

Lesson Plan

September 20th, 2026

This Month's Truth: I Am Valued

Bible Story: God Made People (Genesis 1:26-2:25)

Theme Verse: "For God loved the world in this way: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16)

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: When God created the world, He made people special. People are the only part of God's creation that He made in His own image. (Read Genesis 1:27.) We get to teach kids today that God made them on purpose, which means no kid is an accident. Kids are each uniquely designed and intentionally created in the image of God.

Pray: Lead the group in prayer, thanking God for your team and the incredible purpose He has as they serve.

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 I am so glad you are all here today. When you see someone walking on a red carpet or going behind the scenes for something special, you can know that person is a VIP—a Very Important Person. Our Theme today is *VIP* because everyone here is a VIP! Turn and pretend to take a picture of a VIP next to you. (*Allow time.*) Great job! We are VIPs because God values us. Let me hear you say, "VIP!" (*VIP!*)

Zoom In

Game Rules:

1. Instruct kids to stand up if they are able, look for the hidden camera in each picture, and follow your directions to show they have found it.
2. Reveal the answer.

What You Say: All right everybody, it is time to play “Zoom In!” What are we playing? (Zoom In!) I am going to show you a picture of different VIP moments and places. But hidden in each picture is the same camera that you see on the slide here. It is your job to spot the camera. I will give you an action to do, like start clapping, when you spot the camera. Be honest! Do not start doing the action until you are really sure you have found it! Some other objects will be hidden in each picture to trick you! If you are ready, stand up if you can and say, “Zoom In!” (Zoom In!)

We have a red carpet! Pretend to take pictures when you zoom in on the camera. (Give the kids 30 seconds or less to find the camera. Allow response.) Okay, let’s see if you got it right!

Here it is! Way to zoom in! Let’s see the next one.

It is a concert! Pretend to play guitar when you zoom in on the camera. (Give the kids 30 seconds or less to find the camera. Allow response.) Let’s see if you rocked your way to the right answer.

There is the camera! Great job! Here comes number three.

Now we have a movie set. Clap your arms together like the clapboard on the screen and say, “Action!” when you spot the camera. (Give the kids 30 seconds or less to find the camera. Allow response.) We are going to shine a spotlight on this camera.

There it is! Awesome! Get ready for the next one.

This time, we have a basketball arena. Pretend to bounce and shoot a basketball when you find the camera. (Give the kids 30 seconds or less to find the camera. Allow response.) Did you get a slam dunk? Let’s see!

Shoot and score! Way to go! We have two more, so let’s see what is next.

It is kids like you singing on a stage. Hold a microphone and sing or hum a song once you find the camera. (Give the kids 30 seconds or less to find the camera. Allow response.) That was some great singing, but let's see if you made some good zoom-in discoveries.

You hit the right note! You have one more chance to zoom in. Here we go!

VIPs who just won a championship! Clap, jump, and cheer when you spot the camera! (Give the kids 30 seconds or less to find the camera. Allow response.) Let's see that last camera.

Hooray! That deserves more applause! Give five more claps while you sit back down. (Allow time.)

Those were all some cool VIP places and moments. A lot of things were in each picture, but one thing was more important and valuable to you than the others—the camera! Today, we get to celebrate that each of you is important and valuable to God. You are unique, special, and valued, just the way God made you. Let me hear you say, "I am valued!" (I am valued!) That is right! God calls you a VIP!

Transition Script to go into the Intro Video: Can you imagine a princess being the star of an action movie? Can you imagine a space explorer being the star of an old western movie? Well, we are going to check out a video of two "movie stars" who are wondering what some changes to their characters might look like. This should be interesting! Get our video started by saying, "Lights, Camera, Action!" (Lights, Camera, Action!)

Play Intro Video

What You Say: Princess Magnolia makes a much better princess than she does a British secret agent. What she learned is an important lesson for us. When we are tempted to compare ourselves to others or wonder about our own purpose, we can remember that God values us and made us on purpose. Say, "God made me on purpose!" (God made me on purpose!) We never need to doubt our value or purpose because we can trust that what God says about us is true!

Worship

What You Say: Let's all come to the front 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 Genesis 1:26-2:25.) This is the Bible. The Bible is God's true message to us about Himself. Say, "The Bible is from God!" (The Bible is from God!) Say, "The Bible is about God!" (The Bible is about God!) Say, "The Bible is true!" (The Bible is true!) The Bible is one big book made up of many smaller books. Each book of the Bible helps to tell God's big story. Today's Bible story comes from the very beginning of the Bible, in the book of Genesis. Genesis tells the story of how God made the world and people! We get to hear from a fashion designer named Quinn so let's dive into this Bible story together in 3-2-1.

