



MADE TO IMAGINE

an activity that promotes empathy and facilitates concrete application through role-play and reenactment



1. NAME IT!

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: whiteboard, dry-erase marker, eraser or small towel, smartphone or watch with a timer

WHAT YOU DO:

- Invite the kids to sit in a circle.
- Hold the whiteboard.
- Explain that you will call out a category, and the kids will have 30 seconds to name as many things as they can in that category.
- Set your smartphone or watch for 30 seconds.
- Call out one of the categories listed below.
- Write the answers the kids call out on the whiteboard.
- Review their answers, count them up, erase the board, and move on to the next category.
- Here are some categories you can name:
 - animals in the ocean
 - animals on a farm
 - insects
 - flowers
 - things found in a forest
 - names of people (make sure this category is last)

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Creation
Genesis 1 & 2

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

God made people with a purpose.

KEY QUESTION

What do you enjoy doing?

MEMORY VERSE

"Whoever believes in me . . . rivers of living water will flow from within them."
John 7:38, NIV

BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter what.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Do you know what ALL of those things in those categories have in common? They're all things made by God! But of ALL the things God made, people—you and me and all of the people you named—are most like God. God made us with a purpose and that's to change the world around us by sharing His love. We can make waves, or make a difference, when we follow Jesus! I'm so glad that **God made people with a purpose.**"



MADE TO CREATE

an activity that explores ideas through the process of drawing, building, designing, and problem-solving



2. DRAW IT!

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: paper, pencils, smartphone or watch with a timer

WHAT YOU DO:

- Instruct the kids to find a partner.
- Give each kid a piece of paper and a pencil.
- Challenge the kids to think of one thing they enjoy doing, but not to share it out loud.
- Say, "Give me a thumbs up when you've thought of an answer."
- Once most of the kids' thumbs are raised, instruct the pairs to choose one kid to go first.
- Explain that kid will have 30 seconds to draw what they thought of—something they enjoy.
- Set a timer for 30 seconds, direct the kid to start, and then call "Time!"
- Invite the kids to share their drawings with their partner to see if they can guess the thing they enjoy.
- Set a timer for 30 seconds again and invite the other kid draw what they enjoy.
- Once both kids have had a chance to draw, bring the whole group together and invite the kids to share what they enjoy doing.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"We all have different things we enjoy! Some of you love to read, some of you love to listen to music, some of you love to draw, some of you love to kick the soccer ball. **God made people with a purpose.** All of us can share God's love with others and make a difference. But you were also created in a unique and special way. Because there is no one else like you, YOU can make waves in your own way! That means that you could use your love of reading to read a book to your younger brother. Maybe you could invite a friend to play soccer who doesn't always get included by the rest of the group. There are so many ways YOU can make waves to change the world around you!"

[Make It Personal] (Tell kids about something you enjoy and how you use that gift/ability to make waves and change the world around you.)



MADE TO MOVE

an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body



3. BEACH BALL PASS

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Bibles marked at John 7:38, beach ball

WHAT YOU DO:

- Make sure there's a Bible that's marked at John 7:38 for every two kids.
- Use the navigation tips below to look up John 7:38.

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Finding verses with kindergartners: Guide children to open the Bibles to the marked page. Point to the word John at the top of the page as you say "John" aloud. Then guide children to find the big number 7 on the page. Explain that this is the chapter number. Finally, guide them to look under the big 7 for the little 38; explain that this is the verse number. Tell them to leave their finger on the verse as you read the verse aloud. Then lead everyone to say the verse together.

Finding verses with 1st graders: Even though the verse is marked in the Bible, guide the kids to open their Bibles to the front and find the table of contents. (Hold up a Bible opened to the table of contents to show the kids what the page looks like.) When the kids find the table of contents, lead them to find John in the list under "New Testament." You can help by telling them that John starts with the letters J-O. When the kids find John, lead them to look at the page number beside the word. Explain that the number tells them on what page they can find John. Help the kids find the page. When they find John, explain that the big numbers on the page are the chapter numbers. Help them find chapter 7. Explain that the small numbers are verse numbers. Help them find verse 38 in chapter 7.

- Once the kids find the verse, read John 7:38 out loud to the group—our Memory Verse for the week.
- Instruct the kids to circle up.
- Unpack the first part of the verse. (You will unpack the rest of the verse on later days.)
 - Explain that in the words, "Whoever believes in me"—the "whoever" is us and the "me" is Jesus!
 - Say: "Jesus wants us to put our trust in Him because of what He's done for us. He wants us to follow Him."
- Pass the beach ball around the circle and repeat the verse out loud together.
- Once kids can repeat the verse fairly quickly, change the way the ball travels around the group. Here are some ideas:
 - sit on the floor and roll it across the circle to another friend
 - tap it in the air like a volleyball
 - call out a friend's name across the circle as you toss the ball to them to say the next word

WHAT YOU SAY:

"When we put our faith or trust in Jesus and choose to follow Him, we can make waves! We can love others like He loves us. We'll be learning ALL week long how we can make waves to change the world around us. I'm so glad to know that **God made people with a purpose**. We are made to know God and to **SHOW** others who God is through the way we treat them!"



MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that creates space for personal processing and application



4. PRAY AND DISMISS
[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Swag Bracelets with today's symbol, "Prayer Card: Day 1" Activity Page

WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each kid a prayer card, a pencil, and a Swag Bracelet (if provided).
- Point out the "world" symbol on the prayer card and the Swag Bracelet.
- Remind kids that today we learned that God made the **WHOLE** world and that **God made people with a purpose**.
- Instruct the kids to turn the card over and write down or draw a picture of something they enjoy. (It can be the same thing they shared earlier or something new.)
- Encourage the kids to hold their prayer cards and wear their Swag Bracelets as you close in prayer.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"God, You are AWESOME! Thank You for this great, big, beautiful world You made and thank You that You made us to enjoy it. Thank You for making US in Your image to show others who You are. This week, please help us use the unique way You've made us to show Your love to others. Thank You for making us with a purpose. We love You and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

Travel Time

As you travel to the next track, use the following questions to keep the conversation going and to keep kids thinking about what they're learning!

WHAT YOU SAY:

- What's your favorite thing to do when you have free time?
- What's the strangest animal you've ever heard of?
- If you were Adam, what would you have named the hippo? What about the parrot? Or a snake?

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DAY
ONE
SUMMER 2022

SMALL GROUP

K-1

STORY

WORSHIP

GROUPS

ROTATIONS

HOME

GETTING READY

HERE'S EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW TO GET READY FOR THIS WEEK

GROUPS: CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT

Prepare ahead of time for Small Group Rotation for VBS:

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- "Prayer Card: Day 1" Activity Page—one card per kid