

3-5's | W3

Today's Suggested Schedule—August 2026, Week 3

Bible Story: God Made Me in His Image • Genesis 1:26-27; Exodus 34:6-7

I am created to show what God is like.

Key Question: Who made you wonderful?

Bottom Line: God made me wonderful

Memory Verse: How You made me is amazing and wonderful. • 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.

Social: Providing time for fun interaction

- Follow the Leader
- Creator's Challenge
- Bursting with Love\

Story: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

- Worship
- Bible Story
- Prayer

Groups: Creating a safe place to connect

- Look in the Mirror
- Tender and Kind Hearts\
- How Full is God's Love?
- Wonderful Ride
- My Wonderful Mirror
- Journal and Prayer

Home: Prompting action beyond the experience

- Memory Verse Card
- Parent Cue Card (print or email)
- Parent Cue App
- Story (10 minutes)

Engage children's hearts through a dynamic and interactive Worship, Bible Story, and prayer experience in a Large Group setting.



Bible Story

God Made Me in His Image • Genesis 1:26-27; Exodus 34:6-7

Key Question

Who made you wonderful?

Bottom Line

God made me wonderful

Memory Verse

How You made me is amazing and wonderful. • Psalm 139:14 Nlrv

15 min

Social

5 min

Follow the Leader | Made to Move *Uses Minimal Supplies*

What You Need

No supplies needed



EveryChild tips

- Remind leaders to choose safe movements. If they start running too fast, you can gently say, "Great running! Now let's try a slow-motion run!"

Providing time for fun interaction

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Gather children together in an open area of your room.

During the Activity: Choose one child to be the first "Leader." Have all the other children line up behind them.

After the Activity: Introduce the Bible Story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Hello, friends! I'm so happy you're here. In our Bible Story today, we're going to hear how God made us to be like Him. One way we can be like God is by being kind and showing love. Let's play a game of Follow the Leader to practice following!"

During the Activity: "Okay, [child's name] is our first leader! We are all going to follow them and do exactly what they do. If they hop, we hop! If they crawl, we crawl! Ready, leader? Lead the way!"

(Let the child lead for a minute or two, encouraging them to try different movements. Then switch leaders.) Great job following, everyone! Now it's [next child's name]'s turn to be the leader! Let's follow them!

(Continue until each child has a turn to be the leader. Repeat as time and interest allow.) That was fun playing everyone today!"

After the Activity: "You are all such amazing followers and leaders! It's fun to follow our friends, but it's even more important to follow God. Let's go hear how we can show others God's love."

5 min

My Wonderful Mirror | Made to Create

What You Need

	"My Wonderful Mirror" Activity Page	1
	Cardstock	1
	Jumbo craft sticks	Several
	Mirror paper	1
	Glue sticks	1
	Crayons or washable markers	Several
	Stickers	Several
	Masking tape	1



EveryChild tips

- Use glue dots for less mess: Pre-placing glue dots on the frame can make it easier for children to successfully attach the silver paper and the craft stick.

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Print "My Wonderful Mirror" on cardstock and cut, one per child. Cut the mirror paper to fit each child's cutout. Write each child's name on their cutout.

During the Activity: Encourage children to decorate their cutout. Help children glue the mirror paper to the middle of the large area on their cutout.

After the Activity: Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Friends, come on over to the table. Our story tells us that God made us wonderful, in His image. Let's make a special mirror to see the wonderful person God made!"

During the Activity: "Let's make your mirror frame super special and creative! You can decorate it with markers and stickers. *(Allow time for decorating.)* Your frames look amazing! Now, every mirror needs something shiny so you can see yourself. Let's take this special silver paper and glue it right in the middle. *(Help children as needed.)* Let's add a handle so you can hold it up. *(Tape a jumbo craft stick to the back of each mirror.)* Perfect! Now you can see your reflection! Look in your mirror! Who do you see? *(Pause.)* It's YOU! Look in your mirror and say this with me **[Bottom Line] God made me wonderful!** *(With children.)* **[Bottom Line] God made me wonderful!"**

After the Activity: "God made you to help others see what He is like. You can take your special mirrors home to remember that when you look in the mirror, you are seeing someone that God made to be amazing, wonderful, kind, and loving. **Who made you wonderful? [Bottom Line] God made me wonderful!"**

5 min

Journal and Prayer | Made to Reflect

What You Need

-  "Memory Verse Card" from Week One in your Bible 1
-  Journal 1
-  Fun-shaped pen 1

What You Do:

Before the Activity: If you do not have the "Memory Verse Card," print it on cardstock and place it in your Bible at 139:14. *Keep this card in your Bible all month long.*

Encourage the children to walk to your Small Group spot playing "Follow the Leader." Then sit down and gather the children around you.

During the Activity: Review the Bible Story and the Memory Verse Hand Motions. Ask the children to list ways they can be kind and loving this week.