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: Wow, that story is so amazing! We learned how God made the very first people and how He did it in a special way. When God made the animals, stars, and oceans, all He did was speak, and they came into existence! But when God made Adam and Eve, He formed them very carefully and breathed life into them. The Bible tells us that Adam and Eve were made in God's image, which means that they had a special purpose—to show the world what God is like! We are all made in God's image too!

Just like Adam and Eve, you were made on purpose! Say, “God made me on purpose!” (God made me on purpose!)

Use the Three Circle Graphics on the Playlist

(Circle 1) In the very beginning of the Bible and the very beginning of the world, God made the first people. These people, Adam and Eve, were created on purpose and lived with God in a perfect garden. When God finished creating them, He said that they were good. He declared that they were what? (Good!) He gave them a special job—to have a family and to take care of the earth. They got to enjoy a perfect life with each other, with creation, and with God Himself.

But something terrible happened.

(Circle 2) Adam and Eve did not follow God’s good and perfect design. They chose to do what they wanted instead of following what God said was best. That is called sin. When Adam and Eve sinned, they broke their perfect relationship with God, each other, and the world. The whole world became broken because of sin. Adam and Eve could no longer live out their perfect purpose on their own. All of us have done things to break God’s design too, just like Adam and Eve. Because of their sin, people forget the purpose God designed for them. Because of our sin, we are all separated from God, and our sin deserves to be punished. No matter how hard we might try, we cannot fix our sin problem or live out God’s purpose for our lives on our own.

But thankfully, God did not leave us stuck in our sin!

(Circle 3) God made people on purpose, and He made a perfect plan to rescue us from sin. God sent His only Son, Jesus, to fix what sin broke. Jesus lived perfectly, and He never sinned. He lived out God’s purpose every day! Jesus died to take the punishment for sin that we deserved. He came back to life so that we can be forgiven, making the way to fix our brokenness and relationship with God. When we respond to God by turning from sin and placing our trust in Jesus, God forgives us and welcomes us into His family.

Today’s Bible story shows that God made people on purpose. You might wonder if your purpose is the same as everyone else’s. While we are each special and different, God made everyone with the same big purpose—to love God and love others. He values us so much that He made us on purpose. He works through us to point others to Him. Say, “God made me on purpose!” (God made me on purpose!)

If you have questions or want to know more about discovering the purpose God has for you through Jesus, talk with me or your Small Group Leader. We would love to listen, talk, and help you respond to God's invitation to His family.

Theme Verse Review:

Theme Verse Motions:

For God loved the world in this way: (Bring both arms up, palms facing in, then close fists and bring arms to cross in front of your chest—right over left.)

He gave his one and only Son, (Holding your right pointer finger up to make a “one,” bring your arm in toward your right shoulder, then extend your arm out in front of you.)

so that everyone who believes in him (Bring both hands in front of you with palms up, right over left, and move them outward to the sides.)

will not perish but have eternal life. (Make an X with your arms in front of you, right over left, then uncross and bring both arms up, palms facing in.)

John 3:16 (Hold hands out like a book.)

What You Say: It is time to learn our Theme verse together! Learning verses from the Bible is important because it helps us remember who God is and who He created us to be! Let's join together with Maxwell as we learn our Theme verse.

Play Theme Verse Video

What You Say: This Bible verse tells us that God loves us so much that He wants a relationship with us. God sent Jesus to live a perfect life, die for our sins, and rise from the dead for us.

When we trust in Jesus and let Him be in charge of our lives, we get to be in His family forever.

Trusting in Jesus allows us to discover and live out our very special purpose. God made us to know Him, and God made us on purpose. Say, “God made me on purpose!” (God made me on purpose!)

Large Group Closing:

What You Say: Today you learned something important—God values you, and He made you on purpose! Let me hear you say, “God made me on purpose!” (God made me on purpose!) When God created Adam and Eve, He made them in His image—on purpose.

Everybody, ask, “Why?” (Why?) That’s a great question! God made Adam and Eve in His image so they could live out their purpose to reflect God and show others how amazing He is! We are made in God’s image too, which means we have a super important job. Say, “Super important!” (Super important!) Our job is to show the world what God is like, to love Him, to care for people, and to take care of the world He made. God designed you with special care. He knows you, He values you, and He invites you to be a part of His family.

