

Lesson Plan

June 7th, 2026

This Month's Truth: I Am Uniquely Designed

Bible Story: God called Samuel (1 Samuel 3)

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: This June we are teaching kids about how God designed them special and unique. God called a young prophet named Samuel by name, and Samuel responded by listening and obeying what God had for him to do. (Read 1 Samuel 3:10.) We want kids to know that God knows each and every one of them by name. They can know that they are uniquely designed by God, and even their names matter to Him.

Pray: Lead the group in prayer, asking God to help kids understand how special they are 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, everyone! My name is _____, and I am so glad that you are here! Are you ready to have a great time today? Let me hear you say, "Oh yeah!" (Oh yeah!) Today, we get to learn that we are uniquely designed by God. Say, "I am uniquely designed!" (I am uniquely designed!) You are priceless to Him. Say, "Priceless!" (Priceless!)

Where is the Treasure?

What You Say: Today we get to look for hidden treasure! Everyone, say, “Ooo! Hidden treasure!” (Ooo! Hidden treasure!) Yes! We get to look for it in today’s game called “Where Is the Treasure?” Where is the what? (Treasure!) That’s right! On the screen, a treasure chest will be hidden behind one of five objects with numbers on them. Your job is to call out which numbered item you think is hiding the treasure. Keep calling during the 10-second countdown, then one of the potential hiding spots will be revealed. You will jump up and down if you guess it correctly or sit down if you guess incorrectly. We will play three rounds, so even if you sit down during the first round, you will have two more chances to play. Start guessing in 3-2-1!

(Keep the energy high by calling out guesses and jumping with the kids. Invite kids to stand back up and play again each round.)

You all did a great job finding the hidden treasure! That was so exciting! What items are found in treasure chests? (Allow kids to respond.) Many times, precious jewels, coins, and sometimes even jewelry are inside. Those are priceless treasures! Each item is different and uniquely designed, just like each of us is uniquely designed by God. We all matter to God, and He made us priceless. We are worth more to God than any treasure chest in the world. Everyone, say, “I am uniquely designed!” (I am uniquely designed!)

Transition Script to go into the Intro Video: I am going to pretend to record a video. When I point my “camera” at you, wave and cheer. Ready? (Pretend to record a video of the kids, moving slowly across the audience.) Great job! Now we get to watch three friends who are actually recording an online show. If you are ready, say, “Let’s see it!” (Let’s see it!)

Play Intro Video

What You Say: Mollie and Miles—or Cowgal Carol and Cowguy Sam—sure had an adventure trying to solve that puzzle! The same way that Mollie and Miles learned that Cowgal Carol’s name really mattered, we can know that our names matter too. Say, “My name matters to God!” (My name matters to God!) That is right! God uniquely designed each of us, and He cares about us. Everything about us matters to God—even our names!

Worship

What You Say: Let’s stand and worship together this morning!

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 1 Samuel 3.) We get to learn from the Bible today! From where? (The Bible!) The Bible is God's true message to us about Himself. Today's Bible story is from the book of 1 Samuel. Which book? (1 Samuel!) That's right! First Samuel is in the Old Testament, which is the first part of the Bible. We will learn about a man named Eli (EE ligh) and a boy named Samuel. Our Bible story will show that God knows each of us by name, and our names matter to Him. Say, "My name matters to God!" (My name 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: Have you ever heard your name being called, but you did not know who was calling you? You hear your name, so you ask people around you if anyone was trying to get your attention. It can be confusing sometimes to figure out who was calling you! The Bible story said, "Samuel had not heard the voice of God before, so he did not recognize that it was God calling to him." He thought Eli, the priest in the temple, was the one calling him by name, but it was God! God called Samuel by name because He knew Samuel, and He had an important message for Samuel. God also knows us by name too. Our names matter to God.

Everyone, say, “My name matters to God!” (My name matters to God!) To God, you are priceless.

Use the Three Circle Graphics on the Playlist

(Circle one) People have always been priceless to God. In the beginning of time, God made the first two people—Adam and Eve. God called them and knew them by name. God uniquely designed them and had a personal relationship with Him.

(Circle two) However, Adam and Eve chose to sin against God. Sin is when we choose to do what we think is best instead of following what God says is best. Sin separates us from God. No matter how hard we may try to do the right thing all the time, we all sin. Our sin deserves to be punished. In today’s Bible story, we learned that God told Samuel that the sin in Eli’s family had to be punished. Eli was the high priest over Israel, and his family had disobeyed God. However, God had a plan to raise up Samuel who would be another spiritual leader, and in our lives, there is hope for forgiveness when we sin.

