

June 7
I am Special to God

Story:

★ **Introduction & Story:**

There is a story in the Bible about a time when people were bringing children to Jesus. They wanted Jesus to bless their children. Some of the disciples did not think it was a good idea for Jesus to be bothered by the children. But Jesus told them it was a good idea. He said that the kingdom of heaven included children like these and that everyone should come to him like a child would. He hugged the children and blessed them. (Mark 10:13-16)

We all like hugs. Wouldn't it be wonderful to be hugged by Jesus?

Well, as you get to know Jesus better and better, you will feel closer and closer to him. Sometimes we can imagine that Jesus is hugging us. God made you. You are exactly who God meant you to be. The color of your eyes and hair, how tall you are, and what you look like are all things that God decided even before you were born. The Bible even tells us that God knew us before we were born. (Jeremiah 1:5)

Did you know that God even knows how many hairs are on your head? The Bible tells us that the hairs on our heads are numbered. (Matthew 30:10)

God has a plan for you. You probably do not know what you will grow up to be. Maybe a nurse or a doctor. Maybe a fireman or policeman. Maybe a teacher or a pastor. But God knows what you will grow up to be. The Bible tells us that he has a plan for each of us. And it is a good plan. (Jeremiah 29:11)

Remember always, that you are special to God. He made you to be exactly who you are. He loves you very much.

Follow Up:

★ **Prayer**

Memory Verse Practice:

★ Verse:

- "Let the little children come to me. -- Mark 10:14

Sticky Activities:

★ Worksheets & coloring pages

Crafts

1. God Made Me Mirror

Supplies:

Paper plate

Aluminum foil

Markers

Stickers

Children glue foil in the center to make a mirror and decorate the edges. Write:
"God made me special!"

2. Fingerprint Heart

Supplies:

Heart template

Ink pads or washable paint

Kids fill a heart with fingerprints.

Talk about how every fingerprint is different, just like every person God made.

3. "God Knows My Name" Name Crown

Supplies:

Sentence strips
Stickers
Foam shapes

Write each child's name on a crown.

Teacher says:
"God knows your name and loves you."

4. Self-Portrait Frame

Supplies:

Picture frame template
Crayons
Yarn for hair

Children draw themselves and decorate the frame.

5. Handprint Flower

Supplies:

Construction paper
Paint

Make flowers using handprints as petals.

Write:
"God made me grow!"

Touch Activities

1. Mystery Texture Bags

Fill bags with:

Cotton balls

Sandpaper
Pom-poms
Feathers

Discuss how God made us able to feel different things.

2. Play-Dough People

Children make themselves from play dough.

Talk about how God formed each person.

Movement Activities

1. "God Made My Body" Action Game

Leader calls:

Wiggle fingers

Jump

Blink

Clap

Stomp

After each action:

"Thank You, God, for making me!"

2. Name Parade

March around the room.

Leader says:

"God loves ___!"

The child named waves while everyone cheers.

Visual Activities

1. Unique Snowflakes

Fold and cut paper snowflakes.

Show that no two are exactly alike.

2. Baby Pictures Guessing Game

Ask families to send baby pictures.

Children guess who is who and discuss how God knew them even when they were babies.

Sound Activities

1. Echo Game

Teacher:

"God loves me!"

Children echo it.

Use different voices (whisper, robot, giant).

2. Name Song

Sing:

"God loves _____, yes He does!"

to a familiar tune.

Insert each child's name.

Smell Activities

1. Scented Play Dough

Use vanilla, cinnamon, or lemon scents.

Talk about the wonderful things God made.

2. Flower Smelling Station

Provide safe flowers or herbs.

Discuss God's creativity.

Taste Activities

1. "God's Good Gifts" Snack

Offer:

Strawberries

Crackers

Cheese cubes

Talk about good gifts from God.

2. Decorate a Cookie

Each child decorates one differently.

Discuss how everyone is unique.

Experiential Activities

1. Giant Class Heart: Write each child's name on a paper heart and place them on a large poster.

Title:

"We Are Special to God."

2. Blessing Tunnel

Teachers form a tunnel with their arms.

As each child walks through, adults say:

"God loves you!"

"God made you special!"

"God knows your name!"

This is often a preschool favorite because they hear the truth spoken directly to them.

High-Impact Sensory Bin

"God Made Me Special" Sensory Bin

Fill a bin with:

Small mirrors

Foam letters

Heart shapes

Pom-poms

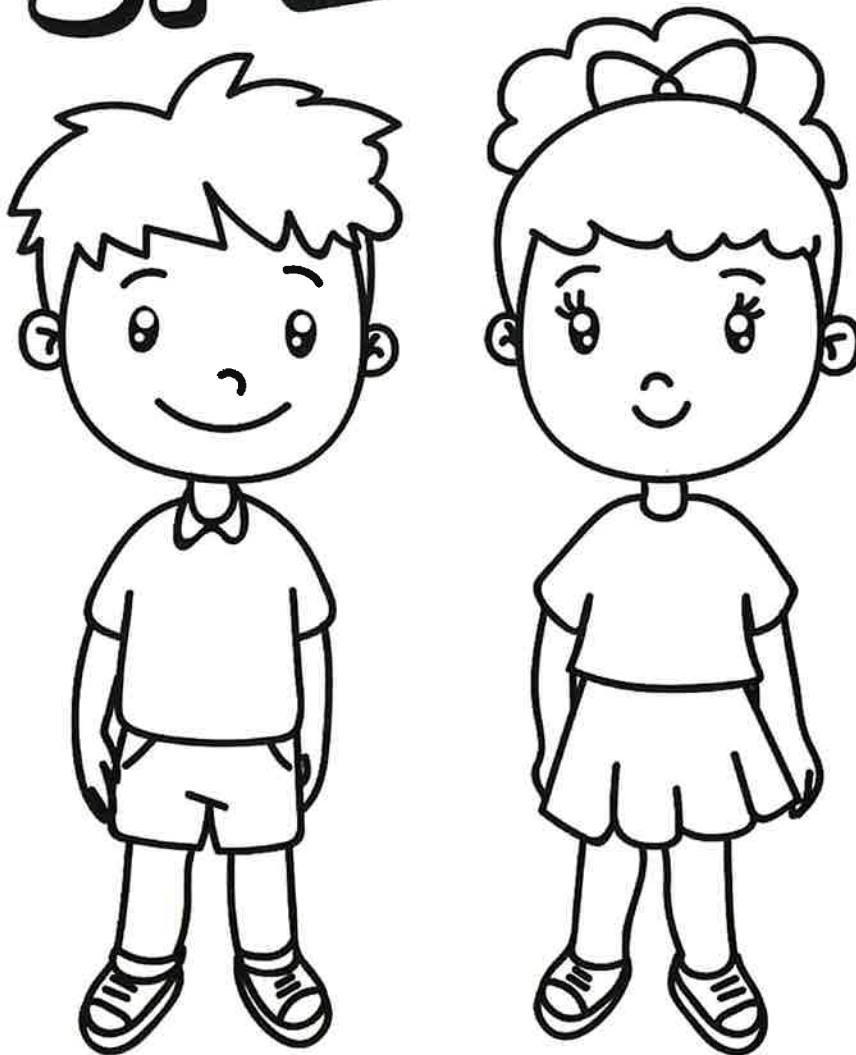
Plastic people figures

Hide foam letters that spell children's names and let them search for them.

As they find letters, remind them:

"God knows your name because you are special to Him."

GOD MADE ME SPECIAL



God made all of me,
My feet, my head and my hands.
God made me special,
And for me He has great plans.

