

Lesson Plan

June 14th, 2026

This Month's Truth: I Am Uniquely Designed

Bible Story: The life of Samson (Judges 13-16)

Theme Verse: Acknowledge that the Lord is God. He made us, and we are His. (Psalm 100:3a)

Teachers rally with your team a few minutes before kids start to arrive: Rally is a pre-service time for you to be expectant and equipped before the kids start arriving. Go over the lesson and any ideas for the day. Pray over your space and for the kids that will be coming that they will be connected to the person of Jesus.

Share: Today we get to teach kids that their lives matter to God. God had a plan to work through Samson in an incredible way, even though Samson did not always make right choices. Why did God continue to work through Samson? Because Samson's life mattered to God! (Read Judges 13:24.) God designed us to follow Him with our whole lives and to point others to Him. Kids will learn today that our lives matter to God.

Pray: Lead the group in prayer, thanking God for the volunteers who are serving and for the fact that they matter to God.

Pre Service

Arrival time, please use this time to build relationships with kids and encourage them to build relationships with one another.

Service

What To Do:

- **Teacher Start 5-minute countdown 5 minutes prior to service start time.**

Teacher Opener: Welcome, everyone! My name is ____, and we are going to have a great time together! Give three people around you a high five! (Allow time.) Today, we get to learn that God uniquely designed each one of us! Say, "I am uniquely designed!" (I am uniquely designed!) This is because you are priceless to God! Everyone, say, "Priceless!" (Priceless!)

Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John Corner Game

What You Say: We're going to play a game called "Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John". Does anyone know where we know these names from? (The Bible, The Gospels). This game is going to be like a game called Four Corners. Does everyone know this game?

For this game I need a volunteer to be It. It will stand in the middle between all the Gospel names. They will close their eyes and count to 10. Then everyone else will quietly go to one of the Gospel names. The person that is It will say, "Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. I pick. . ." and then choose one of the Gospel names. Any kids standing near the sign of the name picked will move to stand in the middle with It. The game will continue until only one kid is left at a Gospel name. That kid then becomes It for the next round.

Leader Tip: Play however many rounds as time allows.

What You Say: Great job everyone! That game was so fun and what a great way for us to memorize the books of the Gospel.

Transition Script to go into the Intro Video: It is time for a show! Ask, "What show?" (What show?) I am so glad you asked! It is time for That Show with Mollie and Miles! Oh, and Steven too! Count down with me and say, "Go!" to get this stupendous and sometimes silly show started. Ready? 3-2-1 Go!

Play Intro Video

What You Say: I think we all feel like Miles sometimes. We might think we are not special or feel like we are not important. But what Miles learned is something we can learn too! God uniquely designed us. He knows everything about us, and we matter to Him. No matter what we are thinking or feeling and no matter what we are going through, our lives matter to God! Say, "My life matters to God!" (My life matters to God!)

Worship

What You Say: Let's all come up front and worship together this morning!

What To Do:

- Turn lights off
- 2 songs of worship

Community Big Kids

- **Teachers and Small Group Leaders worship with the kids, modeling what it looks like to give God our praise. Stand in the front of the room, or next to the kids- but not in the back.**
- Dismiss the kids back to their seats when the songs are over

What To Do:

- Have the kids **open up** a physical Bible and find the Bible story for that day.
- Use the Bibles provided in the classroom if a kid does not have their own Bible with them.

Transition Script to go into the Bible Story Video: (Open the Bible to Judges 13.) We get to learn from the Bible, which is God’s true message to us about Himself! Say, “The Bible!” (The Bible!) Today’s Bible story is from the book of the Bible called Judges! What book of the Bible? (Judges!) This book of the Bible is found in the Old Testament, which is the first part of the Bible. We get to learn about a man named Samson whose life mattered to God. Our lives matter to God too! Say, “My life matters to God!” (My life matters to God!)

Play Bible Story Video

Questions to consider asking after the video:

- What is something that you learned about God from the video?
- What is something that you learned about people?
- What can you take away from the video?
 - How can you apply the lesson from today into your life?