(Circle three) God called Samuel by name, and Samuel responded to Him. God knew Samuel and knew the plans He had for him. Samuel became a prophet, meaning that he shared special messages from God with the people of Israel. In our lives, God knows each of us by name too. God sent His Son, Jesus, to rescue us from sin. Jesus lived a perfect life. He never sinned. He died on a cross, taking the punishment we deserved for our sin. Then Jesus came back to life on the third day, defeating sin and death, so that we can have a relationship with God. God invites each of us to know Him because He uniquely designed each one of us.

Sometimes, we may wonder if anyone cares about us. But we can know that God always cares about us! Just like how God cared for Samuel and had plans for him, God sees, knows, and has a plan for each one of us. Even our names matter to Him. Say, “My name matters to God!” (My name matters to God!)

If you have questions about what it means to follow Jesus, you can talk with me or your Small Group Leader. God knows you by name, and He wants you to respond to Him and know Him through a personal relationship with Him. He uniquely designed each of us, and He wants all of us to know Him. 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 a verse from the Bible that teaches us that we are uniquely designed by God! Everyone, say, "I am uniquely designed!" (I am uniquely designed!)

Play Theme Verse Video

What You Say: God made each of us unique, and He knows everything about us. Everything about us matters to God, including our names! No one in this room is exactly like anyone else. Because you were made by God, that makes you priceless. Everyone, say, "Priceless!" (Priceless!)

Large Group Closing:

What You Say: Call out, "I am uniquely designed!" as loud as you can in 3-2-1! (I am uniquely designed!) God made each one of us, and He cares about every detail in our lives, even our names! Say, "My name matters to God!" (My name matters to God!) When we wonder if anyone cares about us, we can know that God always cares about us! Let's take time and talk with God, thanking Him for caring about us. Let's pray in 3-2-1.

Closing Prayer: God, You uniquely designed each one of us. Even our names matter to You! Thank You for creating us and sending Jesus to forgive us. We are so thankful that You want a personal relationship with each of us, and You made us to know You. Help us to remember who You created us to be. 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!

1. What is something you created on your own? What made your creation unique? (Allow kids to answer and then share your response.)
2. What do you learn when you see a person with a name tag? (You can learn a new name. You can call that person by name.) How can a name tag remind us about what God knows? (God knows our names, and our names matter to Him.)
3. The Bible tells us that each of us are uniquely designed, and our names matter to God. Let's open our Bibles to **1 Samuel 3:10** 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.) Eli told Samuel that God was calling him by name and that Samuel should respond to God the next time he heard his name called. Samuel did just that. How does this story help us know that God knows each of us by name and has uniquely designed a plan for our lives? (God knows our names, just like He knew Samuel's name. God has plans for us, just like He had plans for Samuel.)
4. Our names matter to God. He knows us personally, and He sent His Son, Jesus, so we could have a relationship with Him. Why is it encouraging to know that our names matter to God and that He sent Jesus for us? (We know that we are seen and known by God. We know that God loves us and has great plans for us.)
5. The Bible tells us we are uniquely designed, and our names matter to God. We are priceless to Him because He uniquely designed each one of 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: Theme Verse Puzzle

What To Do: We get to make a "Theme Verse Puzzle!" Everyone, say, "Theme Verse Puzzle!" (Theme Verse Puzzle!) To make this puzzle, you will decorate the puzzle pieces using markers or crayons. Then you will use scissors to cut out each piece! Everyone, say, "Cut out each piece!" (Cut out each piece!) Once every piece is cut out, mix up the pieces and solve the puzzle. Once everyone has solved the puzzle, we will all read the Theme verse out loud.

Keep It Going: Allow kids to trade and solve each other's puzzles.

Leader Tip: Distribute ziplock bags so kids can keep their puzzles together.

Community Big Kids

Loud And Clear: We made some amazing puzzles, and we learned our Theme verse! The Bible is God's true message about Himself, and it teaches us that we matter to God. He made us and we are His! God sent Jesus to make the way for us to be adopted in His family because we matter. Say, "My name matters to God!" (My name matters to God!)

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 God called Samuel by name, and He knows us by name too. We are uniquely designed by God and are priceless to Him.

Loud And Clear: You are uniquely designed by God. He knows every detail about your life, even your own name! Your name matters to God. God sent Jesus, so you can have a relationship with Him because He designed you and you 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 uniquely designing each one of us. We are so grateful that our names matter to You and that we are priceless in Your eyes. Thank You for sending Jesus so that we can have a personal relationship with You. We could never pay the price for sin on our own, so thank You for doing that for us. Help us know we are never invisible or alone because You see, know, and love us. Amen.

Dismissal:

Community Big Kids

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.