

REMARKABLE

I AM UNIQUELY DESIGNED

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I am Uniquely Designed Kindergarten - 5th grade

Leader Notes

Bible Passage: God's Law- Exodus 20; Mark 12:28-34

Bottom Line: God Made Me for Relationship

Leader Context: Today we get to look at laws in both the Old and New Testaments about our relationships with God and others. When we look at the 10 Commandments in the Old Testament, we see two amazing things. The first four rules of the Ten Commandments show us how to have a relationship with God. The last six rules are about our relationships with each other. In the New Testament we learn that we should love God with everything and love our neighbors as much as we love ourselves. We are made to be in a one-of-a-kind relationship with God and with other people.

THE WIN FOR SUNDAY GROUPS: Give kids a first look at The Bible, Jesus, and our need for a Savior by embracing their physical needs or engaging their interests. Use The Code when necessary to help redirect kids and build relationships.

Social

Games and Music (10 minutes)

What You Need: Instruction Page, Game Sets, Roku Game Instruction Page, 20-25 piece puzzle, timer, printed picture (optional) scissors (adult use only, optional)

What You Do:

- Play worship songs and other songs available on Roku during the Social Game or while kids are playing.
- Using the supplies and game instruction page, choose one game to play with the kids today.
- As you are playing, use this as a time to call each kid by name and learn their names well.

Say: That was a fun game to get us ready to watch our Bible video. Let's sit and listen to our story today."

Videos

Bible Story Video (10 minutes)

Bible Story Recap- Say This

That's amazing! Instead of leaving us on our own, God gives us instructions on how to live His way. He shows us how to have a relationship with Him and with the people that He puts in our lives. That's what the Ten Commandments in the Bible teach us. Later, Jesus explained the Ten Commandments into two commands—love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength, and love your neighbor as yourself.

So anytime we are wondering how life can work best, we can remember that God tells us in the Bible how we can live and what we can do. When we love Him and love others, we are living the unique way we were designed to live.

Let's pray together. Remember prayer is listening and talking to God.

Thank You, God, that You don't leave us to figure everything out on our own. You give us instructions in the Bible that show us how to love You and love others. Help us love and follow You every day and love others the way You made us to love them. In Jesus' name, amen.

Five I Can(20 minutes)

What You Need: Mark 12:30-31 Printable (1 per group), construction paper (1 per kid), blank paper (1 per kid), pencils, scissors, glue sticks, markers or crayons

What You Do:

Set out the supplies.

Say: “Our Bible story today taught us that Jesus summed up the Ten Commandments from the Old Testament into two commands—love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength and to love your neighbors as yourself. Let’s make a craft to help us remember that!

- First, trace your hand on your construction paper.
- Write one of the words from the poster on each finger, including the phrase “others as yourself.”
- Draw a big heart in the middle of your hand outline, then cut out the hand shape. *(Allow kids to complete these steps.)*
- Fold each finger down toward the middle, so it looks like the fingers are bent toward the heart. *(Allow kids to complete this step.)*
- Glue the back of your paper hand onto your blank paper.
- Write Mark 12:30-31 at the top of your paper.

Now you have a reminder to love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength and to love others like yourself.

Keep It Going: *Allow kids to decorate their pictures. Invite kids to take turns sharing different ways they can love God and love others.*

Your hands look great, and they are perfect reminders of how God designed us to live. He made us for relationships, which is what we’ve learned today— God made me for relationship. What did we learn? *(God made me for relationship!)* God gave us His law because He knows what will help us have a relationship with Him and with others. We can remember what Jesus said by loving God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength and loving others like we love ourselves.

Discussion Questions:

- What would our world be like if kids made all the rules and decisions? *(Allow kids to answer and share your own answer.)* We live in a world where lots of other people give us rules and instructions about what we’re supposed to do. When is it easy to do the right thing? When is it difficult? *(Allow kids to answer and share your own answer.)*
- Like how a video game controller cannot work unless it is connected to its console, our lives can get messed up when we aren’t connected to God. How might things be better when we are connected to God? *(Answers may include feeling joyful, not worrying as much, being kind and helpful, and so forth.)*
- The Bible tells us that God made us for relationship. Let’s open our Bibles to Mark 12:28-31 and read about it together. *(Invite kids to open up their Bibles. Read the passage aloud or invite a kid who volunteers to read the passage aloud. Be sure to have Bibles available for kids who need one. Help kids find the passage so everyone can follow along together.)* What do you think this passage is saying? *(Allow kids to answer and share your own answer.)*
- God designed us to love Him and love other people. What would our world look like if people lived this way? *(Allow kids to respond and share your own response.)*
- Today we learned that God made me for relationship. God made us to be in relationship, both with Him and with other people. When God gave people His law, it was all about how to live in relationship with God and with other people. Because of our sin, we don’t ever do this perfectly. That is why we need Jesus. Jesus came make a way for us to have a restored relationship with God and others. Do you have any questions about Jesus and our relationship with Him? Or do you want to share some ways you can follow Jesus’ instructions to love God with everything and love others as ourselves? *(Allow kids to respond and share your own response.)*
- Sometimes we may wonder how life can work best. How can our Bible story help us when we are asking that question? *(Answers may include we can remember that God tells us what’s right and wrong, we can choose to follow God’s instructions instead of doing our own thing, and so forth.)* The Bible tells us that God designed us in remarkable and wonderful ways. He made us for relationship and tells us how we can have the relationships that we were created to enjoy!

When we follow Jesus, we can live the way that God designed by loving Him with everything and loving others. Remember what we learned today—God made me for relationship.

Going Home

Pass out the coloring pages for kids to take home. Greet families as they arrive and tell them something about their child you saw today. Say goodbye and call everyone by name.