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Today's Suggested Schedule—August 2026, Week 2

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 Nlrv

Loud sounds, bright lights, and large groups can be overwhelming or overstimulating for some children. To create a more inclusive large group experience, consider offering adaptive tools like noise-canceling headphones, sunglasses, sensory-friendly items, or access to modified spaces.

Prelude: Setting the Tone for the Experience

- See the Getting Ready pages at the end of this document for a detailed description of what you'll need for today.
- In the Prelude folder of your curriculum, you'll find a variety of other resources to help you prepare.

Social: Providing Time for Fun Interaction

- Opening Activity

Worship: Inviting People to Respond to God

- Opener
- Worship
- Bible Story
- Prayer

Groups: Creating a Safe Place to Connect

Bible Story Review: YES Button (K–1st grade), Teeny Tiny Art Show (2nd–3rd grade), Bible Story Extension and Discussion Questions (Preteen)

Application Activity: Masterpiece Gallery—Heart (K–1st grade), A to Z of Good Works (2nd–3rd grade), Take a Snapshot (Preteen)

Memory Verse Activity: Verse Rhythm (K–1st grade), Sparkle Toss (2nd–3rd grade), Verses to Take with You (Preteen)

Prayer Activity: Pray and Dismiss (K–1st grade, 2nd–3rd grade), Make It Personal with Prayer (Preteen)

Home: Prompting Action Beyond the Experience

- Parent Cue Card (Print or Email)
- Devotionals for Kids
- Parent Cue App



Bible Story

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

Bottom Line

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Memory Verse

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5 min

Social

5 min

23 - Made to Connect *Uses Minimal Supplies*

What You Need

	Offering container	1
	"Purposeful Objects" Activity Page	1
	Cardstock	1
	Scissors	1



EveryChild tips

- For kids who are non-verbal, allow them to act out the purpose of the object instead of saying it.
- If kids have trouble thinking of the purpose, give them a choice between two options. For example, for the pencil, you could ask: "Is its purpose for drawing or bouncing?"

Providing Time for Fun Interaction

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Print "Purposeful Objects" on cardstock and cut, one set per Small Group.

During the Activity:

- Welcome kids by name with a high-five, fist bump, smile, or wave as they arrive.
- Invite any kids who brought an offering to place it in the offering container.
- Encourage kids to sit together in your Small Group spot.
- Call one kid up to pick a card from the "Purposeful Objects" Activity Page, and ask them to look at the picture on their card without showing everyone else.
- Instruct that kid to tell the group what the purpose of the item in their picture is. (For example, if they pick the lawnmower, they will say, "Its purpose is to cut the grass!")
- Encourage the group to guess what the item is. Give the group several guesses, then ask the kid to show their picture. Continue with each kid until all the pictures are picked.

What You Say:

"Great job! You figured out the purpose for every single object. Just like every one of those things was made for a special reason, YOU were made for a special reason too. In our Bible Story today, we're going to learn the amazing truth that **[Bottom Line] God made me for a purpose.** Let's go find out more!"

5 min

Bible Story Review

5 min

23 - Teeny Tiny Art Show | Made to Create *Uses Minimal Supplies*

What You Need

	Bible	1
	"Teeny Tiny Art Show" Activity Page	1
	Cardstock	1
	Fine-tip markers or colored pencils	Several
	Wall tape	1
	EveryChild Supplies: Stickers or self-inking stamps	Several



EveryChild tips

- Provide stickers or stamps for kids who may find drawing in small spaces frustrating.
- Celebrate every creation, emphasizing that there is no right or wrong way to make art.

Creating a Safe Place to Connect

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Print "Teeny Tiny Art Show" on cardstock, one per kid.

During the Activity:

- Open your Bible to Ephesians 2:10. Read the verse and share key points, like:
 - God created you to belong to Jesus!
 - Now that you belong to Jesus, you can live like Him and do good works.
 - God has placed you exactly where you are, with the gifts and experiences you have, to do good works like Jesus!
- Turn to 1 Timothy 4:12 in your Bible and read the verse out loud. Say something like:
 - This verse is part of a letter Paul wrote to his friend Timothy.
 - Timothy was young, but he was leading an entire church—a church in Ephesus.
 - Paul wanted Timothy to know that even though he was young, he was still to follow Jesus and be an example!
- Give each kid a "Teeny Tiny Art Show" Activity Page and access to the markers/colored pencils.
- Remind the kids of part of Ephesians 2:10 (NirV) that says: *"We are God's creation. He created us ... Now, we can do good works."*
- Explain that each of them is God's masterpiece, created to do good things.
- Challenge them to become artists and create as many different "teeny tiny" works of art as they can, filling each frame on their page with a different picture.
- After a few minutes, tell them it's time for the art show!
- Have them tape their pages to the wall to create a Masterpiece Gallery.
- Let the kids walk around and look at all the unique and creative drawings.
- Remind kids to grab their masterpieces before they leave for the day.

What You Say:

"Wow, look at our Masterpiece Gallery! Every single drawing is different, and they are all so creative and special. That's how it is with the good works God has for us to do. God has given each one of us the same purpose: to show the love of Jesus to other people. But He has prepared

completely different ways for each one of us to do that! God has made you unique. God has given you natural abilities, experiences, and spiritual gifts, and He will use all of them to help you show the world His love.

