

3-5's | W5

Today's Suggested Schedule—August 2026, Week 5

Bible Story: God Loves Me • John 3:16; 1 John 4:9-10

God loves us so much that God gave us Jesus.

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

- Forever Moves
- The Best Gift-Wrapping Station
- From God

Story: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

- Worship
- Bible Story
- Prayer

Groups: Creating a safe place to connect

- You are Amazing and Wonderful
- Pass the Present
- Forever Spin
- Wonderful Me Hug
- Wonderful Me Locket
- 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 Loves Me • John 3:16; 1 John 4:9-10

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

Forever Moves | Made to Move

What You Need

No supplies needed



EveryChild tips

- Choose movements that all children in your group can do. "Waving your arms forever" or "blinking your eyes forever" are great, inclusive options.

Providing time for fun interaction

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Gather children in an open area with plenty of space to move.

During the Activity: Call out different actions for the children to do.

After the Activity: Introduce the Bible Story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Hello, friends! I have a question for you today. Can you do something FOREVER? Forever is a long, long, long time. Let's play a game and see!"

During the Activity: "First, let's try to JUMP forever! Ready? Let's start jumping! Jump, jump, jump! Keep going! Can you jump forever? (After 10-15 seconds) Phew! I'm getting tired. Let's stop. Jumping forever is hard! Okay, let's try to SPIN forever! Stand up and spin, spin, spin! (Spin for a few seconds.) Whoa, I'm getting dizzy! Let's stop. Spinning forever is hard, too! Let's try one more! Can you hop on one foot forever? Let's try! Hop, hop, hop! This is really tricky! Let's stop. You were all amazing movers!"

After the Activity: "Doing something forever is impossible for us! But our Bible Story today is about something very special that DOES last forever. Let's go hear what it is!"

5 min

Wonderful Me Locket | Made to Create

What You Need

	"Wonderful Me Locket" Activity Page	1
	"Locket Jesus" Activity Page	1
	Cardstock	1
	Crayons and/or washable markers	Several
	Stickers	Several
	Glue sticks	1
	A holepunch	1
	Yarn	Several
	Scissors	1
	Permanent marker	Several



EveryChild tips

- For a child who does not want to wear a necklace: Offer to tie the yarn in a shorter loop so they can hang it on a doorknob at home, or suggest they can keep it as a "pocket treasure" without the yarn. This respects their sensory preferences and personal space.

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Print "Wonderful Me Locket" on cardstock and cut, one cutout per child. Print "Locket Jesus" on cardstock and cut, one cutout per child. Punch a hole at the top of each child's heart locket. Cut yarn into 36-inch lengths, one per child. Thread a piece of yarn through the hole in each child's locket and knot the ends. Write each child's name on their locket.

During the Activity: Encourage children to Glue Jesus to one side of the inside of their heart and on the other side ask the children to draw themselves. Help children put their locket necklaces on.

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

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Come on over to the table, my wonderful friends! Our Bible Story reminds us that God loves us so much, and He gave us the best gift ever, Jesus! Let's make a special locket necklace to keep a reminder of that close to our hearts!"

During the Activity: "Here is your heart locket. First, let's decorate the outside. You can use crayons and stickers to make it beautiful and special, just like God made YOU special! *(Allow time for children to decorate.)* Your lockets look so wonderful! Let's open it up! *(Show them how to open their heart.)* Inside, we're going to put two very important things. On one side, let's glue our picture of Jesus. *(Give each child a Jesus picture.)* Our story says God loves us SO much that He gave us His Son, Jesus, to be our friend forever! Jesus is the best gift. Now for the other side, I want you to draw yourself! *(Allow time to draw.)* God made YOU! And you are so wonderful! Now you can wear your special locket necklace home to keep Jesus close to your heart."

