

Today's Suggested Schedule—August 16, 2026

Today's Bible Story: God Made Me in His Image • Genesis 1:26-27; Exodus 34:6-7
I am created to show what God is like.

Key Question: Who made you wonderful?

Bottom Line: God made me wonderful.

Memory Verse: *How you made me is amazing and wonderful.* • Psalm 139:14 NIV

First Look Pinterest Page

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SERVICE DURATION (75-80 MINUTES)

9:15am/11:00am thru 10:35am/12:20pm

ORDER OF SERVICE

OPENING SMALL GROUP (30-35 minutes)

SOCIAL: Providing Time for Fun Interaction

Early Arriver /
Opening Activity

LARGE GROUP (10-15 minutes)

WORSHIP: Inviting People to Respond to God

STORY: Communicating God's Truth in Engaging Ways

- Introduce Monthly Theme Poster
- Review Monthly Bottom Line Poster
- Play video:
 - a. Worship (Songs-Video)
 - b. Teaching (Clubhouse - Video)
 - c. Review Monthly Memory Verse

SMALL GROUP: (25-30 minutes)

- Reinforcement Activities

TAKE HOME:

Monthly Placemat

Social

Providing Time for Fun Interaction

15 minutes

1. Follow the Leader

Made to Move

***Uses Minimal Supplies**

What You Need:

- ☐ No supplies needed

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Gather children together in an open area of your room.

During the Activity: Choose one child to be the first “Leader.” Have all the other children line up behind them.

After the Activity: Introduce the Bible Story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Hello, friends! I’m so happy you’re here. In our Bible Story today, we’re going to hear how God made us to be like Him. One way we can be like God is by being kind and showing love. Let’s play a game of Follow the Leader to practice following!”

During the Activity: “Okay, [child’s name] is our first leader! We are all going to follow them and do exactly what they do. If they hop, we hop! If they crawl, we crawl! Ready, leader? Lead the way! *(Let the child lead for a minute or two, encouraging them to try different movements. Then switch leaders.)* Great job following, everyone! Now it’s [next child’s name]’s turn to be the leader! Let’s follow them! *(Continue until each child has a turn to be the leader. Repeat as time and interest allow.)* That was fun playing everyone today!”

After the Activity: “You are all such amazing followers and leaders! It’s fun to follow our friends, but it’s even more important to follow God. Let’s go hear how we can show others God’s love.”

Move to worship and story and play August 16th Videos

Groups

Creating a Safe Place to Connect

25 minutes

1. Look in the Mirror

Hear from God | Memory Verse Review

Made to Move

***Uses Minimal Supplies**

What You Need:

- ☐ Preschool-safe hand mirror
- ☐ Music player
- ☐ Fun, upbeat music

Note: You can find examples of hand motions in the “Memory Verse Hand Motions” PDF and video, and on Pinterest.

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Gather children in a circle. Say the Memory Verse and demonstrate the motions for the children.

During the Activity: Pass the mirror as the music plays. When the music stops, the child holding the mirror gets to say the verse. Assist children in saying the verse if needed.

After the Activity: Connect the Memory Verse to the Bottom Line.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Friends, come stand in a circle with me. Let’s say our verse and do the motions together. Everyone ready? Let’s go! ‘How you (*point up*) made me (*point to self*) is amazing and wonderful’ (*push hands up twice*). Psalm 139:14 (*open hands like a book*). Awesome! Now, everyone, sit down right where you are.”

During the Activity: “Let’s play a game to celebrate how wonderfully God made YOU! We’re going to pass this mirror around our circle while the music plays. When the music stops, whoever is holding the mirror gets to look at their wonderful face, and we will all say our Memory Verse together! Ready? (*Start the music and begin passing the mirror.*) Pass it to your friend! Keep it going! (*Pause the music.*) Oh, [child’s name] has the mirror! Okay, [child’s name], look at that amazing person God made! Everyone, let’s say our verse together while they look. Say it with me. ‘How you made me is amazing and wonderful’ Psalm 139:14. (*Start the music.*) There’s the music, let’s start passing the mirror again! (*Continue until each child has a turn to look into the mirror.*) Was it fun to see your faces in the mirror? You all are so amazing and wonderful!”

After the Activity: “Our Bible Story says God made us to be like Him, so we can be creative, kind, and full of love. He made you so wonderfully special! **Who made you wonderful? [Bottom Line] God made me wonderful!** One more time. **Who made you wonderful? [Bottom Line] God made me wonderful!**”

2. Wonderful Ride

Live for God | Application Activity

Made to Move

*Uses Minimal Supplies

What You Need:

- Parachute

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Spread the parachute out in an open area on the floor. Have the children stand in a circle around the edge.

