

First Look | August 30

Today's Bible Story: God Loves Me • John 3:16, 1 John 4:9-10

God loves us so much that He gave us Jesus.

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

1. Video on Jellyfin

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

2. Pray

"Let's open up today in prayer. Dear God, thank You for loving us SO much that You gave us the very best gift, Your Son, Jesus. And thank You that Jesus wants to be our friend forever. Help us to always remember how much You love us, because You made us wonderful. We love You. In Jesus' name, Amen."

3. Wonderful Gift

What You Need:

- ☐ "Wonderful Gift" Activity Page
- ☐ "Wonderful Gift Jesus" Activity Page
- ☐ Cardstock
- ☐ Dot markers
- ☐ Glue sticks
- ☐ Baby wipes
- ☐ Permanent marker

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Print "Wonderful Gift" on cardstock, one per child. Print "Wonderful Gift Jesus" on cardstock and cut, one cutout per child. Say the Memory Verse and do the motions together.

During the Activity: Encourage children to decorate the present on their paper and fill in the heart, then glue Jesus to the middle of the heart. Clean hands as needed.

**Note: you may want to have the kids glue Jesus first before they do the dot paint markers.*

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

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Friends, come stand with me and let's say our Memory Verse and do the motions together. Ready? Here we 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.)* Fantastic! Let's do it again! *(Repeat a few times.)*

During the Activity: "Come and make a special picture with me! It's all about God's wonderful love! God loves us so much that He gave us Jesus! What do you see on your paper? *(Pause for responses.)* Yes! There is a present with a heart inside. Decorate your picture and make it super special and colorful. *(Allow time to decorate.)* Beautiful! Now for the best part. Our Bible Story says God so loved the world so much that He gave us His Son, Jesus! Jesus is the best gift! Let's glue the picture of Jesus right in the middle of the heart on our picture. *(Pause.)* Yay! You made a beautiful picture about God's love and His wonderful gift, Jesus!" *(Clean hands as needed.)*

After the Activity: "Your pictures are so wonderful! You can take them home to remember that God loves you SO much. He made you wonderful, and He gave you the very best gift of all, Jesus! Tell me, **who made you wonderful?** *[Bottom Line]* **God made me wonderful!"**