

# Lesson Plan

June 21st, 2026

**This Month's Truth:** I Am Uniquely Designed

**Bible Story:** Jeremiah's message to Israel (Jeremiah 29:1-14)

**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:** In today's session we are teaching about how where we live matters to God. Our Bible story in Jeremiah talks about how God wanted the Israelites to live full lives right where they were. (Read Jeremiah 29:7.) Even though God's people didn't want to be where they were, God told them to settle in and plant roots. He had them right where they were for a plan and a purpose. We get to help kids see that God has them right where they are for a plan and a purpose too. Their lives matter to Him, even the details of where they live.

**Pray:** Lead the group in prayer, asking God to help the kids you lead know that where they live matters to Him, because they matter to Him.

## 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:** Hey there! My name is \_\_\_\_, and we are going to have a blast today! Everyone, say, "Let's have a blast!" then use your hands to explode up, like fireworks. (Demonstrate.) Let's try it in 3-2-1! (Let's have a blast!) We will get to learn that we are uniquely

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designed by God. Say, "I am uniquely designed!" (I am uniquely designed!) To God, we are priceless. Everyone, say, "Priceless!" (Priceless!)

### Guess The Price

**What You Say:** Today, we get to play a game called "Guess the Price!" Guess the what? (Price!) To play this game, each round on the screen will have a different item shown from the treasure chest. Your job is to guess which of the three price options given is the correct price of the item. You will have 15 seconds to make your best guess.

If you think the correct answer is A, you will jump up and down. Let me see you jump! (Allow responses.)

If you think the correct answer is B, you will clap your hands. Let me see you clap! (Allow responses.)

If you think the correct answer is C, you will wave your arms in the air. Let me see you wave! (Allow responses.)

Keep track of the answers you got correct because they are each worth a point. The players with the most points at the end win! Say, "Let's guess the price!" to get us started in 3-2-1! (Let's guess the price!)

(Read the options on the screen, reminding kids of the actions to show their choices. Read the answers as they appear, congratulating correct guesses.)

**Keep It Going:** Allow kids to say the correct price together once it is revealed. Instruct kids to give a thumbs-up if they guessed the answer correctly and a thumbs-down if they guessed the answer incorrectly.

**What You Say:** Each of you did such a great job guessing the price of the objects in the treasure chest! Call out which object had the hardest price to guess in 3-2-1! (Allow kids to respond.) It was so fun playing the game with you. Each of these objects had a price, and that price showed its value. Although objects have a price given to them, people do not. This is because people are priceless! Everyone, say, "Priceless!" (Priceless!) Each one of us is uniquely designed by God! Everyone, say, "I am uniquely designed!" (I am uniquely designed!) You are worth more to God than all the treasure chests in the world!

**Transition Script to go into the Intro Video:** If you like having fun with your friends, let me hear you say, “Oh yeah!” (Oh yeah!) That is great! We are going to watch a show that three friends named Mollie, Miles, and Stephen made together. They look like they had a ton of fun! Everyone, say, “Let’s see it!” (Let’s see it!)

## Play Intro Video

**What You Say:** Let me hear you say, “Treasure hunt!” in your best Scottish accent like Cowguy Sam in 3-2-1! (Treasure hunt!) That was really good! While things did not go exactly the way Mollie, Miles, and Stephen planned, they still got the treasure. We can know that there is nothing unplanned or unexpected when it comes to God. Ask, “Why not?” (Why not?) God uniquely designed everything and everyone. We all matter to God, and He has good plans for us—even good plans for where we live. Say, “Where I live matters to God!” (Where I live matters to God!)

## Worship

**What You Say:** I am so excited to sing and worship God with you all this morning! Let’s come up front and worship God together!

### What To Do:

- Turn lights off
- 2 songs of worship
- **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 Jeremiah 29:1-14.) We get to learn about real people in a real book called the Bible! Say, “The Bible!” (The Bible!) The Bible is God’s true message to us about Himself. Today’s Bible story comes from a book in the Bible

called Jeremiah. Say, “Jeremiah!” (Jeremiah!) This story focuses on God’s people, the Israelites (IZ ray el ights), and a prophet named Jeremiah. A prophet was a person who shared special messages from God, and Jeremiah did just that. Let’s learn how God cares about where we live. Everyone, say, “Where I live matters to God!” (Where I live 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 being taken to live in another country for a long time? God’s people, the Israelites, lost their home country and had to move to Babylon (BAB ih lahn). They were not happy about it. However, God wanted them to live full lives right where they were. Where they lived mattered to God, and God cares about where we live too. Say, “Where I live matters to God!” (Where I live matters to God!)

Whether we live in a big home or a small home, whether we live around lots of people like us or lots of different people, where we live matters to God. God can work through us wherever we live to help us follow Him and point others to Him as well. The Israelites (IZ ray el ight) were able to seek and follow God in Babylon, and we can seek and follow Him wherever we are too!

### Use the Three Circle Graphics on the Playlist

(Circle two) Life in Babylon was not easy for the Israelites. They were surrounded by people who lived in different ways and believed in different things than they did. The Israelites were surrounded by brokenness in Babylon. But they also had brokenness in their lives. Brokenness is a result of sin, and we are broken people living in a broken world too. Sin is when we choose to do what we think is best instead of following what God thinks is best.