During the Activity: Take turns having one child sit in the middle of the parachute while the other children walk in a circle holding the parachute. This will twist up the parachute around the child in the center like a big hug. Say “God made [child’s name] amazing and wonderful!” Walk the opposite direction to untwist and switch child in the center. Repeat with each child that wants to participate.

After the Activity: Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Come and stand around our big, colorful parachute! We’re going to play a special game to celebrate how wonderfully God made each one of you!”

During the Activity: “Our Bible Story tells us that God made us amazing and wonderful. We’re going to take turns celebrating one friend at a time. [Child’s name], it’s your turn first! Come and sit right in the very middle of our parachute. *(Child sits in the center.)* Now, everyone else, grab the edge of the parachute. We’re going to celebrate our friend! While we walk in a circle, the parachute will turn and we’ll say their name. Ready? ‘God made [child’s name] amazing and wonderful!’ *(Group holds the parachute and walks slowly in a circle, gently turning the child in the middle.)* Hooray! That was wonderful! Okay, let’s turn and walk the other way to untwist. *(Pause.)* Great! Lay the parachute on the ground. *(Pause.)* [Child’s name], hop up and go stand outside the parachute, and [child’s name], you can be in the center. *(Continue until every child who wants a turn has had one.)* Hooray for all our wonderful, amazing friends!”

After the Activity: “That was so much fun celebrating all of our amazing and wonderful friends! God made every single one of us special, and He made us to be just like Him. **Who made you wonderful?** **[Bottom Line] God made me wonderful!**”

EveryChild Pro-Tips:

- Never force a child to participate who is hesitant to sit in the middle.

3. Journal and Prayer

Pray to God | Prayer Activity

Made to Reflect

What You Need:

- ☐ “Memory Verse Card” from Week One in your Bible
- ☐ Journal
- ☐ Fun-shaped pen

Note: You can find examples of hand motions in the “Memory Verse Hand Motions” PDF and video, and on Pinterest.

What You Do:

Before the Activity: If you do not have the “Memory Verse Card,” print it on cardstock and place it in your Bible at 139:14. *Keep this card in your Bible all month long.*

Encourage the children to walk to your Small Group spot playing “Follow the Leader.” Then sit down and gather the children around you.

During the Activity: Review the Bible Story and the Memory Verse Hand Motions. Ask the children to list ways they can be kind and loving this week.

After the Activity: Pray with the children using the list you made in the journal.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “It’s Small Group time! Let’s play a game of “Follow the Leader” as we walk.” Do what I do as we walk. Make heart hands! (*Demonstrate making a heart with your hands.*) Now, give a friend a gentle high-five. (*Pause.*) Now, give yourself a big hug! (*Pause.*) Now, one, two, three quietly sit down with me.”

During the Activity: (*Open the Bible and lay it in front of the children.*) “In our Bible Story today, we learned that God made us to be just like Him. God is kind and loving. And because God made us to be like Him, He made us so we can be kind and loving, too! That’s how we show others what God is like. We show God’s love when we love, help, and create because God made us wonderful just like Him.

Who made you wonderful? [Bottom Line] God made me wonderful.

“The Bible verse we are learning helps us remember what to do. It says: ‘How you (*point up*) made me (*point to self*) is amazing and wonderful’ (*push hands up twice*). Psalm 139:14 (*open hands like a book*). Now do what I do and say what I say. ‘How you (*point up*) made me (*point to self*) is amazing and wonderful’ (*push hands up twice*). Psalm 139:14 (*open hands like a book*). Great job, everyone! God’s greatest, most special creation is you! **Who made you wonderful? [Bottom Line] God made me wonderful.**

(*Open journal.*) “Our Bible Story and our Memory Verse tell us that God made us ‘amazing and wonderful.’ God is kind and loving. And because God made us to be like Him, He made us so we can be kind and loving, too! Let’s think of some ways we can do that this week. How can you be kind and loving like God? When I say your name, I want you to tell me one kind or loving thing you can do, and I will write it in our journal. Maybe you can help your mommy? Or share a toy with your brother? Or give someone a hug?” (*Go to each child and write down their simple answer. If they need help, offer a*

prompt like, “Could you help clean up your toys? That’s being kind and loving!” Remember to print, as you write in the journal, so the children can recognize their names and the letters.)

After the Activity: (Hold up the journal.) “This is a wonderful list of all the ways we can be like God! Let’s pray and ask God to help us be kind and loving this week. Would anyone like to pray before I pray? (Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.)

“Dear God, thank You for being so kind and so full of love. Thank You that You made us to be like You. Please help us to show Your love to others this week. Help [child’s name] to (read their answer from the journal). (Continue, personalizing the prayer for each child.) Help us all to be kind and loving, because You made us wonderful. We love You. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”