Let’s take a moment to talk to God and thank Him for designing us on purpose in 3-2-1.

Closing Prayer: God, thank You for the way that You have made each and every one of us on purpose. It is so good to know that we are valued and known by You. Thank You for sending Jesus so that we can be close to You. Help us live out Your purpose for us—to know You more and help others to know You too. 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 more about the truth that you are valued and that God made you on purpose!

1. If you could teach the group one valuable thing that you know how to do, what would it be? (Allow responses and share your own answer.)
2. The Bible tells us that God made us on purpose. Let’s open our Bibles to **Genesis 1:27** and read about God’s purpose 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.) God created Adam and Eve in His image, with the purpose of knowing, following, and loving Him. The Bible also tells us that each of us is created in His image too! God made each and every one of us to be unique, but we are all working together with the same purpose—to know and love God, care for His creation, and help others love God too. What is one way that you can use something unique about you to show God’s love this week? (Allow responses.)

3. We learned that God made people to love Him and follow Him. Even though we are all different, we all have the same purpose. What is our big purpose? (We know that God made us to love Him and follow Him.) What questions do you have about following Jesus? (Allow responses.)
4. The Bible tells us that we are valued by God. What do you think is part of God's purpose for you this week? What is something you learned today? Is there anything you have questions about? (Allow kids to answer and share your own answer.)

Option #2: Purpose Chatterbox

Leader Prep:

1. Color each of the four blank corners on the chatterbox with a different color.
2. Cut out the chatterbox.
3. Follow the directions on the bottom of the printable to fold the printable.

What To Do: We are going to make a fun craft that you can play with and help you think about how God made us on purpose. Say, "God made me on purpose!" (God made me on purpose!)

First, color each of the corners on your chatterbox with a different color. Make sure they are colors you can spell! (Allow time.)

Next, cut out the square chatterbox. Only cut along the dotted lines. Do not cut the solid lines inside the chatterbox and do not cut the instructions on the bottom. (Allow time.)

Now, follow the instructions and follow along with me as we fold them.

1. Lay your chatterbox facing up. Fold the two opposite corners so they meet, pressing down on the fold to crease.
2. Unfold it.
3. Repeat folding with the other two corners.
4. Unfold it.
5. Fold one corner so it stops in the middle.
6. Repeat with the other three corners.
7. Flip the chatterbox over.
8. Fold one corner to the middle again.
9. Repeat with the other three corners.
10. Flip the chatterbox over.
11. Fold the chatterbox so the top comes to the bottom.

12. Unfold it.
13. Turn the chatterbox and fold again so the top comes to the bottom.
14. Slip your fingers into the pockets to test.

Now you can find a friend and play! Place the thumb and index finger on both of your hands in the flaps, one finger in each flap. Ask a friend to choose one of the colors, then fold and unfold the chatterbox for each letter of that color by bringing your thumbs and index fingers together, then bringing your left-hand fingers and right-hand fingers together. Open your chatterbox a little and allow your friend to choose one of the numbers on the inside. Fold and unfold as you count that many numbers. Allow your friend to choose another number, then open the chatterbox and ask your friend the question inside.

(Allow time for kids to play with multiple friends.)

Leader Tip: Assist with folding and playing as needed.

Loud And Clear: Your chatterboxes are so cool and are great reminders that God made us on purpose. We are all different and unique, but we have one purpose in common—to love God, love others, and care for His creation. Use your chatterbox to have fun with friends and family and teach them that God made them on purpose too!

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: Use this time to get to know the kids better. Ask them what they remember about the Bible story, or remind them that God made Adam, Eve, and us on purpose. God created everyone to love Him, follow Him, and take care of His creation.

Loud And Clear: God made people on purpose. He values every life He created. That same God loves us so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, so we could know Him and have life with Him forever. Being made on purpose means that you are really loved by God! Say, “God made me on purpose!” (God made me on purpose!)

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 making us on purpose. Thank You that we are part of Your plan and that You made each of us with gifts, ideas, and roles that matter. Help us remember that even though we are all different, we all get to love You, love others, and care for Your world. When we are not sure what our purpose is, remind us that we can talk with You and ask for help. Thank You for Jesus, who took the punishment we deserve for our sin and made the way for us to be close to You. We love You. Help us love You even more. 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.