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Bible Story: Created for a Purpose • *Ephesians 2:10; 1 Timothy 4:12*

Bottom Line: God made me for a purpose.

Monthly Memory Verse: *How you made me is amazing and wonderful. I praise you for that. What you have done is wonderful. I know that very well.* • Psalm 139:14 NIV

1. Opening Activity

What You Need:

- ☐ Offering container
- ☐ "Purposeful Objects" Activity Page
- ☐ Cardstock
- ☐ Scissors

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Print "Purposeful Objects" on cardstock and cut, one set per Small Group.

During the Activity:

- Welcome kids by name with a high-five, fist bump, smile, or wave as they arrive.
- Invite any kids who brought an offering to place it in the offering container.
- Encourage kids to sit together in your Small Group spot.
- Call one kid up to pick a card from the "Purposeful Objects" Activity Page, and ask them to look at the picture on their card without showing everyone else.
- Instruct that kid to tell the group what the purpose of the item in their picture is. (*For example, if they pick the lawnmower, they will say, "Its purpose is to cut the grass!"*)
- Encourage the group to guess what the item is. Give the group several guesses, then ask the kid to show their picture. Continue with each kid until all the pictures are picked.

What You Say:

"Great job! You figured out the purpose for every single object. Just like every one of those things was made for a special reason, YOU were made for a special reason too. In our Bible Story today, we're going to learn the amazing truth that **[Bottom Line] God made me for a purpose**. Let's go find out more!"

EveryChild Pro-Tips:

- *For kids who are non-verbal, allow them to act out the purpose of the object instead of saying it.*
- *If kids have trouble thinking of the purpose, give them a choice between two options. For example, for the pencil, you could ask: "Is its purpose for drawing or bouncing?"*

2. Video on Jellyfin

Lead the children in worship to the August worship song and then watch today's video lesson.

3. Prayer

"Let's open up today with prayer. Dear God, thank You for making each of us. Thank You for creating us to be Your special masterpiece. Help us to remember that we belong to You, and we always have a place in Your family. Help us to live out our purpose by showing Your love to others. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

4. Wonderful Faces

What You Need:

- ☐ "Wonderful Faces" Activity Page
- ☐ Cardstock
- ☐ Permanent marker
- ☐ Glue sticks
- ☐ Scissors

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Print "Wonderful Faces" on cardstock and cut, one set per child.

During the Activity: Encourage children to create faces by adding a nose, mouth, and eyes to a face drawing. It doesn't need to be a self-portrait. They may create a wonderful face using any of the selections.

After the Activity: Introduce the Bible Story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Our Bible Story tells us that God made every part of us, including our amazing faces! God made everyone's face a little different, and they are all wonderful. Let's build some faces together!"

During the Activity: "Here is a head, but it's missing its face! Let's add the parts. First, let's find the eyes. *(Hold up some eye cutouts.)* God gave us eyes to see all the beautiful things He made. Let's add some eyes to your face. *(Pause.)* Great! Now, what's next? A nose! *(Hold up a nose.)* God gave us a nose to smell pretty flowers. Let's add a nose to your face. And last, let's add a mouth! *(Hold up a smiling mouth.)* God gave us a mouth to smile, sing, and talk! Let's give our

face a happy smile. *(Pause)* Did you know some people even talk with their hands? God made us all wonderful!

After the Activity: “Look at all these wonderful faces you made! They are all made differently, and are super special, just like you! God is the best artist, and He made YOU! You are His special masterpiece. He didn’t make any mistakes. **[Bottom Line] God made me for a purpose.** God has given each one of us the same purpose: to show the love of Jesus to other people. But God has prepared completely different ways for each one of us to do that! You might cheer up a friend by baking them cookies, while someone else might do it by telling a joke. You might be called to share God’s love by taking care of sick people ... or you might be called to do it as a pilot, flying to remote places to tell people about Jesus.

“God can use everything in your life to help you share His love. We saw how this played out in the life of a young man named Timothy. Timothy didn’t wait until he was old and experienced to do the good works God had prepared for him. He didn’t study for years and years. Instead, Timothy spent time as a young man learning to know God. He was kind to the people around him and grew in his faith. And when God provided an opportunity for Timothy to help Paul, he said, ‘Yes!’ Timothy just showed God’s love right where he happened to be!

“Like Timothy, you can spend time getting to know God. You can look for opportunities each day to show God’s love to the people around you. Follow God right where you are! God might invite you into something new, like He did with Timothy, but He might simply call you to continue doing His good works wherever you are!”