



WEEK
ONE

FEBRUARY 2025

SMALL GROUP

2-3

TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

They Say It's Wonderful

Fearfully and Wonderfully Made
Psalm 139:1-14
(supporting: Genesis 1:26-28,
Ephesians 2:10)

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

God made you, knows you,
and loves you.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

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Psalm 139:14, NIV

MONTHLY VIRTUE

Uniqueness—Learning more
about yourself so you can
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BASIC TRUTH

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PRELUDE: Setting the Tone for the Experience

See the **Getting Ready** pages at the end of this document for a detailed description of what you'll need for today.

In the **Prelude** folder of your curriculum, you'll find a variety of other resources to help you prepare.

Check out our Pinterest page here <https://bit.ly/447HSzi> for a visual on some of the activities.

Check out our Small Group Leader Conversation Guides to guide you through salvation conversations: <https://bit.ly/4daxSUG>

SMALL GROUP

15
MIN

SOCIAL: Providing Time for Fun Interaction

Early Arriver
Opening Activity

LARGE GROUP

35
MIN

STORY: Communicating God's Truth in Engaging Ways

WORSHIP: Inviting People to Respond to God

Welcome/Opener
Worship
Bible Story
Bottom Line
What's Our Part in the Story?
Prayer

SMALL GROUP

25
MIN

GROUPS: Creating a Safe Place to Connect

Bible Story Review: Step into It!
Application Activity: Picture of God
Memory Verse Activity: Mirror, Mirror Memory Verse
Prayer Activity: Pray and Dismiss

HOME: Prompting Action Beyond the Experience

Parent Cue Card (Print or Email)
Devotionals for Kids
Parent Cue App



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MADE TO CONNECT

an activity that invites kids to share with others and build on their understanding



2. OPENING ACTIVITY

WHAT YOU NEED: "Heads or Tails" Activity Page, and money coins (or play coins)

WHAT YOU DO:

- Instruct the kids to get into pairs.
 - If needed, assign pairs by having kids count off "1, 2, 1, 2,"

and so on.

- Give each pair a "Heads or Tails" Activity Page.
- Share with kids that "List 1" contains "Favorites" and "List 2" contains "Would You Rather" questions.
- Give each pair of kids a coin (or play coin).
- Explain the game:
 - Direct one kid in each pair to flip the coin.
 - If the coin lands on heads, encourage the kid who flipped the coin to ask the other kid a question from "List 1" on the "Heads or Tails" Activity Page.
 - If the coin lands on tails, encourage the kid who flipped the coin to ask the other kid a question from "List 2" on the "Heads or Tails" Activity Page.
- After each question, instruct the kids to continue taking turns flipping the coin and asking a question.
- Invite the kids to go through several rounds.
- After several rounds, collect the coins and gather your group together.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"That was such a fun way to get to know each other better! Did anyone find something in common with the friend they paired up with? (*Invite responses.*) What about something that was different? (*Invite responses.*) Both things that make us similar and the things that make us unique are amazing! **[Transition]** Now, let's go dive into a story from the Bible that helps us learn more about who we are, who God is, and who God created us to be. Let's go!"

Lead your group to the Large Group area.



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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



* 1. STEP INTO IT!

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Image of God" Activity Page, and floor tape (or masking tape)

WHAT YOU DO:

- Mark two lines on the floor with floor tape (or masking tape) about ten feet apart.
- Direct kids to line up side-by-side behind one of the lines and link arms.
- Stand on the opposing tape line, holding the "Image of God" Activity Page.
- Remind kids what you discovered today in the Bible Story—that people are made in the image of God to reflect who God is.
- One at a time, read a scenario from the "Image of God" Activity Page to the group.
- After each scenario, encourage the group to think about whether the statement reflects the image of God or not.
 - If the kids believe the action shows the image of God, instruct them to take a step forward.
 - If kids believe the action does not show the image of God, instruct them to take one step back.
- Continue reading each scenario from the "Image of God" Activity Page.
- As you reach the end of the list, if the group is not close to you on the other line, encourage them to start taking BIG steps forward!
- The goal is to make it past the other line.
- Once you've read all of the scenarios, invite the kids to gather together for discussion.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"Great job, friends! The more we learn about God's character and try to live like God would, the more we also learn about ourselves—because we are all made in God's image!