After the Activity: Pray with the children using the list you made in the journal.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "It's Small Group time! Let's play a game of "Follow the Leader" as we walk." Do what I do as we walk. Make heart hands! (*Demonstrate making a heart with your hands.*) Now, give a friend a gentle high-five. (*Pause.*) Now, give yourself a big hug! (*Pause.*) Now, one, two, three quietly sit down with me."

During the Activity: (Open the Bible and lay it in front of the children.) "In our Bible Story today, we learned that God made us to be just like Him. God is kind and loving. And because God made us to be like Him, He made us so we can be kind and loving, too! That's how we show others what God is like. We show God's love when we love, help, and create because God made us wonderful just like Him. **Who made you wonderful? [Bottom Line] God made me wonderful.**

"The Bible verse we are learning helps us remember what to do. It says: 'How you (*point up*) made me (*point to self*) is amazing and wonderful' (*push hands up twice*). Psalm 139:14 (*open hands like a book*). Now do what I do and say what I say. 'How you (*point up*) made me (*point to self*) is amazing and wonderful' (*push hands up twice*). Psalm 139:14 (*open hands like a book*). Great job, everyone! God's greatest, most special creation is you! **Who made you wonderful? [Bottom Line] God made me wonderful.**

(Open journal.) "Our Bible Story and our Memory Verse tell us that God made us 'amazing and wonderful.' God is kind and loving. And because God made us to be like Him, He made us so we can be kind and loving, too! Let's think of some ways we can do that this week. How can you be kind and loving like God? When I say your name, I want you to tell me one kind and loving thing you can do, and I will write it in our journal. Maybe you can help your mommy? Or share a toy with your brother? Or give someone a hug?" (*Go to each child and write down their simple answer. If they need help, offer a prompt like, "Could you help clean up your toys?"*)

That's being kind and loving!" Remember to print, as you write in the journal, so the children can recognize their names and the letters.)

After the Activity: (Hold up the journal.) "This is a wonderful list of all the ways we can be like God! Let's pray and ask God to help us be kind and loving this week. Would anyone like to pray before I pray? (Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.)

"Dear God, thank You for being so kind and so full of love. Thank You that You made us to be like You. Please help us to show Your love to others this week. Help [child's name] to (read their answer from the journal). (Continue, personalizing the prayer for each child.) Help us all to be kind and loving, because You made us wonderful. We love You. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Getting Ready |

3-5's Small Group

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

1. Follow the Leader

Made to Move

What You Need:

- No supplies needed

2. Creator's Challenge

Made to Play

What You Need:

- Random, leftover craft supplies (e.g., pom-poms, pipe cleaners, yarn, googly eyes, fabric scraps), several per Small Group
- Cardstock, one per child
- Glue sticks, one per child
- Permanent marker, one per Small Group

What You Do:

- Place the supplies on the table.

3. Bursting with Love

Made to Explore

What You Need:

- "Allergy Alert Poster", one per Small Group
- Cardstock, one piece per Small Group
- Sandwich-size resealable bag, one per Small Group
- Baking soda, one per Small Group
- Vinegar, one per Small Group
- Facial tissue, one per Small Group
- Warm water, one per Small Group
- Measuring cups and spoons, one per Small Group
- Large, shallow clear bin, one per Small Group

Optional EveryChild Supplies:

- Noise-cancelling headphones, one per child

What You Do:

- Print "Allergy Alert Poster" on cardstock, list the baking soda and vinegar, then post at the door.
- Place the clear bin on the floor and have the children sit at a safe distance around it.

Groups

Creating a Safe Place to Connect

25 minutes

Create a safe place to connect through activities written to reach every learning style while reinforcing the Bottom Line introduced during the Bible Story and applying it to real-life experiences. In addition, these activities provide preschoolers with an opportunity to build relationships with their Small Group Leader.

Offer as many of the following activities as your time, facilities, resources, and leadership allow. You may want to lead one activity at a time. Or offer two activities at once and allow half the children to participate in each. Then switch groups and repeat the activities.

1. Look in the Mirror

Hear from God | Memory Verse Review

Made to Move

What You Need:

- Preschool-safe hand mirror, one per Small Group
- Music player, one per Small Group
- Fun, upbeat music, one per Small Group

2. Tender and Kind Hearts

Made to Explore

What You Need:

- "Allergy Alert Poster", one per Small Group
- Cardstock, one per Small Group
- White Play-Doh®, several per Small Group
- Red Play-Doh®, one per Small Group
- Paper plates, one per child
- *Optional: Sandwich-sized resealable bags and a permanent marker*

Optional EveryChild Supplies:

- *Sandwich-sized resealable bags, one per child*

What You Do:

- Print "Allergy Alert Poster" on cardstock, list Play-Doh® and post at the door.
- Create one golf ball sized lump of white Play-Doh for each child and leader then slightly flatten each.
- Place a blueberry sized amount of red Play-Doh in the middle of each white lump and gently wrap it around the red piece to create a ball of Play-Doh.
- Place one on each plate, one per child and leader.

