

CITY SG – August 5-7, 2023

Today's Bible Story: Unwritten (Creation) • *Genesis 1–2:3*

Today's Bottom Line: God created you so you can be creative.

Monthly Memory Verse: For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. *Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)*

1. You're Like Wow!

What You Need: "All About Me" Activity Page (1 per child) and markers

What You Do:

- Hand each kid an "All About Me" Activity Page to fill out.
- **Make sure your prereaders understand what to draw in each section.**
- As kids work, ask questions about their week.
 - Who has a funny story to share from this week?
 - What is the BEST thing you ate this week?
 - What made you smile this week?
 - What made you frown this week?
- As kids finish, allow each one to share at least one drawing from their page with the group.
- Say, "God created you, and YOU are amazing!"
- Ask the review questions below:

Review questions:

1. In the beginning, there was nothing but God. Out of nothing, God started creating with an amazing plan for our world in mind. In one word, how would you describe God as a creator? *(Answers will vary.)*
2. What word would you have said if you saw God paint the skies with light? *(Answers will vary.)*
3. Think of your favorite thing that God created and tell us one word to describe it. *(Answers will vary.)*
4. While creating, God consistently looked at creation and saw over and over that one word described it. What was that one word? *(Good!)*
5. People were made in God's image. That means that you can show the world who God is! What is one word to describe how people can reflect God? *(Answers will vary.)*

2. Memory Verse Review

What You Need: Memory Verse on Cardstock – KEEP ALL MONTH

***We are teaching the NIV version of the verse this month, and the Bibles in the carts are NIV. If you are going to have kids use the Bible, the verse will read differently.**

What You Do:

- Remind the kids of this month's memory verse and say it together a few times, "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." *(NIV)*
- Encourage kids to tell you action words like jogging, skipping, hopping, marching, etc.
- Make a note of a few of the words they said.

- Tell kids to stand up. You call out one of the prompts they said below, adding the “action” to the blank.
- Lead the kids to say the verse in that way.
- Prompts: Say the verse . . .
 - quickly while [action word].
 - as you shout while [action word].
 - in a whisper while [action word].
 - in an opera voice while [action word].
 - in slow motion as you [action word].

3. Creativity Go Fish

What You Need: “Cards of Creativity” (1 set per bin)

What You Do:

- Say, “Just as we were created by God, we have the ability to create, too! And it’s not just about art or building something or playing an instrument. We can be creative when we help someone, when we solve a problem, and even when we help others get along. We’re going to play a game to help us think of ways to be creative.”
- If you have more than eight kids in your group, divide into two groups.
- Shuffle the “Cards of Creativity” and pass out four to each kid.
- Place the remaining cards face down in the stack in the center of the group(s).
- Play just as you would play “Go Fish,” the goal being to find two of the same cards.
- When it’s a player’s turn, they may ask a specific friend for a card they need, i.e., “Do you have any paintbrushes?”
- If the kid they ask has the card requested, they must give it to their friend.
- **When they make a match, they lay the pair of cards face up on the floor in front of them and come up with one way they could use that “tool” to do something creative.**
 - Cards include: a paintbrush, a music note, a ball of clay, a pair of cleats, baking items, a piece of wood, a few building bricks, a pencil, a peace sign (solving a conflict creatively), and a question mark (to represent solving a problem or thinking about something in a different way).
- Since there are four of each card, more than one kid will make a match with the same “tool.”
 - When this happens, encourage them to think of a new way to be creative with that item.
- Play until all matches have been made and all tools have been discussed.

4. Pray

- “Wow, God! We can’t praise You enough for Your awesome creation. I can’t believe we were a part of what You dreamed up for this world. There are moments when we don’t feel very creative. There are times when we don’t feel like we were made special in Your image. Please help us see who we are as Your creation. Help us use the gifts You’ve given us and remember that **God created you so you can be creative.**”

EXTRA TIME COLORING SHEETS