"This is the case for all of God's friends! Paul made tents, and that helped pay for his ministry. He also studied under a smart teacher, which probably helped him defend God's truth well! David was a shepherd, and that helped him become patient and learn to lead. Just as He does with all His friends, God is using every detail in your life. God made you just as you are and put you where you are to show His love to others.

"Ask the Holy Spirit to show you the good works that God has prepared for you. They might be small, simple acts of kindness throughout your day. You can also ask your parents or a grown-up you trust to tell you what they see in how God made you. You are His masterpiece! Remember that **[Bottom Line] God made me for a purpose.**"

5 min

Application Activity

5 min

23 - A to Z of Good Works | Made to Play *Uses Minimal Supplies*

What You Need

No supplies needed

Creating a Safe Place to Connect

What You Do:

During the Activity:

- Have the kids sit with you in a circle.
- Explain that you're going to go around the circle and try to name a "good work"—a way to show God's love—for every letter of the alphabet.
- Let them know it's a team effort, and everyone can help if someone gets stuck.
- Start with the letter 'A.' Say: "A is for 'Asking someone to play.'"
- The person to your left tries to think of a good work that starts with B (like, "Be a good friend").
- Continue around the circle from A to Z.
- Help with ideas as needed (e.g., C—Compliment someone, D—Do your chores, E—Encourage a teammate).

What You Say:

"Incredible job! We came up with so many ways to do good works. First Timothy 4:12 NIV says: *Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young. Set an example for the believers in what you say and in how you live. Also set an example in how you love and in what you believe. Show the believers how to be pure.*

"Timothy didn't wait until he was old and experienced to do the good works God had prepared for him. He didn't study for years and years and get an important degree. Instead, Timothy spent time as a young man learning to know God. He was kind to the people around him and grew in his faith. And when God provided an opportunity for Timothy to help Paul, he said, 'Yes!' Timothy just showed God's love right where he happened to be!

"Our Bible Story reminds us that God has prepared these good things for us to do. It's not about being perfect—it's about looking for chances to show His love and say, 'Yes!' When we do these things, we are living out the truth that **[Bottom Line] God made me for a purpose.**"

5 min

Prayer

5 min

23 - Pray and Dismiss | Made to Reflect *Uses Minimal Supplies*

What You Need

	"Fitting Together" Activity Page	1
	Cardstock	1
	Scissors	1
	Coloring supplies	Several

Creating a Safe Place to Connect

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Print "Fitting Together" on cardstock and cut, one cutout per kid.

During the Activity:

- Give each kid a paper shape from "Fitting Together" and a pen.
- Read this truth from today's story: "Before you try to do or become anything, it's important to know who you already are. You are God's creation ... And He made you to belong to Jesus. You always fit in. You always have a place."
- Ask the kids to write their name on their shape. This shows that they have a special place in God's family.
- Show them how the slits on the shapes allow them to slide their piece together with another.
- Invite the kids to bring their shapes to the center of the circle, and work together to connect them, building one large, beautiful sculpture.

What You Say:

"Look at what we built! Every single one of your pieces was needed to make this sculpture. It shows us how we all fit together in God's family. God has prepared completely different ways for each one of us to do that! You might cheer up a friend by baking them cookies, while someone else might do it by telling a joke. You might be called to share God's love by taking care of sick people, or you might be called to do it as a pilot, flying to remote places to tell people about Jesus. God made each of us unique and for a purpose. God can use everything in your life to help you share His love. Let's thank God for making us and giving us a purpose."

Getting Ready | 23

Small Group

Here's everything you need to know to get ready for this week.

SOCIAL:

Opening Activity

Made to Play

What You Need:

- Offering container, one per Small Group
- "Purposeful Objects" Activity Page, one set per Small Group
- Cardstock, two pieces per Small Group
- Scissors, one pair per Small Group

What You Do:

- Print "Purposeful Objects" on cardstock and cut, one set per Small Group.

GROUPS:

Choose as many of these activities as you like.

1. Teeny Tiny Art Show

[Talk about God | Bible Story Review]

Made to Create

What You Need:

- Bible, one per Small Group
- "Teeny Tiny Art Show" Activity Page, one per kid
- Cardstock, one piece per kid
- Fine-tip markers or colored pencils, several per kid
- Wall tape, one roll per Small Group

EveryChild Supplies:

- *Stickers or self-inking stamps, several per kid*

What You Do:

- Print "Teeny Tiny Art Show" on cardstock, one per kid.

2. A to Z of Good Works

[Live for God | Application Activity]

Made to Play

What You Need:

- No supplies needed

3. Sparkle Toss

[Hear from God | Memory Verse Activity]

Made to Move

What You Need:

- Bibles, one per kid
- Soft playground ball or beanbag, one per Small Group

4. Pray and Dismiss

[Pray to God | Prayer Activity]

Made to Reflect

What You Need:

- "Fitting Together" Activity Page, one cutout per kid
- Cardstock, one piece per every TBD kids
- Scissors, one pair per Small Group
- Coloring supplies, several per kid

What You Do:

- Print "Fitting Together" on cardstock and cut, one cutout per kid.

HOME: Prompting Action Beyond the Experience

- Print on cardstock or email this week's devotionals and Parent Cue cards.
- Tell parents about our additional family resource: **Parent Cue App**.

Supplies:

- EveryChild Supplies: Stickers or self-inking stamps (several per kid)

Supplies

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3. Cardstock	1
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	Quantity
1. Bibles	1
2. Soft playground ball or beanbag	Several

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	Quantity
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2. Cardstock	1
3. Scissors	1
4. Coloring supplies	Several