

CITY LG – August 1st - 2nd, 2026

Bible Story: Image of God • *Genesis 1:26-30, Colossians 1:15*

Bottom Line: I am made in the image of God.

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 Nlrv

WORSHIP

Free!

Waymaker

SLIDE: Theme

Hi, friends! I'm so excited you're here today! This is the first week of our 'Masterpiece' series. The full name of our series this month is 'Masterpiece—Made by God,' and over the next few weeks, we're going to explore how God made each of us as His very own masterpiece full of purpose!

Who here loves to create? Maybe you like drawing, painting, crafts, or building things! Raise your hand if that's you.

Wow, look at all those hands! That's a lot of creatives in one room!

Let's have some fun to get our creativity flowing. I'm going to say a word, and you have five seconds to act it out or make a pose. You can use your hands, your arms, your face, anything you want! Ready? First word ... painting!

(Kids pose.)

Great! Next word ... sculpture!

(Kids pose.)

Next ... music!

(Kids pose.)

And last one ... drawing!

(Kids pose.)

Wow! Look at all your amazing ideas! I love it! I want to tell you something super special. Did you know there's a verse in the Bible that talks about how amazing you are? Not because of what you wear or how fast you can run, but because of how God made you. God made you on purpose, and He made you wonderfully.

That's what our Memory Verse is all about this month! It's a verse you can remember when you're feeling unsure or when you just want to remember how much God loves you. It's Psalm 139:14!

Let's see what it says!

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 (Psalm 139:14 NIV).

We're starting a brand-new theme, and it's called 'Masterpiece—Made by God.'

A masterpiece is something that is made with extra care. It's not a rushed job. It's not a sloppy job. A masterpiece is something someone is really proud of. Like a really special picture ... or the best tower you've ever built ... or the coolest thing you've ever made.

Now, I'm going to ask you a question, and you can answer with a thumbs up or thumbs down. Ready?

A masterpiece is something you throw together super-fast. What do you think? Thumbs up or thumbs down?

Thumbs down, that's right!

A masterpiece is something made with care. Thumbs up or thumbs down?

Thumbs up! Yes!

Now here's the big thing I want you to listen for today: The Bible tells us that God made you like that. God made you with care. God is proud of what He made. You are not an accident. You are not a mistake.

In our true story from the Bible today, we're going all the way back to the beginning—before there were houses, or cars, or schools, or playgrounds. Let's check it out...

VIDEO: Bible Story

God made each of us amazing and wonderful. Even though sin sometimes makes it harder to reflect God perfectly, God's love and design for us never change. He made us with care, and He is proud of what He made.

Our Bottom Line today talks about this too. Let's see what it says.

SLIDE: Bottom Line I am made in the image of God.

Being made in God's image is two things: It's a status we all have. And it's something we are all to do as Jesus followers.

So, as a starting point: Remember that you are made in God's image, no matter who you are or what you've done. That is something we are born with—it doesn't depend on our grades, how popular you

are, or what other people think. You are made in God's image just because He made you, and nothing can take it away.

Then, live that status out. God doesn't just want us to know we are made in His image, He wants us to live it. That means we get to show kindness, love, truth, and forgiveness to the people around us. We can share God's love with friends, family, and even people we don't know very well. Every time we are loving, honest, or helpful, we are showing what God is like.

And the best part? We don't have to do it alone. God sent Jesus to show us exactly how to live. And the Holy Spirit inside of us helps us grow to be more like Jesus every day. So remember who you are, ask the Holy Spirit to help you, and then do the next right thing—being kind, truthful, loving, and honest, like Jesus would—so others can see God through you.

Let's talk to the God who loves us so much, He made us in His image!

Let's bow our heads and close our eyes.

God, thank You for making each of us in Your image. Thank You for creating us with care and love, and for making us amazing and wonderful. Thank You for sending Jesus to show us exactly what You are like, and for giving us the Holy Spirit to help us live like Him. Please help us be kind, loving, truthful, and forgiving, so that the people around us can see You through us. We love You, God, and we want to reflect Your goodness every day. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

CHECK THE TIME: There should be 25 minutes for small group. If LG is running late, skip the next part and just have kids bring up their money.

OFFERING

For our offering this year, We are helping a ministry called E3 which helps put in freshwater wells in Malawi. Having a well with clean water right in their village means women and children don't have to travel far away to other villages to get clean water.

Children help carry water too! They have to travel so far that they have to miss school sometimes. And if they used the dirty water that is in their village, they would get very sick.

Check out this video someone from our Parkview team took of kids experiencing a brand new well in their village!

Missions Video 2

Help us raise money to provide clean water wells in the communities in Malawi who need them. We want you to go home and ask what YOU can do to raise money for these families in Africa!