

CITY LG – August 8th- 9th, 2026

Bible Story: Created for a Purpose • *Ephesians 2:10, 1 Timothy 4:12*

Bottom Line: God made me for a purpose.

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

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SLIDE: Theme

Hello, everybody! Welcome back to 'Masterpiece!' I'm so excited you're here today. We're going to explore something super special today: God made each of us unique and for a purpose!

Our current series is called 'Masterpiece—Made by God,' and this whole month, we're going to learn about how we're God's masterpiece—His most special and favorite creation!

But before we dive in today, let's get our bodies and minds moving! Everyone, wiggle your fingers like you're painting a masterpiece ... now swirl your arms like you're mixing colors on a big canvas ... now tiptoe carefully across the room like you're in a fancy art gallery. Perfect!

I have something really special to share with you: Did you know the Bible has a verse that tells us God made us in amazing and wonderful ways? Not because of what we wear, or how fast we run, or what we can do, but simply because God made us on purpose and with so much love.

It's our Memory Verse for this month, and it comes from the book of Psalms. It's Psalm 139:14! I'll read it first, then I'll guide you through it!

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).

I want to ask you a question that grown-ups ask kids a lot. They say ... 'What do you want to be when you grow up?'

Some of you might already have an answer. You might say, 'A teacher!' or 'A doctor!' or 'A firefighter!' or 'An artist!' or maybe even, 'I want to fly to space!' And some of you might say, 'Ummm ... I don't know.' And you know what? That is totally okay.

Because today's Bible Story tells us something really cool. Even if you don't know what you want to be someday, God already knows you. God already loves you. And God already has good things prepared for you, both now and when you're bigger. And His purpose for us is bigger than jobs and bigger than when we grow up. His purpose can happen however old we are!

VIDEO: Bible Story

Timothy was young, but he didn't wait. God used Timothy while he was still young to help Paul, to serve the church, and to share the good news about Jesus. And Paul even reminded Timothy that being young didn't stop him from being part of what God was doing.

Today's Bottom Line talks about this too. Let's check it out.

SLIDE: Bottom Line

God made me for a purpose.

Before you do anything at all, know this: God made you and God loves you. The Bible tells us that you are God's creation, and you belong to Jesus.

And God uses every single detail in your life to shape you—just like He used Timothy's family background to help prepare him to share God's love with lots of people. God can use it all to help you show His love.

So this week, remember: You don't have to wait until you're older to be part of what God is doing. God wants to use you right where you are, right now, to do the good works He has prepared for you. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you the good works God has prepared for you right now. They might be small, but God can use them in big ways. And you can also ask your parents or a grown-up you trust to tell you what they see in how God made you, because sometimes they can spot the ways you're really good at showing God's love even when you don't notice them yet.

Let's talk to the God who is building something beautiful!

God, thank You for making each one of us on purpose. Thank You that we are Your creation and that we belong to You. Thank You that we are loved before we do anything at all. Thank You for the good works You have prepared for us. We want to pray for others, serve people, and share about You. Thank You that You can use kids. Show us the ways we can be part of showing people Your good heart this week. 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

Do you remember what we are raising money for this year? Yep, Clean water wells in Malawi, which is a country in Africa. 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, and then they don't have to walk back with heavy containers. Let's watch a video that was taken from a team from our church that just finished installing a brand new well. Listen carefully as the man is a little hard to understand.

Missions video 3

Amazing right? The money we raise for these wells really make a BIG impact the villages in Malawi!