No matter how hard we may try to fix ourselves, we all sin, and our sin deserves to be punished. In our Bible story today, we learned about God’s people, the Israelites, who were taken out of their home country of Israel into Babylon because of their own sin against God. They were surrounded by brokenness. They were not happy about moving to Babylon, but there was hope for them. And there is hope for us as well!

(Circle three) The prophet Jeremiah told the Israelites that God wanted them to live full lives right where they were. They did not need to go back to Israel or someplace else. God was with His people no matter where they were, and they could follow Him with their whole hearts in Babylon. In our lives, where we live matters to God too. God sent His Son, Jesus, to live a perfect life and die on a cross, taking the punishment we deserved for sin. Jesus came back to life on the third day, making the way for us to have a right relationship with God.

God uniquely designed each of us to follow Him and point others to Him, no matter where we may be. Sometimes we may wonder how we can follow God and live full lives if we do not like where we live. However, we can know that where we live matters to God, and we can live with Him and for Him anywhere.

(Circle one) When we turn from our sin to trust in Jesus to rescue us from sin and follow Him, we can live as God originally designed us to live. We can have a right relationship with Him and know that we are forgiven from our brokenness and sin. One day, Jesus will return and make everything new. Everyone who believes in and follows Him will get to live perfect lives in a perfect world. But for now, no matter where we live, we can know, love, and follow God in that place. Whether we like where we live or not, our lives still matter to God, and He can work through us wherever we are. Everyone, say, "Where I live matters to God!" (Where I live matters to God!)

If you have questions about what it means to follow Jesus, you can talk with me or your Small Group Leader. We would love to help you know more.

## 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:** Let me hear you say, “I am uniquely designed!” (I am uniquely designed!) Because God made each one of us, we are priceless to Him. Even where we live matters to God. God is with us and can work through us, no matter where we are. We can follow Him and point others to Him in our homes, our neighborhoods, our schools, our communities, and our cities. Our homes and communities do not need to look like anyone else’s because God uniquely designed each of us and has amazing plans for us wherever we live. Say, “Where I live matters to God!” (Where I live matters to God!) Let’s spend time in prayer, thanking God for caring about our lives, including where we live. Let’s pray in 3-2-1.

**Closing Prayer:** God, thank You for loving us and caring about the details of our lives, even where we live. Thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus, to forgive us, so we can have a relationship with You. Help us remember that You designed us to love and follow You wherever we are because we know that where we live matters to You. 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 God sees us as priceless and cares for us by talking about a few questions as a team!

1. If you could live anywhere in the world, where would it be and why? (Allow kids to respond and then share your response. Examples include Antarctica because penguins live there, Paris because that is where the Eiffel Tower is, and so forth.)

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2. An envelope addressed to us shows where we live. Why is your address important when someone sends you a letter? (It lets the person know where to send the letter. It tells someone where I live. It tells the mail carrier where to deliver the letter. If the address is incorrect, the letter will not go to the right place.) God knows where you live! No matter what your address is, you can follow and point others to Him. How can an envelope remind you that God cares about where you live? (It reminds me that God knows where I live. It shows me that God can work in my life, even while living at my current address.)
3. The Bible tells us we are uniquely designed by God and that even where we live matters to Him. Let's open our Bibles to **Jeremiah 29:7** 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.) When God's people were far from home, God told them to seek peace and pray to God for the city they were in, called Babylon. Where the Israelites lived mattered to God, and where we live matters to God too. How can this Bible story remind us that where we live matters to God? (It shows me that God wants me to follow Him wherever I am because God cares about where I live. It reminds me that if God cared about where the Israelites lived, I know He also cares about where I live.)
4. God's people, the Israelites, had to move to a city called Babylon, and they were not happy about it. However, God was with them no matter where they were, and where they lived mattered to God. Where we live matters to God too. God sent Jesus so we could have a relationship with Him. We can follow God no matter where we live, whether we like where we are or not. How can you follow God right now where you live? (I can go to church. I can read my Bible. I can pray to God during my day. I can tell my friends about Jesus.)
5. The Bible tells us God cares about where we live because we are priceless to Him. What is something you learned today? Is there anything you have questions about? (Allow kids to answer and share their own answers.)

### Option #2: Father's Day Pennant

**What You Say:** Today we are going to be making pennants for special people in our lives. Our pennants say, "God uniquely designed me and gave me you!" You can decorate the pennants with crayons, markers, stickers, etc. Then when you are done we will attach a popsicle stick to it, to make it a pennant flag. You can give your pennant to your dad, uncle, grandpa, or a special person in your life that God gave you.

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**Leader Tip:** Assist kids as they attach their pennants to the popsicle stick. They can either glue or tape it.

**Loud And Clear:** Your pennants are amazing! Who did you make your pennant for? (Allow kids to respond.) We can show people we love that they are unique to God and unique to us. This is because they are uniquely designed by God too! God uniquely designed and cares about each person receiving a pennant.

**Option #3:** Activity Page

**What You Say:** 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 through Jeremiah, God told the Israelites to thrive where they were living. Where they lived mattered to God, and where we live matters to God too.

**Loud And Clear:** We are uniquely designed by God, and we can know and follow Him no matter where we live. God sent Jesus so we could have a relationship with Him and point others to Him wherever we live.

## 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 that even where we live matters to You. Thank You for uniquely designing each of us and caring about the details of our lives. Thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus, so that we can have a relationship with You. Help us remember that wherever we live, we can follow and point others to You. You are always with us. Thank You that we are priceless to You. Amen.

## Dismissal:

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**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.