After the Activity: "Hold up your wonderful lockets! Jesus, the best gift ever, and YOU, God's amazing creation, are inside your special heart locket! It's a special reminder that God loves you so much that He gave you Jesus to be your friend forever. **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
	Self-inking heart stamp	Several
	Rewards sticker or handstamp	Several

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.

Encourage the children to give themselves a great big bear hug as they walk to your Small Group spot then sit down and gather the children around you.

During the Activity: Review the Bible Story and the Memory Verse Hand Motions. Write GOD in big letters on the journal page. Ask each child to stamp a heart in the journal around the word. Write their name next to or inside the heart that child stamped.

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! Today we learned that God loves us so much He gave us Jesus to be our friend forever! Let's give ourselves a great big bear hug as we walk to our Small Group spot. (Pause.) Hooray! We made it all the way to our Small Group spot giving ourselves the best hug ever! Now, one, two, three 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 the whole world and everything in it! God made you; God loves you, and God gave His Son, Jesus, to be our friend forever. Jesus will never stop being your friend, and that makes Jesus the best gift there ever could be. Jesus is a gift for every person God made. And God made every single one of you. God loves us so much that God gave us Jesus. **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.** That was wonderful! (Two thumbs up.) I think you're ready to say that verse all by yourself. I want everyone to sit down, and we will take turns saying it. Who wants to go first? I have a sticker/stamp for everyone who tries to say the Bible verse! (Hold up stamp/stickers.) Way to go, [child's name]! (Give two thumbs up.) You get a stamp/sticker! (Say and do this with each child as they try and say the Bible verse.) I'm very proud of you for trying to say that Bible verse. When I count to three, I want everyone to stand up and point to your stamp/sticker. One, two, three! (Pause to look.) Yay! (Clap.)

(Open journal.) "Our Bible Story today tells us about the most amazing gift. It tells us that God loves us SO much that He gave us His Son, Jesus, to be our friend forever! That is the best gift ever. I have a very important question for us to answer in our journal today. Will you help me answer? The question is: Who loves you SO much that He gave you Jesus to be your friend forever? What do you think the answer is? (Pause and let children respond.) That's right! It's GOD! God loves you that much! I'm going to write that big, beautiful answer right here in our journal: GOD! (Write GOD in big letters.) We're not finished yet. When I call your name, I want you to add a heart stamp somewhere on the page around the word God. [Child's name], come stamp a heart. (Pause and write child's name in or under their heart.) God loves you and made you wonderful. (Continue with each child. 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 page in our journal is filled with hearts, and hearts make us think of love. God loves us so much that He gave us Jesus to be our friend forever! Let's pray and talk to God and thank Him for giving us Jesus. 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 loving us SO much that You gave us the very best gift, Your Son, Jesus. And thank You that Jesus wants to be our friend forever. Help us to always remember how much You love us, 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. Forever Moves

Made to Move

What You Need:

- No supplies needed

2. The Best Gift-Wrapping Station

Made to Play

What You Need:

- Small, empty cardboard boxes, several per Small Group
- Wrapping paper, pre-cut into manageable pieces, two pieces per child
- Large, stick-on gift bows, two per child
- Clear tape, one roll per Small Group

Optional EveryChild Supplies:

- Gift bags and tissue paper, two per child

What You Do:

- Set up a "wrapping station" on the table or floor. Cut wrapping paper into large squares or rectangles and place on the table with boxes, tape, and bows.

3. From God

Made to Explore

What You Need:

- "From God" Activity Page, one per child
- Cardstock, one piece per child
- White crayons, several per Small Group
- Pencil, one per Small Group
- Watercolor paints, several per Small Group
- Paintbrushes, one per child
- Small plastic cups or bowls, one for every three children
- Water, one per Small Group
- Plastic tablecloth, one per Small Group
- Paper towels, one roll per Small Group

What You Do:

- Print "From God" on cardstock, one per child.
- Using a white crayon, write each child's name clearly in the blank space on the gift tag of their activity page.
- Lightly write the child's name on the back of their picture in pencil.
- Spread out the tablecloth on the table.
- Fill cups/bowls halfway with water and place on the tablecloth along with the paints and paintbrushes.

