



WEEK  
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AUGUST 2024

LARGE GROUP  
**3-5** YEAR  
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## TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

### BIBLE STORY

God made me.

#### GOD MADE ME

GENESIS 1:27; PSALM 139:13-14

### MEMORY VERSE

"How you made me is amazing and wonderful."

PSALM 139:14, NIRV

### KEY QUESTION

Who made you wonderful?

### BOTTOM LINE

God made me wonderful.

### BASIC TRUTH

God made me.

### 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.

### SMALL GROUP

15  
MIN

#### SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction

Offer one or more of these activities as preschoolers arrive.

Balance

Wonderfully Put Together

God Made Us WONDERFUL

### LARGE GROUP

20  
MIN

#### WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

#### STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

"Made Us Wonderful" and "Just the Way I Am"

Bible Story

Prayer

### SMALL GROUP

25  
MIN

#### GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Offer as many of these activities as your time, facilities, resources, and leadership allow.

Memory Verse with Motions

Wonderful

Point to the Clue

Build a Face

Wonderful Pancakes

Journal and Prayer

### HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

Going Home

Memory Verse Card

Parent Cue Card (*print or email*)

Parent Cue App



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## LARGE GROUP

ENGAGE CHILDREN'S HEARTS THROUGH A DYNAMIC AND INTERACTIVE WORSHIP, BIBLE STORY, AND PRAYER EXPERIENCE IN A LARGE GROUP SETTING.

## WORSHIP

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Memory Verse Card" Activity Page; cardstock; scissors; Bible; instruments or music player; this month's worship song, "Made Us Wonderful," included in your monthly files; and "Just the Way I Am," available on Store.ThinkOrange.com; *Optional: Dance Moves Videos for "Made Us Wonderful," available in the Media Package if you subscribe or from Store.ThinkOrange.com, and "Just the Way I Am," available from Store.ThinkOrange.com*

*Note: You can find examples of hand motions in the "Memory Verse Hand Motions" PDF and video, included in the Prelude folder and on Pinterest.*

*Worship Leader enters.*

**WORSHIP LEADER:** "Friends, I'm SO excited to see you today! My name is [your name]. Do you know what time it is? It's time for worship! It's our chance to sing and dance to show God how much we love God. God deserves all our worship and praise because God made us wonderful! God made you wonderful and **God made me wonderful!**"

"When I ask, '**Who made you wonderful?**' I want you to say, '**God made me wonderful!** **Who made you wonderful?**'"

**CHILDREN AND WORSHIP LEADER: "God made me wonderful!"**

**WORSHIP LEADER:** "That's right! Stand up on your feet and let's sing about that."

*Lead children in singing "Made Us Wonderful," this month's worship song.*

"The Bible teaches us that: 'How you (*point up*) made me (*point to self*) is amazing and wonderful,' (*push hands up twice*) Psalm 139:14. (*Open hands like a book.*)

"Let's learn our Memory Verse together. Are you ready? Watch me say it and do the motions, and then you can do it with me!

*Lead children to say the Memory Verse with the motions.*

"Great job, friends! God made me just the way that I am and the way that I am is WONDERFUL! Let's sing this together.



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*Lead children in singing "Just the Way I Am."*

## BIBLE STORY

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"Thanks for worshipping with me today! **[Transition]** And now it's time to turn around, sit down, and shake the wiggles out (*wiggle hands*), so we can hear (*cup hands behind ears*) what the story's all about!"

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## INTRO SKETCH

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Table, chef's hat and apron for Host to wear, container of blueberries, container of strawberries, bag of chocolate chips, and a shopping bag to hold all food items

*Preset a table in the storytelling area.*

*Host enters as Worship Leader exits. Host is dressed as a chef, carrying the shopping bag*

**HOST:** "Hi, friends! Welcome to [your environment's name or story time] Cooking Show! My name is [your name]."

*Set the bag on the table.*

"Today, we are making pancakes with character!"

*Give a dramatic chef's kiss.*

"I have all the ingredients we need to create all kinds of fun faces on pancakes. Are you ready to make some fun faces on the pancakes?"