Making The Connection Script: Can you imagine having amazing strength like Samson? It would be so cool, but also a big responsibility. Samson was uniquely gifted with strength that was given to him by God. He was given power to fight the Philistines (fih LISS teens) who were some of the enemies of God’s people. Samson made wrong choices in his life—including allowing his hair to be cut—and ended up losing his strength. However, once his hair started to grow back, God worked through Samson and brought victory to God’s people. Samson’s life mattered to God, even when Samson made wrong choices. The same is true for us! Our lives matter to God, even when we make wrong choices. Everyone, say, “My life matters to God!” (My life matters to God!)

Use the Three Circle Graphics on the Playlist

Community Big Kids

(Circle two) Like Samson, we all make wrong choices and sin. Sin is when we choose to do what we think is best instead of what God says is best. Sin separates us from God and keeps us from living the way God created us to live. No matter how hard we may try to be good or do the right thing, we all sin. Our sin deserves to be punished. Today, we learned about Samson who had been given amazing strength to help and protect God's people from their enemies, but God told his family that he could not cut his hair. In his life, Samson sinned and made multiple wrong choices. Samson lost his strength when his hair was cut. He could no longer protect God's people, the Israelites. However, there was hope for Samson, and there is hope for us too.

(Circle three) Samson's hair started to grow back, and he asked God to strengthen him one more time. Samson was able to push down the pillars of the temple that belonged to the Philistines. The temple fell on the Philistines, and God's people, the Israelites, were free. Even though Samson made wrong choices, God still had a plan for his life and was able to work through him. In our lives, we also sin and make wrong choices, but our lives matter to God. He had a plan to rescue us from sin. Say, "My life matters to God!" (My life matters to God!)

God sent His Son, Jesus, to rescue us from sin. Jesus died on a cross, taking the punishment we deserved for sin. Then Jesus came back to life on the third day so that we can have a right relationship with God. Our lives matter so much to God. He sent Jesus to make the way for us to have the lives He created us to live—life following God forever!

(Circle one) One day Jesus will return, and He will make all things new, including us! We will get to live in the perfect relationship with God that He created us to live. Until that day, we can know that our lives right now matter to God. God designed us to follow Him with our whole lives. We can learn about Him, trust Him, obey Him, and even tell others about Him. He gave each of us unique and special lives, and He has great plans to work through us.

Sometimes, we may wonder what is special about us, but to God, we are priceless. We do not have to look or act like anyone else to matter. We do not have to worry that our wrong choices or slipups mean we are not special. This is because each of our lives—the good, the bad, and everything in between—matter to God. He uniquely worked through Samson's life, and He will uniquely work through our lives too.

If you have questions about what it means to follow Jesus, you can talk with me or your Small Group Leader. Each of our lives matters to God, and He wants to have a relationship with you. Everyone, say, "My life matters to God!" (My life matters to God!) God has a plan for each of you, and you can repent, which means turning away from your sin and asking Jesus to forgive you. That is how you start following God's plan for your life! God wants all people to know Him

because each one of us matters to Him. Everyone, say, “I am uniquely designed!” (I am uniquely designed!)

Theme Verse Review:

Theme verse motions:

Acknowledge that the Lord is God. (Start with hands at your waist, palms facing upward. Swing them up, facing each other.)

He made us, and we are his. (With hands still up facing each other, bring your right hand to your chest, then your left hand to your chest.)

Psalm 100:3a (Hold your hands out like a book.)

What You Say: We get to learn our Theme verse that teaches us that we are uniquely designed by God! Everyone, say, “I am uniquely designed!” (I am uniquely designed!) That is right!

Play Theme Verse Video

What You Say: God uniquely designed each one of us, and our lives matter to Him. He made us to know, love, and follow Him. Even when we make wrong choices, God forgives us, loves us, and gives us another chance to follow Him because our lives matter to Him. Everyone, say, “My life matters to God!” (My life matters to God!)

Large Group Closing:

What You Say: Everyone, say, “I am uniquely designed!” (I am uniquely designed!) Your life matters to God. Sometimes, we may wonder what is special about us, but to God, we are priceless. No matter where we are or what we do, God loves us and made us to follow Him. This is because each of our lives matter to God. Say, “My life matters to God!” (My life matters to God!) Let’s spend time in prayer to God thanking Him for designing us uniquely. Let’s pray in 3-2-1.

