

CITY SG – August 26-28, 2023

Today's Bible Story: Pure Imagination (The Tabernacle) • *Exodus 25:8-9; 28:1, 3; 31:1-11, 35:21, 25, 34; 39:42-43*

Today's Bottom Line: Use your imagination to honor God.

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. Red Light/Green Light Story Review

What You Need: carpet tape, "Review Questions" Activity Page (2 per bin),

What You Do:

- Have the kids line up shoulder to shoulder on one side of your area and place a tape line on the other side.
- Play a game of red light/green light. When you say "green light," kids will run until you say "red light." They should stop in place.
- If anyone is still running after you say, Red Light, they should start over at the beginning.
- Each time you stop them by saying "red light", ask a review question from the "Review Questions" activity page in the bin.
- Play until someone crosses the line.
- Go back and play more rounds until all of the questions are answered or until time allows.
- You can have the kids get to the other side in different ways each round: crawling, hopping, walking backwards, etc.
- When you are done with the game, ask:
 - "What are some different ways we can use our imagination and our gifts to love God or love others better?"

2. Love God, Serve Others

What You Need: "People to Serve Cards" (2 sets per bin printed on cardstock)

What You Do:

- Gather the kids together to sit in a circle.
- Shuffle the "People to Serve Cards" and place in a stack, face down in the center of the circle.
- Introduce the idea that we can honor God and show how much we love Him by serving the people around us.
- Let the kids take turns selecting a card, reading it aloud (you may need to help pre-readers with this), then naming one way they could help or serve that person this week.
- Continue until each kid has a chance to share.
- Say, "When you choose to help others, you're actually honoring God! When we LOVE others and serve and help, we're showing God we love Him, too!"
- Collect all of the cards and return to the bin

3. Memory Verse Motions

**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 Need: Nothing

What You Do:

- Remind the kids of our memory verse this month, *“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)*
- Say it a few times together.
- As a group, make up motions to the 3 parts of the verse. *(You can divide the kids into 3 groups, and have each group create motions to one of the 3 parts of the verse. OR come up with the motions as one big group.)*
- Practice saying the verse using the motions your group created.

4. Pray

- “God, sometimes I can’t believe that we are the product of Your best creative dreaming! You created the most beautiful world, and yet still wanted us here. You thought Your creation was best with us in it. You wanted us and have invited us to be a part of Your plans to show love to the world. Help us use our creativity in a way that pleases You. Remind each of my friends in this group to **use your imagination to honor God.**”

Extra Time Coloring Sheets