*Pull each item from the bag and set them on the table.*

"I have blueberries, strawberries, and chocolate chips. Let's think about how we could use these things to make some pancake faces!"

*Hold up the blueberries.*

"How could we use these blueberries? Oh, I know! We can use these to make blueberry eyes! What about these?"

*Hold up the strawberries.*

"I know! I could use a strawberry slice for a nose."

*Hold up the bag of chocolate chips.*

"Ooo, if I have eyes and a nose, I need a mouth! We can use chocolate chips for the mouth."

*Hold up each item as you name them and place them back in the bag.*

"How about making strawberry eyes . . . a chocolate chip nose . . . and blueberries for the mouth! There are so many different ways we can make faces on our pancakes, and they are all so yummy! See you later, friends!"

*Storyteller enters as Host exits with the reusable shopping bag.*

## STORY

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Bible; *Optional: Story Images and cardstock*

*Storyteller enters as Host exits. Storyteller carries a Bible.*



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**STORYTELLER:** "Hello, friends! I'm [your name], and I have an awesome true story to share with you from the Bible.

*Open the Bible for children to see, then set it down.*

"Today's true story from the Bible begins with . . . YOU! God made you inside and out. That's what today's story is all about.

*Put your hands on your head.*

"Do you know what this is? *(Pause for responses.)* That's right! God made your head.

*(Option: Display Story Image W1 01)*

"Can you tap the top of your head?

*Tap your head.*

"God made your head wonderful! Let's use the hands or mouths God made to say: '**God made me wonderful.**'"

*Lead children to make the ASL sign for "wonderful:" push hands up twice.*

**CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "God made me wonderful."**

**STORYTELLER:** "Let's talk about something else God made. Can you tell me what this is?

*(Option: Display Story Image W1 02)*

*Pat your tummy.*

"That's right! This is your tummy. This is where your food goes. Can you rub your tummy like this?

*Rub your tummy as children do the same.*

"Great job! God made your tummy, and God made it wonderful. Let's use the hands or mouths God made to say: '**God made me wonderful.**'"

*Lead children to make the ASL sign for "wonderful:" push hands up twice.*

**CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "God made me wonderful."**

**STORYTELLER:** "God made other parts of our body. Tell me, what are these?

*(Option: Display Story Image W1 03)*

*Stomp your feet.*

"God made our feet! God gave us feet with wiggly toes. Can you wiggle your toes? *(Pause.)*



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*Wiggle your toes/feet.*

"Let's use the hands or mouths God made to say: '**God made me wonderful.**'"

*Lead children to make the ASL sign for "wonderful:" push hands up twice.*

**CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "God made me wonderful."**

*Hold up or point to each part of your body as you name them.*

**STORYTELLER:** "God made every part of you. Your hands, your feet, your mouth . . . and your eyes!"

*(Option: Display Story Image W1 04)*

"God made some eyes brown, some eyes blue, and some eyes green. Some people even have one brown eye and one blue eye! God made all of our eyes, and that's wonderful!"

"Can you tap your nose? (*Tap nose.*) We all have different noses, and God made us all wonderful!"

*(Option: Display Story Image W1 05)*

"Can you point to your hair? (*Point to your hair.*) Some people have straight hair. Some people have curly hair. Some people don't have hair at all! We all have different kinds of hair, and God made us all wonderful!"

"Oh, I know! Let's use the hands and mouths God gave us to say, 'Thank You, God.'"

*Lead children to make the ASL sign for 'Thank you.'*

**CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER:** "Thank You, God!"

**STORYTELLER:** "Thank You, God, for making us wonderful! Tell me: **Who made you wonderful?**"

**CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "God made me wonderful!"**

**STORYTELLER:** "Yes, **God made me wonderful.** Great job, friends. **[Transition]** Our story time is over (*pick up and close Bible*), but we're not through. Let's talk to God because God loves you!"

## PRAYER

**STORYTELLER:** "God, thank You for the wonderful way You made each and every one of us. From our hair to our tummies, to our wiggly toes—thank You for each part of us. We know every part is wonderful because every part was made by You. Thank You, God! We love You. In Jesus' name, we pray, amen."