Closing Prayer: God, thank You for uniquely designing each of us. Thank You for teaching us that our lives matter to You. We can always turn to follow You with our whole lives. Thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus, to forgive us and make a way for us to know You. Help us to see ourselves the way You see us—as priceless. We love You. Amen.

Transition to Small Group Time: Split the kids into small groups. This can be done either by age, grade, or gender.

Small Group Time:

Option #1: Connection Questions

What To Do: Let's talk about how we are priceless to God by answering a few questions together!

1. Priceless means that it is worth more than all the money in the world to you. What is something that is priceless to you? (Allow kids to respond and then share your answer.)
2. When we look at our baby pictures, it is easy to see that we have changed since then! What is something that is different in your life now than when you were a baby? (Allow responses and share your own response.) Even though we did not know how our lives would change, God did. And He still has a plan for our lives. How can your baby picture remind you that God has a plan for your life? (God knew how I would grow into the person I am today. He knows who I will be in the future.)
3. The Bible tells us that we are uniquely designed, and our lives matter to God. Let's open our Bibles to **Judges 13:24** and read about it together. (Invite kids to open their Bibles. Read the verse aloud or invite a kid who volunteers to read the verse aloud. Be sure to have Bibles available for kids who need one. Help kids find the verse so everyone can follow along together.) This Bible verse says God blessed Samson. God uniquely designed Samson and Samson's life. God gave Samson great strength to help and protect God's people. Even though Samson made wrong choices, God still worked through Samson. The same is true for us today too. How does this passage help us know that He uniquely designed each one of us like He designed Samson? (God had a plan for Samson, and He has a plan for me. God designed Samson for a purpose, and He has a purpose for me.)
4. No matter what choices Samson made, God still had a plan for him. This is because Samson's life mattered to God. Our lives matter so much to God that He sent His Son, Jesus, to make the way for us to have a relationship with Him. How can you share this truth with a friend who needs to know that they matter to God? (I can tell my friend that God has a plan for her life. I can tell my friend that his life matters to God, and that God sent Jesus so he can know Him.)
5. The Bible tells us we are uniquely designed by God, and our lives matter to Him. We are priceless to Him because He made us. What is something you learned today? Is there anything you have questions about? (Allow kids to answer and share your own answer.)

Option #2: Samson Mini Book

What You Say: Today we are going to create a book about the story of Samson. We are going to color each piece. Cut it out. Then staple it together in the right order. Make sure you pay attention and put the story in the right order.

Keep It Going: Can anyone tell me their favorite part of Samson's story today? (Allow kids to respond and then share your answer.)

Loud And Clear: In our lives, God always has a plan, like He did with Samson in our Bible story today! Samson's life got a little mixed up and difficult but God had a plan.

Things sometimes may seem mixed up or difficult in our lives too, but God still has a unique and amazing plan. Sometimes things get mixed up because of the wrong choices we make, but God still has a plan. Our lives matter to God because we matter to God, and He designed us in special ways to know, follow, and love Him through our whole lives. Say, "I am uniquely designed!" (I am uniquely designed!)

Option #3: Activity Page

What To Do: This activity page helps us remember some big things we have learned about today. As you color and work on activities, talk to a friend about some of your favorite parts of our time together.

Leader Tip: Get to know the kids better. Ask them what they remember about the Bible story or remind them that even though Samson made wrong choices, God still had a plan for Samson because his life mattered to God. Our lives matter to God too. Samson was uniquely designed by God, like us, and we are priceless to Him.

Loud And Clear: God uniquely designed each one of us. He created us to know Him and point others to Him. God sent Jesus so we could have a relationship with Him and be forgiven when we make wrong choices and sin. We can know that God has a plan for our lives, and we are priceless to Him!

Close out in prayer:

What To Do:

- Ask for any specific prayer requests
- Pray with the group
- Lead the group in the prayer below.

What You Say: God, thank You for designing each one of us uniquely. We are so thankful that our lives matter to You, and that You have a plan for each of us. Thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus, so that we can know You. We know we make mistakes, but we are thankful that You forgive us when we trust in You. Thank You that You can still work in our lives no matter what. Help us remember that we are priceless in Your eyes. Amen.

Dismissal:

Leader Tip: Work with your team to dismiss the kids in a fun, manageable, and safe way. As kids leave, make sure they have all of the crafts and papers. Share with the person picking them up something positive you observed today. Invite them back next week.