

## CITY SG – February 1- 2, 2025

**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 (NirV)

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

### PRE- SERVICE ACTIVITY

**What You Need:** "Heads or Tails" Activity Page (1 for every 2 kids), and play coins (5 per group)

**\*Non-Reader Option**

#### **What You Do:**

- Greet each kid as they arrive and help them feel welcome!
- Invite any kids who brought an offering to place it in the offering container.
- Instruct the kids to get into pairs.
- 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.
- ***If your kids cannot read, do this as a whole group and read the questions to the kids.***
- 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.
- Before you go to Large Group say, **"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."**

## **SMALL GROUP TIME**

### **1. Stand into It!**

*Bible Story Review*

**What You Need:** “Image of God” Activity Page

**What You Do:**

- 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 stand up.
  - If kids believe the action does not show the image of God, instruct them to stay seated.
- Continue reading each scenario from the “Image of God” Activity Page.
- Once you’ve read all of the scenarios, invite the kids to gather together for discussion.
- Say, “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! 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.”

### **2. Picture of God**

*Application Activity*

**What You Need:** Paper (one piece per kid), 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.
- Say, “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!”

### 3. Mirror, Mirror Memory Verse

#### *Memory Verse Activity*

**What You Need:** Bibles

**What You Do:**

- Depending on the age/ability of your group, you can either:
  - Give each child a Bible and look up the memory verse together.
  - Read the memory verse from a Bible aloud to your group.
  - *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
- 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.

### AT THE 5- MINUTE CALL: PRAY

- Ask, “Does anyone have any prayer requests or things they want to thank God for from this week? (*Let the kids share their prayer requests and praises*)
- Take some time to pray for these things as a group, then finish with the prayer below...  
“Dear God, thank You for making each of my friends here special! Help us remember that You made us in Your image and that You love us no matter what. Every time we look in the mirror, let us be reminded that You made us, know us, and love us. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”
- If there is still time, pass out the Discussion Guides to the kids and begin to read through them together. Remind them they can do the activity at home to bring back next week for a prize.

**PARENT PICK UP POINT:** As adults arrive to pick up, encourage kids to take home their illustrations from the Picture of God Activity.