

CITY LG – February 1- 2, 2024

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: *How you made me is amazing and wonderful. I praise you for that. What you have done is wonderful. I know that very well.* Psalm 139:14 (NIV)

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

Central Supplies: Paper Plate (one per group) and Snack Lab Pages (one set per group)

Campus Supplies: Scissors and glue sticks (one of each per small group per service)

WORSHIP

One in a Million

All of Me

SLIDE: *Theme*

Hi, everyone! I'm [your name], and I love it when we all hang out here together in The City.

This month we'll be discovering all about how we were made by God. God is so big and so creative! Raise your hand if you love to get creative and make things—like maybe crafts or baking things in the kitchen. (*Raise your hand.*) Well, if we look around, we can see how God made each of US unique and special!

For today's game, you'll be making your own unique creations in your groups. And by that, I mean . . . SNACK creations! It's the City Snack Lab! Go ahead and sit with your small group if you're not with them already.

Hand these out to each group:

- 1 paper plate
- 12 "Snack Lab" pages
- 1 glue stick
- 1 pair of scissors

Each group will have a piece of colored paper and a stack of pictures of different kinds of food. In your groups, you'll work together and choose only THREE of the items. You'll decide how you want to combine those three items to make an amazing and delicious snack. Then you'll cut out those three items and glue them to your plate in a way that shows how you want to use them.

Stand next to one of the groups so you can use their printed items. Hold up a bread picture, a waffle picture, and a pickle picture.

For example . . . you might want to use the piece of bread, the waffle, and the pickle to make a pickle sandwich.

When we're all done, I'll come around the room to show off each group's unique snack creation. I wonder if any of your groups will come up with the same exact snack. Let's find out! On your mark, get set, go!

AUDIO: Fun music

Okay, it looks like everyone's finished. Let's look at what we came up with here in our Snack Lab!

Go around the room and hold up each group's finished snack creation. Get the kids to explain their reasoning as needed.

Great job, everyone! I'm so impressed with the **UNIQUENESS** of your creations. It's cool to think about how God made each of us so special and unique too.

I'm excited to be sharing an important idea from the Bible with you today. As you know, we're talking about how we were **MADE** by God. And with God's help, we can discover who we're meant to be.

We can find out about that as we read different parts of the Bible—like the book of Psalms. For thousands of years, this collection of psalms, or songs, was like the main songbook of God's people.

Look at what David wrote here in Psalm 139:14. This is actually our Memory Verse for this month.

SLIDE: Memory Verse

How you made me is amazing and wonderful.

I praise you for that.

What you have done is wonderful.

I know that very well. (NIV)

Let's all say that together.

Good job. The way God made each of us **IS** amazing and wonderful. Let's check out what the Story Lab has to say about this...We should praise God for that!

VIDEO: Bible Story

From what we read here in the Bible (*hold up Bible*), there are three things that are very clear about you: God **MADE** you. God **KNOWS** you. And God **LOVES** you.

Think about how amazing that is! God created you. God knows you better than anyone else. And God loves you more than you could possibly imagine. When you know that truth, you can begin to discover who God created you to be.

Remember:

SLIDE: Bottom Line

God made you, knows you, and loves you.

SLIDE: Theme

It's so good to remember that God made each of us uniquely. Have you heard that word before—*unique*? It means: 'one of a kind!' There's no one else in this world who's exactly like you, and that's the way God planned it.

Like we heard about in the book of Genesis—people were made in God's image. That means **YOU** were made in God's image. Not only that, God loves you so much Jesus came so that you could have a relationship with God that will last forever.

On the cross, Jesus paid the price for our sins—the things we've done wrong. We don't have to **DO** anything to earn God's love. It's a gift—one that God wants to give to each one of us.

We can see how much God loves us in the fact that God made each of us different and unique. If you're not sure what makes you unique, one thing you can try is asking someone else what makes you unique. It could be someone in your family, a teacher, or maybe a close friend. They can help you think about the unique way God made you . . . and help you see how God can use those unique things about you to make a difference for others.

Let's pray and thank God for making us unique and special!

God, thank You for the way You made us. Thank You for the way You know us so deeply. Thank You for the way You love us! Please help each of us to see the ways that You've made us special and unique. And please show us how we can use those unique things about ourselves to love others. We know that You made us in Your image, so please help us to reflect who You are to the world around us. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

CHECK THE TIME: There should be 20-25 minutes for small group. If LG is running late, skip the next part.

OFFERING:

Last month we started collecting our offering to support a new mission partner called La Liberte' Church (La Lib-er-tay) in Africa. La Liberte' Church is in a financially challenged area in The Congo. The kids at the church don't have access to a lot of food so this church feeds 700 children a meal every weekend! Each meal costs \$2.00 and our goal is to help feed as many kids as we can! Check out this video...

VIDEO: Offering Video

Go home and see what you can do to earn money to help! Every dollar you bring in goes right to feeding these kids in need!