

Preteen | W2

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.

Conversation Starter: What purpose did God make you for?

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

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

Application Activity: Take a Snapshot

Bible Story Review: Bible Story Extension and Discussion Questions

Memory Verse Activity: Verses to Take with You

Prayer Activity: Make It Personal with Prayer

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

Conversation Starter

What purpose did God make you for?

Bottom Line

God made me for a purpose.

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

5 min

Social

5 min

Preteen - Opening Activity | Made to Create *Uses Minimal Supplies*

What You Need

	Offering container	1
	Plain paper	1
	Coloring supplies	Several



EveryChild tips

- *If a kid has a long or complex name, suggest they use just their initials or a nickname as their starting point.*
- **Groups**
- **Creating a Safe Place to Connect**
- **25 minutes**
- Groups 1/5

Providing Time for Fun Interaction

What You Do:

During the Activity:

- Greet each kid by name with a fist bump, high-five, smile, or wave as they arrive!
- Invite any kids who brought an offering to place it in the offering container.
- Give each kid a piece of paper and some coloring supplies.
- Instruct them to write their first name in large, simple block letters in the middle of the paper.
- Challenge them: "Now, your job is to transform your name into something totally different—something with a new purpose. Don't erase your name; use the letters as the foundation for your drawing."
- Give them examples: a name could be turned into a car that transports people, a house that gives people shelter, a computer that helps people work, or anything else they can imagine.
- Allow a few minutes for them to draw and transform their names.
- When they're finished, invite kids to share what their name became and what its new purpose is.

What You Say:

"These are so creative! It's cool to see how your name, something that represents you, could be turned into something with a totally new purpose. In a way, that's what God does with us. He created us, and He knows our name. But He also gives us a bigger purpose. Today, we're going to talk about that purpose and how we can start living it out right now. Let's go find out more!"

5 min

Bible Story Review

5 min

Preteen - Bible Story Extension | Made to Move

What You Need

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|  | Bibles | 1 |
|  | Smartphone or camera | 1 |



EveryChild tips

- For kids who are uncomfortable with the physical closeness of forming a letter, assign them the role of "Director" to help position everyone else.
- Assist kids with making the decision to form the letters sitting, standing, or laying on the ground based on the abilities of the group so all kids can participate.
- Groups 3/5

Creating a Safe Place to Connect

What You Do:

During the Activity:

- Open the Bible and read Ephesians 2:10 out loud.
- 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!
- Explain that as God's creation, our purpose is to reflect Him to the world.
- Help your group spell out J-E-S-U-S with their bodies. Challenge the group to work together to either lie on the ground or stand/sit to form the letters using only their bodies. They might have to link arms or bend in a certain way.
- When they're in position, take a picture of the group! If you can, offer to text or email the picture to their grown-ups.

What You Say:

"That looks awesome! It took every single one of you working together to spell out the name of Jesus. Each person was a necessary part of showing the name 'Jesus.'"

"That's a great picture of what it means to be the Church. God doesn't want just one person to show His love; He wants all of us to work together. Our purpose is to use every part of who we are—our hands, our feet, our minds, our voices—to reflect Jesus to the world."

"First Timothy 4:12 teaches us another great truth about our purpose. Paul wrote this to his young friend, Timothy, who was leading the church in Ephesus: *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 have to wait until he was old and experienced to do the good works God had prepared for him. He didn't have to 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!

"Like Timothy, you can spend time getting to know God. You can look for opportunities each day to show God's love to the people around you. Follow God right where you are! God might invite you into something new, like He did with Timothy, but He might simply call you to continue doing His good works wherever you are!"

5 min

Application Activity

5 min

Preteen - Take a Snapshot | Made to Create

What You Need

	"Created for a Purpose Label" Activity Page	1
	Avery® Labels #5160 or equivalent	1
	Aluminum foil	1
	Colorful plastic cups	Several
	Glue dots	1
	EveryChild Supplies: Thick gloves	Several
	EveryChild Supplies: Noise-canceling headphones	Several

Creating a Safe Place to Connect

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Print "Created for a Purpose Label" on Avery® Labels #5160, one label per kid.

During the Activity:

- Give each kid a large square of foil, a plastic cup, glue dots, and a "Created for a Purpose Label."
- Challenge them to create a unique sculpture out of the aluminum foil to serve as a "trophy topper."
- Encourage them to make the sculpture represent something special about who God made them to be—a talent, a hobby, or a personality trait (like being a good friend or being funny).
- Once they finish their sculpture, have them use glue dots to attach it to the top of their inverted cup, creating a trophy.
- Finally, have them place the label on the base of their trophy.
- Invite everyone to share what their trophy topper represents.

What You Say:

"These trophies are amazing and so unique, just like each of you. This is a great reminder of our purpose. The sculpture you made represents who you are—God's creation and a masterpiece that He designed! Knowing that is the most important part of your purpose.