"I'll see you next time. Bye!"

*Host enters as Storyteller exits, carrying Bible.*



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## OUTRO SKETCH

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Chef's hat and apron (from Intro)

*Host enters as Storyteller exits. Host is still dressed as a chef.*

**HOST:** "Wow! God made all of us different, just like all our different pancake faces . . . and that is WONDERFUL! I am wonderfully different and so are you!"

"I think I (*point to self*) got the story. Did you (*point to children*) get it? If you did, say, 'Got it!' Get it?" (*Cup one hand behind ear.*)

**CHILDREN AND HOST:** "Got it!"

**HOST:** (*Give two thumbs-up.*) "Good! Now, I think I'm going to keep trying different ways I can make faces with my ingredients. I can't wait to try all of them!"

**[Transition]** "And now it's time for more Bible fun. There's more to learn. Come on, everyone!"

*Host dismisses small groups and exits.*



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PRELUDE SOCIAL WORSHIP STORY GROUPS HOME

## GETTING READY

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

Gather children for a Large Group time that includes interactive Worship, the Intro Sketch, and the Bible Story. The Stage Script is written for those who gather their preschoolers together from multiple rooms and have a larger space on which to present the Bible Story. If you are pulling your children to a rug on one side of your preschool space, you may benefit from using the Rug Script.

### WORSHIP: INVITING PEOPLE TO RESPOND TO GOD (10 MINUTES)

A Worship Leader and live instruments are recommended to sing along with the music tracks. Encourage children to be active during worship by incorporating the appropriate hand motions.

### STORY: COMMUNICATING GOD'S TRUTH IN ENGAGING WAYS (10 MINUTES)

Choose an adult or teenager who relates well to preschoolers to tell the Intro Sketch. If possible, use the same person for an entire month, as the Host role stays the same each month.

Choose an engaging adult to tell the Bible Story. This person should be able to command the attention of preschoolers and control the group through animated storytelling. These scripts are written to be "told" and not "read." Advance preparation is necessary.

### 1. WORSHIP

#### WHAT YOU NEED:

- Leader(s)
- Instruments or music player
- "Memory Verse Card" Activity Page
- Cardstock
- Scissors
- Bible

#### MUSIC AND SOUND EFFECTS:

- This month's worship song, "Made Us Wonderful," included in your monthly files
- "Just the Way I Am," available on the Never Better album on Store.ThinkOrange.com

#### OPTIONAL VIDEOS (AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE):

- Dance Moves Music Video for "Made Us Wonderful," available in the Media Package if you subscribe or from Store.ThinkOrange.com
- Dance Moves Music Video for "Just the Way I Am," available from Store.ThinkOrange.com

#### WHAT YOU DO:

- Copy "Memory Verse Card" on cardstock and cut.
- Place "Memory Verse Card" in Bible at Psalm 139:14.
- Download all songs available and have them ready to use.

### 2. INTRO/OUTRO SKETCH

#### WHAT YOU NEED:

- Table
- Chef's hat and apron for the Host to wear
- Container of blueberries
- Container of strawberries
- Bag of chocolate chips
- Shopping bag

#### WHAT YOU DO:

- Preset the table in your storytelling area.
- Place all food items in the reusable bag for Host to carry in.

### 3. BIBLE STORY

#### WHAT YOU NEED:

- Bible
- Optional: Story Images and cardstock

#### LARGE GROUP VISUALS:

- Story Image W1 01
- Story Image W1 02
- Story Image W1 03
- Story Image W1 04
- Story Image W1 05

#### WHAT YOU DO:

- Option: Copy Story Images on cardstock or download to display on a device or screen.





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### SUPPLEMENTAL RESOURCES

**WONDER! LOOK AT GOD'S STORY:** First Look offers weekly videos to engage preschoolers with the Bible Story. Join our Bible storytellers, Clubhouse friends, and, of course, Ollie the Owl to discover the wonder in God's story. Available in the First Look Media Package or can also be purchased monthly at [Store.ThinkOrange.com](http://Store.ThinkOrange.com).

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