

CITY LG – August 15th- 16th, 2026

Bible Story: In All Things God Works for Good • *Romans 8:28-29*

Bottom Line: God can use all things.

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

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SLIDE: Theme

Hey, friends! I'm so glad you're here today! This room already feels full of energy. I need to see your biggest smiles! Show me your biggest smile!

If today is your first time here, we're so happy you came! We're in a series called 'Masterpiece—Made by God.' That means God made you special and on purpose, and that's what we've been learning about all month!

In fact, today, we're focusing on a verse that tells us something powerful about who we are because of God. This isn't just a nice sentence; this is what God says about you in the Bible. That means it's true!

Our memory verse for this month is Psalm 139:14.

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 Nlrv).*

Before we jump into today's Bible Story, I have something that I want us to chat about for a minute. Circle up with your small group and talk about this: **Tell about a time you had a really bad day.** Go ahead and discuss this in your group.

Large group leader should walk around listening to groups as they answer this. Give them a couple of minutes.

As we look at a super-important truth from the Bible today, let's start with something fun. I want you to listen to what I say and show me your best face for how you'd feel. If it's something good, give me your biggest, brightest smile. If it's something yucky or not-so-fun, scrunch up your face and show me your best 'yucky' look.

Okay, let's try! Imagine you find a dollar on the ground, show me your face! Wow, look at all those big smiles! I'd be excited too.

Now, what if you got caught in the rain without your coat? Oooh, I see those faces! That does sound soggy and chilly.

Picture someone sharing their snack with you at lunch. Oh, that's the best! I love seeing those happy faces.

What if you forgot your homework at home? Uh-oh! That would feel a little yucky, right?

And what if you had to eat something you don't like? I can see some yucky faces out there!

You know, you all have the best faces! Some days are super happy, and some days are just kind of yucky. But here's what's amazing: the Bible tells us God can use every part of our lives, the fun and the hard, for something good. Even when things don't go our way, God is working for good. He is a good, good God!

Today, we're going to hear about people in the Bible who had both good and hard days, and how God turned it all into something amazing.

VIDEO: Bible Story

Today, we learned that God can use all things. We saw how Moses had hard days, but God used every part of his story for good. Paul went through tough times too, and God helped him tell people about Jesus, even when it was really hard.

That reminds me of our Bottom Line!

SLIDE: Bottom Line

God can use all things.

What does this all mean for you and me? Sometimes you might have a great day—maybe you win a game, make a new friend, or have a lot of fun. Those are sweet days! Other times, you might have a day that feels kind of hard. Maybe you get in trouble, someone hurts your feelings, or things just don't go the way you want. Those are the tough days.

God may use the hard parts to help you learn, or to help someone else, or to show His love in a big way. Even when you don't understand right away, you can believe that God is always working for good and He loves you so much.

This week, if something feels hard, remember that God is with you, and He is making something good, even if you can't see it yet.

Let's talk to the God who is always working toward something good, because He loves us so much!

God, thank You for being with us when life feels good, and when life feels hard. We know that You can use every part of our story for something good. Help us trust You, even when things don't make sense or when we feel sad or frustrated. Remind us that You are always working and that You love us no matter what. We know You made us, and You can use all things in our lives. 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

In Parkview Kids, we want to have fun but also be the hands and feet of Jesus by helping others who are in need. This year we are collecting our offering money to help kids all the way on the other side of the world in a country in Africa called Malawi. Did you know that in this area many communities don't have access to clean water?

Slides: 1-4

We are helping a ministry called E3 which helps put in freshwater wells. 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 they don't have to walk with heavy containers of water. Help us raise money to provide wells in the communities in Malawi. We want you to go home and ask what YOU can do to raise money for these families in Africa!