"The trophy itself is for what you do with the gifts He's given you. We have to know our identity in Christ first, and then we can go out and do the good works He has prepared for us. 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 God has prepared for you. They might be small, simple acts of kindness throughout your day. Remember and keep telling yourself, **[Bottom Line] God made me for a purpose.**"

5 min

Memory Verse Activity

5 min

Preteen - Verses to Take with You | Made to Play

What You Need

-  Bibles 1
-  EveryChild Supplies: Various instruments Several



EveryChild tips

- For a non-verbal kid, provide various instruments to play for each style.
- Groups 5/5

Creating a Safe Place to Connect

What You Do:

During the Activity:

- Give every kid a Bible.
- Invite them to look up Psalm 139:14 using the Bible Navigation Tips below:

Finding verses with 4th-5th graders: Ask kids to tell you if the book of the Bible they're looking for is in the Old Testament or New Testament. If it's in the Old, instruct kids to flip slowly, starting at the front of the Bible and heading toward the back, until they find the book they're looking for. If it's in the New, instruct kids to start flipping from the back, going forward to find the book they're looking for. Once they find the book, explain that the big numbers on the page are the chapter numbers. First, have them find the chapter they're looking for. Then explain that the small numbers are verse numbers. Tell kids to find the verse within the chapter they've already found.

- Read the Memory Verse out loud together several times.
- Review any words that might be unfamiliar to the kids.
- Invite the kids to set their Bibles aside.
- Have the group stand up.
- Say this month's Memory Verse together in a normal voice: *"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)." (Lead them with a twang in your voice.)*
- Now, challenge them to remix it!
- Say: *"Okay, now let's try it in a country, Western style!" (Lead them with a twang in your voice.)*
- Say: *"Now, let's try it like an opera singer!" (Lead them with a loud, dramatic, vibrating voice.)*
- Say: *"How about as a rock star?" (Lead them in a loud, high-energy, shouting voice.)*
- Finally, say: *"Let's try it as a rap!" (Lead them in creating a simple beat by stomping and clapping, then say the verse with rhythm.)*
- Let kids suggest other silly voices or styles to try.

What You Say:

"That was so fun! The style changed every time, but did the words change? No! The message stayed the same.

"It's like that with our purpose. God made each of us with a different style, different talents, and a different personality. But our main purpose, our most important command, is always the same: to show the love of Jesus to other people. 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 can use everything in your life to help you share His love. Remember that before you do anything at all, God made you and loves you. You belong to Him and are valuable to Him before you do a single good thing."

5 min

Discussion Questions

5 min

Preteen Discussion Questions *Uses Minimal Supplies*

What You Need

No supplies needed

Creating a Safe Place to Connect

What You Do:

- **Ask these questions and discuss:**
- Why do you think God cares more about who you are than what you do?
- If God already prepared good works for you, how does that change the pressure you might feel about figuring out your future?
- Timothy didn't wait until he was older to live out his purpose. What are some reasons people your age might feel like they're "too young" to make a difference—and do you think that's true? Why or why not?
- What are some things about your personality, skills, or life experiences that God might use to show His love to others?
- **[Conversation Starter] What purpose did God make you for?**

Groups 4/5

Getting Ready | Preteen 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
- Plain paper, one piece per kid
- Coloring supplies, several per kid

GROUPS:

Choose as many of these activities as you like.

1. Take a Snapshot

Made to Create

What You Need:

- "Created for a Purpose Label" Activity Page, one per kid
- Avery® Labels #5160 or equivalent, one label per kid
- Aluminum foil, one 12-inch square for every kid
- Colorful plastic cups, one for every kid
- Glue dots, several per kid

EveryChild Supplies:

- *Thick gloves, one pair per kid*
- *Noise-canceling headphones, one per kid*

What You Do:

- Print "Created for a Purpose Label" on Avery® Labels #5160, one label per kid.

2. Bible Story Extension

Made to Move

What You Need:

- Bibles, one per Small Group
- Smartphone or camera, one per Small Group

3. Discussion Questions

Made to Connect

What You Need:

- No supplies needed

4. Verses to Take with You**Made to Play****What You Need:**

- Bibles, one per kid

EveryChild Supplies:

- *Various instruments*

5. Make It Personal with Prayer**Made to Reflect****What You Need:**

- "The 'I' in Kind" Activity Page, one per kid
- Cardstock, one piece per kid
- Pens or fine-tip markers, several per kid

What You Do:

- Print "The 'I' in Kind" on cardstock, one 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: Thick gloves
- EveryChild Supplies: Noise-canceling headphones
- EveryChild Supplies: Various instruments
- EveryChild Supplies: Pray to God | Prayer Activity
- EveryChild Supplies: Made to Reflect

Supplies

Preteen - Opening Activity | Made to Create *Uses Minimal Supplies*

	Quantity
1. Offering container	1
2. Plain paper	1
3. Coloring supplies	Several

Preteen - Bible Story Extension | Made to Move

	Quantity
1. Bibles	1
2. Smartphone or camera	1

Preteen - Take a Snapshot | Made to Create

	Quantity
1. "Created for a Purpose Label" Activity Page	1
2. Avery® Labels #5160 or equivalent	1
3. Aluminum foil	1
4. Colorful plastic cups	Several
5. Glue dots	1
6. EveryChild Supplies: Thick gloves	Several
7. EveryChild Supplies: Noise-canceling headphones	Several

Preteen - Verses to Take with You | Made to Play

	Quantity
1. Bibles	1
2. EveryChild Supplies: Various instruments	Several

Preteen - Make It Personal with Prayer | Made to Reflect *Uses Minimal Supplies*

	Quantity
1. "The 'I' in Kind" Activity Page	1
2. Cardstock	1
3. Pens or fine-tip markers	Several