"Now this doesn't mean we ARE God, but when we understand more about God's character, we can better reflect God's character to others. It's not about being perfect. In fact, God knew we would make mistakes and that's why God sent Jesus—so that we could have a relationship with God that will last forever! God's love is a gift.

"We all want to make a difference, and when we remember that we were created by God—who loves us and knows us—we can be sure that God will guide us to make a difference too!

"I'm so glad that God made us so differently. Remember that **God made you, knows you, and loves you.**"



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(* 1. STEP INTO IT!, CONTINUED)

[Make It Personal] (Talk about a time when you have made a decision, had a conversation, or acted in a way that showed the image of God—maybe even when it was difficult to do so! Perhaps you talked with a sibling or a friend about something instead of arguing, or you used a unique gift or talent to bring goodness into the world. Make it personal, real, and kid-friendly!)



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Discover Who You're
Meant to Be

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MADE TO CREATE

an activity that explores spiritual ideas through the process of drawing, building, and designing



2. PICTURE OF GOD

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Paper, and coloring supplies

WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each kid a piece of paper.
- Set out the coloring supplies.
- Encourage the kids to write their names on their paper.
- Share with kids that God didn't make them to be like anyone else and that God loves you for being you!
- Invite kids to think about what makes them unique.
- Ask:
 - What makes you unique?
 - What are some things you like about yourself? (For example: Are you kind? Caring? Helpful?)
- Instruct kids to write or draw images of the things that make them unique.
- Invite the kids to share with the group if they'd like.

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"You all are so unique! Thank you for sharing about what makes you, you!"

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"It's amazing to think that you were made in God's image! How we treat people, how we think of ourselves, and so much more come from that truth. God sees good things in you, friends, even when you make mistakes or feel like you're not good enough. Sometimes, we make choices we aren't proud of, but God loves us no matter what! That's why God sent Jesus—to pay for our sins or the wrong things we do so that we can have a relationship with God.

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"What's really cool is that you're already like God in some ways because you are made in God's image. Think about some of the things you wrote down. Whether you're really good at drawing, enjoy helping others, or playing an instrument—sure, we sometimes mess up or act selfishly— that doesn't change how much God loves us!

MONTHLY VIRTUE

Uniqueness—Learning more about yourself so you can make a difference

"God knows everything about you—your thoughts, your feelings, your choices—and still loves you more than you can imagine. This week, take one of the words that reminded you of God and think about how you can live it out. Remember that **God made you, knows you, and loves you.** And because of that, you can make a difference just by being YOU!"

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3. MIRROR, MIRROR MEMORY VERSE [HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Bibles

WHAT YOU DO:

- Make sure every kid has a Bible.
- Encourage kids to partner together or share Bibles if needed.
- Together, look up Psalm 139:14 using the Bible Navigation Tips below:

***Finding verses with 2nd and 3rd graders:** Guide them to open their Bibles to the front and find the table of contents. (Hold up a Bible opened to the table of contents to show the kids what the page looks like.) When the kids find the table of contents, lead them to find Psalms in the list under "Old Testament." When the kids find Psalms, lead them to look at the page number beside the word. Explain that the number tells them on what page they can find Psalms. Help the kids find the page. When they find Psalms, explain that the big numbers on the page are the chapter numbers. Help them find chapter 139. Explain that the small numbers are verse numbers. Help them find verse 14 in chapter 139.*

- Repeat the verse a few times together.
- Once kids have become familiar with the verse, challenge the kids to help you make motions for it.
- Go through the verse and practice the motions you came up with together.
- Invite any kids who want to stand in front of the group and do the motions.
- Encourage the rest of the group to "mirror" their movements.
- Repeat the verse and motions several times inviting someone new to lead each time.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Great job coming up with motions, friends! This verse reminds us that God made us, knows us, and loves us. You don't have to earn God's love—it's a gift!

"God made each of you unique for a special reason. Embracing that uniqueness helps you to make a difference. This week, start thinking about what makes you unique—and if you're not sure where to start, you can ask someone who knows you well (*like a parent, grandparent, family member, teacher, coach, or Small Group Leader!*). You are your own unique person and have your own unique story. God made you special in your own way, for a purpose! Remember, **God made you, knows you, and loves you.**"

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