3. How Full is God's Love?

*Made to Think***What You Need:**

- Large, clear plastic jar or vase, one per Small Group
- Black dry-erase marker, one per Small Group
- Plastic pitcher, one per Small Group
- Water, one per Small Group
- Small plastic cups, one per child
- Shallow tray or plastic bin, one per Small Group
- Paper towels, one roll per Small Group
- Plastic tablecloth, one per Small Group
- *Optional: Blue food coloring, one per Small Group*

What You Do:

- Spread out the tablecloth on the table.
- Place the tray/bin in the middle of the table.
- Draw a large heart outline on the side of the clear jar and place it on the tray.
- Fill the pitcher with water and place on the table with the cups and paper towels.
- *Optional: Mix some blue food coloring into the water to make it more visible.*

4. Wonderful Ride

*Made to Move***What You Need:**

- Parachute, one per Small Group

5. My Wonderful Mirror

*Made to Create***What You Need:**

- "My Wonderful Mirror" Activity Page, one per child
- Cardstock, one piece per child
- Jumbo craft sticks, one per child
- Mirror paper, one piece per child
- Glue sticks, one per child
- Crayons or washable markers, several per child
- Stickers, several per child
- Masking tape, one roll per Small Group
- Permanent marker, one per Small Group

What You Do:

- Print "My Wonderful Mirror" on cardstock and cut, one per child.
- Cut the mirror paper to fit each child's cutout.
- Write each child's name on their cutout.

6. Journal and Prayer

*Made to Reflect***What You Need:**

- "Memory Verse Card" from Week One in your Bible, one per Small Group
- Journal, one per Small Group
- Fun-shaped pen, one per Small Group

What You Do:

- If you do not have the "Memory Verse Card," print it on cardstock and place it in your Bible at 139:14. *Keep this card in your Bible all month long.*

Home: Prompting Action Beyond the Experience

- Make copies on cardstock or email this week's Parent Cue Card.
- Print the Memory Verse Card to hand out or make available to parents.
- Print "Going Home" and hang it on the door where Small Group Leaders can reference and remind parents of the Bottom Line and Memory Verse as parents pick up their children.
- Tell parents about our additional family resource, the **Parent Cue App**.

First Look Pinterest Page

Visit our Pinterest page to see craft samples and suggested supplies.
bit.ly/FL_MadeByGod

Supplies:

- Optional EveryChild Supplies: Sandwich-sized resealable bags

Supplies

Creator's Challenge Made to Play	Quantity
1. Random, leftover craft supplies (e.g., pom-poms, pipe cleaners, yarn, googly eyes, fabric scraps)	Several
2. Cardstock	1
3. Glue sticks	1
4. Permanent marker	Several

Bursting with Love Made to Explore	Quantity
1. "Allergy Alert Poster"	1
2. Cardstock	1
3. Sandwich-size resealable bag	1
4. Baking soda	Several
5. Vinegar	Several
6. Facial tissue	Several
7. Warm water	1
8. Measuring cups and spoons	1
9. Large	1
10. shallow	1
11. clear bin	1
12. Optional EveryChild Supplies: Noise-cancelling headphones	Several

How Full is God's Love? Made to Think	Quantity
1. Large, clear plastic jar or vase	1
2. Black dry-erase marker	Several
3. Plastic pitcher	1
4. Water	1
5. Small plastic cups	Several
6. Shallow tray or plastic bin	1
7. Paper towels	Several
8. Plastic tablecloth	1
9. Optional: Blue food coloring	1

Wonderful Ride | Made to Move *Uses Minimal Supplies*

1. Parachute	1
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My Wonderful Mirror Made to Create	Quantity
1. "My Wonderful Mirror" Activity Page	1
2. Cardstock	1
3. Jumbo craft sticks	Several
4. Mirror paper	1
5. Glue sticks	1
6. Crayons or washable markers	Several
7. Stickers	Several
8. Masking tape	1

Look in the Mirror | Made to Move *Uses Minimal Supplies*

	Quantity
1. Preschool-safe hand mirror	1
2. Music player	1
3. Fun, upbeat music	1

Tender and Kind Hearts | Made to Explore

	Quantity
1. "Allergy Alert Poster"	1
2. Cardstock	1
3. White Play-Doh®	Several
4. Red Play-Doh®	Several
5. Paper plates	Several
6. Optional: Sandwich-sized resealable bags and a permanent marker	Several
7. Optional EveryChild Supplies: Sandwich-sized resealable bags	Several

Journal and Prayer | Made to Reflect

	Quantity
1. "Memory Verse Card" from Week One in your Bible	1
2. Journal	1
3. Fun-shaped pen	1