOM LINE

God made me wonderful.

BASIC TRUTH

God made me.



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WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Puppet Me Label" on label paper, one per child. Write each child's name on their bag.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Have children make a face on the bottom flap of their bag. Add eyes, mouth, nose, and hair. If desired, have children make paper clothes. Add the label to their bag. Show children how to move inside the bag to make the puppet move.

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AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bible story.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Today, we heard the story of how God created everything. God was so creative! And out of all the things God made, YOU were His very best creation! Let's make a puppet of YOU."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "To make a paper bag puppet, this part (point to the bottom flap of the bag.) is where you add the eyes and nose and mouth. (Put your hand in the bag to show how the bag will work as a puppet.) Glue some paper. (Pause.) Good job. Now use the yarn to give your puppet some hair.

KEY QUESTION googly eyes on and make a nose and mouth with markers or from construction (Pause.) Perfect! Now add the label to your puppet. (Pause.) It says, 'God made me wonderful.' And He did."

> AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "God made the big open sky, the sun, the moon, and the stars. God made giant oceans and small ponds. God made mountains and trees and flowers. God made all the birds and fish and animals. And after God made everything else, God made the very best thing of all. People! Every person in the whole wide world was made by God. God made you wonderful. You are God's amazing work of art. God made this whole huge, amazing world full of fantastic things, and God made you! God is an awesome artist! God made everything, and God made you wonderful! Who made you wonderful? God made me wonderful."

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DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage children to pick a card then find its big match and stick it to the wall next to it. Repeat as many times as desired.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bible story.

WHAT YOU SAY:

There are pictures all around the room. They are pictures of different things God made. And each of these small pictures on the table matches a big picture on the wall."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "We're going to play a game. When I say, 'Go,' I want you to pick up a small picture card from the table and match it to a big picture. When you find the match, stick the small picture next to the big one. Ready, go! (Pause.) After you find the match and stick the small picture to the wall, come back to the table. (Repeat as many times as desired.)

"Let's walk to each picture. (*Pause.*) What do you see in this picture? (*Pause.*) God made [thing(s) in the picture], and God made you. Let's walk to the next picture. (*Pause.*) What do you see in this picture? (*Pause.*) God made [thing(s) in the picture], and God made you. Let's walk to the next picture. (*Repeat with each picture.*) That was fantastic friends. Have a seat on the floor, right where you are."

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "God made the whole wide world and the (name the things in the pictures), and the most special thing God made was people! You and me! God made everything, and God made you wonderful. Who made you wonderful? God made me wonderful."



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Today, we'll pretend we're animals. You can be any animal you want because God made ALL the animals! So think

about what animal you want to pretend to be, and follow me! (Pretend to be an animal as you lead the children to your small group spot.)

"Whoa, animals! We made it! Now you can be wonderful YOU so we can sit down and talk about today's Bible story. One, two, three, sit down with me! (Open the Bible and lay it in front of the children.)

"In our Bible story today, we learned that God made EVERYTHING. And that means God made YOU! But God didn't make you like He made everything else in the world. You are wonderfully made by God, in His image. Wow! That's super-special! So when I ask you, 'Who made you wonderful?', I want you to say, 'God made me wonderful!' Ready? Who made you wonderful?"

CHILDREN AND SGL: "God made me wonderful!"

sgl: "That's right! And the Bible verse we're going to learn will help us remember that we're wonderfully made by God. It says . . . (Turn the pages of your Bible to the Memory Verse Card.) 'I am fearfully and wonderfully made,' Psalm 139:14. (Close Bible and lay it down.)

"Let's stand up and say those words together with the motions. Just say what I say and do what I do."

CHILDREN AND SGL: "'I am (thumbs to chest) fearfully (right hand up high) and wonderfully (left hand up high) made,' (clap hands together) Psalm 139:14." (Open hands like a book.)

(Repeat the verse with motions a few times.)

SGL: "That's was . . . WONDERFUL! (*Clap.*)

"Now, let's sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (Hold journal and fun-shaped pen.)

"Today, we'll make a list of things God made. It can be anything because God







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(JOURNAL AND PRAYER, CONTINUED)

made everything! Listen for your name, and when I say it, I want you to tell me one thing God made. Ready? God made [child's name]. Tell me something God made, [child's name].

(Repeat with each child, writing down what they say beside their name. Remember to print so the children can recognize their names and the letters.)

"This is a wonderful list because it has all of YOUR names on it! Would anyone like to pray before I pray?"

(Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.)

PRAYER

SGL: "Dear God, thank You for making this amazing world for us to live in. Thank You for all of the flowers and foods and animals for us to enjoy. But most of all, thank You for making us in Your image. Thank You that [child's name] is wonderfully made by You. (Repeat with each child.) You are amazing, God, and we love You. In Jesus' name, amen."