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. You are Amazing and Wonderful

Hear from God | Memory Verse Review*Made to Move***What You Need:**

- Red butcher paper, one per Small Group
- Painter's tape, one roll per Small Group

What You Do:

- Cut a long piece of red butcher paper and place it on the floor in an open area of the room.
- Secure to the floor with tape.

2. Pass the Present

*Made to Play***What You Need:**

- "Pass the Present" Activity Page, one per Small Group
- Cardstock, one piece per Small Group
- Spring-loaded clothespins, one per child
- Double-sided tape, one roll per Small Group
- Scissors, one pair per Small Group

What You Do:

- Print "Pass the Present" on cardstock and cut, one per Small Group.
- Fold along the line and attach the two sides with double-sided tape.

3. Forever Spin

Made to Think

What You Need:

- Butcher paper, one per Small Group
- Old CDs or DVDs, one per child
- Washable markers, one per child
- Masking tape, one roll per Small Group

What You Do:

- Cover a table with butcher paper and secure with tape.
- Insert one marker in the hole of each CD/DVD and if needed, tape the marker to secure it.

4. Wonderful Me Hug

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

- Large, stretchy exercise band, one per Small Group
- *Option: Use ace bandages in place of an exercise band.*

5. Wonderful Me Locket

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

- "Wonderful Me Locket" Activity Page, one cutout per child
- "Locket Jesus" Activity Page, one cutout per child
- Cardstock, one piece per child
- Crayons and/or washable markers, several per child
- Stickers, three per child
- Glue sticks, several per Small Group
- Hole punch, one per Small Group
- Yarn, one skein per Small Group
- Scissors, one pair per Small Group
- Permanent marker, one per Small Group

What You Do:

- Print "Wonderful Me Locket" on cardstock and cut, one cutout per child.
- Print "Locket Jesus" on cardstock and cut, one cutout per child.
- Punch a hole at the top of each child's heart locket.
- Cut yarn into 36-inch lengths, one per child.
- Thread a piece of yarn through the hole in each child's locket and knot the ends.
- Write each child's name on their locket.

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
- Self-inking heart stamp, one per Small Group
- Rewards sticker or handstamp, one per child/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.

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

The Best Gift-Wrapping Station | Made to Play

	Quantity
1. Small, empty cardboard boxes	1
2. Wrapping paper, pre-cut into manageable pieces	Several
3. Large, stick-on gift bows	Several
4. Child-safe tape dispensers	1
5. Optional EveryChild Supplies: Gift bags and tissue paper	Several

From God | Made to Explore

	Quantity
1. "From God" Activity Page	1
2. Cardstock	1
3. White crayons	Several
4. Pencil	1
5. Watercolor paint	Several
6. Paintbrushes	1
7. Small plastic cups or bowls	Several
8. Water	1
9. Plastic tablecloth	1
10. Paper towels	Several

You are Amazing and Wonderful | Made to Move

	Quantity
1. Red butcher paper	1
2. Painter's tape	Several

Forever Spin | Made to Think

	Quantity
1. Butcher paper	1
2. Old CDs or DVDs	1
3. Washable markers	Several
4. Masking tape	1

Wonderful Me Hug | Made to Move *Uses Minimal Supplies*

	Quantity
1. Large, stretchy exercise band	1

Wonderful Me Locket | Made to Create

	Quantity
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2. "Locket Jesus" Activity Page	1
3. Cardstock	1
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5. Stickers	Several
6. Glue sticks	1
7. A holepunch	1
8. Yarn	Several
9. Scissors	1
10. Permanent marker	Several

Pass the Present | Made to Play**Quantity**

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| 2. | Cardstock | 1 |
| 3. | Spring-loaded clothespins | Several |
| 4. | Double-sided tape | 1 |
| 5. | Scissors | 1 |

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