

CITY SG – February 8 - 9, 2025

Today's Bible Story: Make a Difference (Moses and the Burning Bush) • *Exodus 3–4:15*

Today's Bottom Line: God made you to make a difference.

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: No Supplies Needed

***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 kids to stand up facing you.
- Explain to kids that you will say a statement and pick an action.
- If the statement applies to a kid, instruct them to do the corresponding movement.
 - For example, you might say, "If you have a brother, jog in place!"
 - Encourage any kid who has a brother to begin to jog in place.
- Continue to play until every kid has had an opportunity to move and share about themselves!
- If time and interest allow, come up with other statements for the kids to respond to.

Examples:

If you . . .

have a brother . . .
are wearing sneakers. . .
ate cereal this morning . . .
wore a jacket to church today . . .
play a sport . . .
play a musical instrument . . .
like to draw . . .

Then you must . . .

jump ten times!
do five squats!
do ten jumping jacks!
touch your toes!
jog in place!
stretch toward the sky!
spin three times!

- 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. Creator and Creation

Bible Story Review

What You Need: Paper (one per kid), “Paper Airplane” Page (two per group), “Bible Story Review” Page (one per group), and markers

What You Do:

- Begin by sharing that God is so creative that God made them all unique!
- Give each kid a piece of paper.
- Set out the markers.
- Instruct kids to write their names on their paper.
- Direct kids to write one thing on their paper that makes them unique (like a skill or a character trait).
- Put the “Paper Airplane” instructions in the middle where everyone can see them.
- Together, work with the kids as they fold their paper into an airplane.
- Encourage the kids as they work to create their unique planes.
- Once the airplanes are finished, call one kid to stand and respond to a “True or False” statement from the “Bible Story Review” Activity Page.
- Give the kid a moment to think about their answer and then encourage them to respond.
- Once they respond, share the correct answer.
- Whether they get the question right or wrong, invite the kid to go and launch their airplane, then pick it up and sit back down.
- Continue in the same way until all the questions are answered.
- Say, “Friends, God made us to make a difference. Sometimes that looks like creating something. Today, we made paper airplanes—but every day, people build houses, write books, become teachers, host friends and family in their homes, write and play music, help kids to discover Jesus, and so much more!”

2. Thumb Stamps

Application Activity

What You Need: White card stock (one per kid), markers, various-colored ink pads, and baby wipes

What You Do:

- Give each kid a piece of white cardstock.
- Set out various colored ink pads and markers.
- Encourage kids to write their names on the back of their paper.
- Instruct kids to use their thumbprints to create a picture on the paper.
 - For example, green thumbprints can be used to create leaves on a tree; blue thumbprints can be used to make clouds, etc.
- Make baby wipes available for kids to wipe their thumbs.
- Once everyone is finished, invite kids to share their creations with the group!
- **Say**, “Everyone made such great pictures using something that makes each of us unique—our fingerprints! Fingerprints are such an awesome reminder that God made each of us unique. No one else has your fingerprints and I hope that reminds you that **God made you to make a difference.**”

3. Memory Verse Roll

Memory verse activity

What You Need: a soft ball (one per group)

What You Do:

- Guide kids to sit in a large circle.
- Invite a volunteer to recite the monthly memory verse, then say it a few times together *"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"*
- Give one kid the ball.
- Lead kids to say the verse word by word (with help as needed) as they pass the ball to the person next to them. Play a few times, getting faster each time.
- Try it again, but instead of passing the ball, roll the ball to someone across the circle saying one word of the verse at a time.
- Play as time allows, encouraging kids to say the verse faster each round.

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 us in Your image. Thank You for making each one of my friends here SO unique. Help us to see ways where our gifts, talents, and differences can change the world around us and help someone else. 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, invite kids to share their Thumbprint Stamp Art with them! Encourage the kids to share what's so special about their fingerprints.