

LARGE GROUP: Story (25 minutes) • Worship (10 minutes)

Engage kids' hearts through a dynamic and interactive Bible story, worship, and prayer experience in a Large Group setting.

Today's Bible Story: Someone Like You (Image of God) • *Genesis 1:26-28*

Today's Bottom Line: You were made in God's image.

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 (NIRV)

Monthly Life App: Individuality—Discovering who you're meant to be so you can make a difference

Basic Truth: I can trust God no matter what.

Video: *Countdown (30- or 60-second version)*

Leader enters, wearing the shower cap and poncho.

Video (Media Package): *Theme*

KERRI: "Hello, everyone! Welcome to another exciting month here at Kidzone. This month will be especially sweet because we're having fun with, well . . . sweets!

"Have you ever seen one of those candy stores that lets you put all your favorite candies together in one little bag? You can mix your jelly beans with some gummy bears and top it off with a handful of M&M's®. It's your custom creation. Just don't eat all those candies at the same time. I don't recommend that. Or maybe that's the way you like it. In that case, you do you!

"After all, you're a custom creation yourself. There's only one you. God MADE you that way. You have your very own individuality.

Video (Media Package): *Theme Transition to Life App*

"Individuality is discovering who you're meant to be so you can make a difference.

Video (Media Package): *Life App Transition to Theme*

"No two people are exactly the same. That's true when it comes to a lot of things, including sweet treats.

"For example, who in here likes ice cream sundaes? Raise your hand. Me, too. What kind of toppings do you like on your sundae? *(Pause and let the kids shout out their favorites.)*

"Those are all awesome toppings! Want to know my two favorites? Chocolate syrup and marshmallows!

KERRI: “Before we begin, let’s check out this video together.

Video (Media Package): Live Loud Video from Get Reel

“It’s true—God made you on purpose, and He doesn’t make mistakes! That’s what our memory verse for this month is about. These are David’s words to God from Psalm 139:14.

WORSHIP:

SLIDE: 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. (NirV)

“Let’s learn this new song together that reminds us of the truth that God has spoken over us: we are His and He loves us just the way we’re made.

Video: “Gloriously Free” Dance Moves Music Video

“As you discover who you’re meant to be, you’ll find new ways that you can make a big difference in the world. You can make a move for God! Let’s continue singing to Him.

Video: “Make a Move”

“Way to move, everyone! You can have a seat.”

Video: BIBLE STORY

SLIDE: Theme Background

SETTING UP THE STORY

LEADER: “For our story today, we’re starting in the very beginning (*hold up Bible*) . . . when there was . . . nothing.

*Move to the side of the wall where you’ll build your collage.
Make a sweeping gesture to point out the “nothingness.”*

“Nothing except God. In the beginning, God took nothing and made . . . EVERYTHING.”

GOD CREATED EVERYTHING

LEADER: “From darkness, God created light!

Begin adding the printed creation photos to the wall as you continue and form the heart-shaped collage. The photos don’t have to match perfectly with your words, but they should all be pictures of the natural world.

“God poured out waters and stretched out the sky overhead.

“God shaped dry land, canyons, and mountains . . . then filled them with trees and plants of every kind.

“God created the sun, moon, and stars.

“Then God filled the oceans with fish and the sky with birds. God thought up an amazing variety of animals to crawl and hop and race over the earth. Everything from tiny ants to thundering elephants. All of this was incredible. Unbelievable! And yet, it was all just a warm-up for God’s most awesome creation.”

GOD CREATED PEOPLE

LEADER: “Let’s read about the next part directly from the Bible, in the book of Genesis.

Open the Bible to Genesis 1:27 (NirV) and read.

“God created human beings in his own likeness. He created them to be like himself. He created them as male and female.

“That’s right! God created PEOPLE: Adam and Eve. God created them in His image. God made human beings to be like Him.

Set down the Bible and begin adding the people photos to the collage, continuing to form the heart shape.

“Of course, Adam and Eve were just the beginning. God has been creating people ever since. Everyone, all over the world, no matter where they live . . . what they look like . . . or what language

they speak. . . ALL people were made by God, in His image!”

GOD CREATED YOU

LEADER: “And that includes . . . YOU! Yes, each and every one of you!”

Begin adding the photos of the kids in the room around the edge of the collage as a border for the heart shape.

“Let’s see . . . we have [kid’s name], [kid’s name], and [kid’s name]. *(Say several kids’ names as you put up their pictures to make this as personal as possible.)*

“God LOVES us. *(Reference the finished heart shape of the collage.)* More specifically, He loves each ONE of us—more than we can possibly imagine! EVERY person you will ever meet . . . boys and girls, men and women, people of every age, race, and culture . . . we are all of infinite value, because we were made in the image of God!

“Of course, that doesn’t mean that we all look exactly like God. What it does mean is that each of us can show what God is like in our own special way. The more time you spend with God—when you ask God to transform your thoughts and words and choices—the more you become uniquely YOU.

“As you follow Jesus, you’ll discover the amazing and wonderful ways that God has made you who you are. You’ll discover the purpose He has for your life. You’ll be able to show His kindness, faithfulness, goodness, and love to others. And you can live out your individuality with confidence, because **[Basic Truth]** you can trust God no matter what.”

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

LEADER: “So the next time you look in the mirror, remember, you’re looking at the image of God. And there’s no one else in this world who can show what God is like exactly the way you do.

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] “You were made in God’s image.

SLIDE: Theme Background

“Let’s thank God for that!”

PRAY

LEADER: “Dear God, thank You for making this whole world, and thank You for making us in Your image! You are full of love, joy, wisdom, patience, and kindness . . . and when we spend time with You, we know we can show those things to the people around us. Thank You for giving each of us our individuality. Help us show who You are to other people, in our own unique way. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

CLOSER

KERRI: “It’s so cool to know that we were made to be like God! We know that’s true because we can see how God created people in the first place. When God created the world, He saved the best for last: people. And God made people in His image. That means God made all people with different qualities that could only come from Him.

“You and I can show what God is like through our individuality. We can share God’s love through our own unique skills, talents, and abilities. We can show how kind, creative, peaceful, forgiving, and joyful God is with the way we live every day.

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] “You were made in God’s image. Say that with me.”

LEADER and KIDS: **[Bottom Line]** “You were made in God’s image.”

LEADER: “It’s true! God made each and every one of us in His image. And God is love. (*Point back to the heart-shaped collage.*) So each of us can share God’s love our own unique way, because each of us is one of a kind.

“Speaking of being one of kind, everyone can pick their own unique way to get to Small Group. You can walk, skip, or dance your way over—whatever floats your boat! See you cool kids there!”

Dismiss kids to their small groups.

SLIDE: Theme with Music