

June Weeks 1 & 2

I am IMPORTANT to GOD!

June 1st/2nd/8th/9th

CRAFT Week 1

I am Important to God

SUPPLIES: I Am Important to God word bubble, craft sticks, stickers, tape

Tip: If you have a larger class, consider taping the craft stick to the back prior to the craft.

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Pass out a word bubble to each child.**

- *“Boys and girls – today we learned that every one of us is so important to God. He made us in a wonderful way and we matter to him.*
- *Your word bubble says I AM IMPORTANT TO GOD. Will you say that with me slowly? I AM IMPORTANT TO GOD.*
- *That’s right! You are important to God!”*

⇒ **Pass out crayons and 6 stickers per child.**

- *“We are going to decorate our signs and then use them for a fun activity. They are going to help you remember that you matter to God. YOU are important to GOD!*

⇒ **If you have not already done so, tape the craft stick to the back. Make sure names are also written on the back.**

⇒ **Complete the craft and Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *Nice work everybody! Hold up those signs and let’s say it together – “I’m Important to God!”*

⇒ **If using Activity 1, transition directly to it now...**

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CRAFT Week 2

God loves us

SUPPLIES:

God Loves Us (John 3:16 page), heart stickers, Jesus cut outs, glue sticks, crayons

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Begin by passing out the John 3:16 Activity page, crayons, and heart sticker.**

- *“Today we head a VERY important true idea from the Bible that tells us how important we are to God! John 3:16 says that God loved you SO much that He sent his son Jesus.*
- *We need to fill in the blanks on our paper! Can anyone tell me what the first word is? Put your finger on it. Right! It’s God! The next word is supposed to be love, but it’s blank. What do you think we could put there to mean love? Very good! A heart!*

⇒ **Have volunteers circulate around room and write names on for the younger children or help as needed.**

- *“Next there is a blank line. We are going to write your names on that line to remind us that God loves each and every one of us so much.”*

⇒ **Have volunteers pass out the Jesus cut out.**

- *“And who is this person? That’s right! It’s Jesus! God loved us so much that he sent his son Jesus to be our friend forever.*
- *Let’s color Jesus now.”*

⇒ **Complete activity by gluing Jesus in place and then Bring it Back to Jesus**

- *“The last step is to glue Jesus on to our page. That will remind us always that God sent Jesus.*
- *God does love each one of us SO much that He sent Jesus to be your friend FOREVER! You are SO important to God. He made you! Who made you? God made me!”*

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ACTIVITY #1

You are Important Song

SUPPLIES: Completed "I am important to God" craft

TIP: For week 1, use the word bubble craft sticks the children made. For week 2, use the single classroom word bubble and have the children pass it from person to person.

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Gather children to the center of the room and sit in a circle on the floor.**

- *"I have a song to teach you! I am going to start singing it and as soon as you catch on start singing with me. We are going to start with my friend _____. Stand up and hold your word bubble up high as I sing your name!"*
- *(Sung to the tune of "Where is Thumbkin?")*

[Child's name] is important.

[Child's name] is important.

Yes, he/she is.

Yes, he/she is.

[Child's name] is important.

[Child's name] is important.

Yes, he/she is.

Yes, he/she is.

⇒ **Repeat with each child. If you have a very large class you may consider breaking up into smaller groups to do this.**

Encourage the kids to sing along with you!

⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *Wow! Each and every one of you is SO very important to God. You are so important to God that he sent his son Jesus to be your friend forever! That's really important!!!!*
- *Who made you? God made me!*

****Dear sweet volunteers – don't skip this because you are afraid of singing out loud. God made you in a wonderful way, too! And he doesn't care what you sound like. The bible says make a joyful noise unto the Lord! He will rejoice over you using your voice to empower and encourage his little ones! Be brave!*

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ACTIVITY #2

Parachute

SUPPLIES: Parachute, Star Stress Bals

SET UP: No prior set up needed

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Ask children to stand around the parachute with you and guide them to each pick up a section of the parachute.**
 - *“Today we learned that we are SO important to God! God knows everything about us and he loves us. He loves us so much that he sent his son, Jesus, to be our friend forever.*

- ⇒ **Invite children to shake their arms so that the parachute moves very fast.**
 - *“I brought so many stars to our parachute today. Stars make me think of how important and special you are to God. Let’s send them flying into the air!”*

- ⇒ **When the stars have all popped out of the parachute...**
 - *“Everybody say – I’m Important to God!”*
 - *“I’m important to God!!!”*

- ⇒ **Repeat as long as kids are interested.**

- ⇒ **Finish up the activity and Bring it Back to Jesus.**
 - *Awesome job, everyone! God made you – you are important to God! He sent Jesus to be your friend forever!*

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ACTIVITY #3

Memory Verse Block Hop

SUPPLIES: Cardstock Memory Verse Blocks, white floor tape

SET UP: Tape memory verse blocks down in order

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Gather children up for the activity.**

- *“Look at this pathway of blocks! Just like we can build wonderful and important things with blocks, God built you in a wonderful way! You are important to God!”*

⇒ **Invite children to hop from block to block as they say the memory verse.**

- *“We are going to say our memory verse as we hop from block to block. I will show you one time. Watch me!”*
- *I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Psalm 139:14.”*

⇒ **Possible Alternatives:**

- **Sometimes younger children have trouble with hopping and speaking 😊 Consider having them hop from block to block and then saying the memory verse when they get to the end, either on their own or as a whole group.**
- **With older children you may consider giving them cool challenges like hopping on one foot, etc.**

⇒ **When each child completes the hop, have them gather together and Bring it back to Jesus.**

- *“Great job, everybody! I never want you to forget that you are important to God. He made you in a wonderful way! Let’s say our memory verse together one more time*
- *I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Psalm 139:14”*

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REFLECTION & REVIEW

Let's remember: Every moment of time we have with these little ones is precious! Whether these activities are done in a station, during playdoh, while coloring, or otherwise, let's send the kids out the door really confidently and remembering these big ideas!

READ

⇒ *How Do I Love You?* By Marion Dane Bauer

- Read the story and then say: God made you in such a wonderful way and He loves you SO so much. You are SO important to God!

REVIEW *(This is a great opportunity to give out stickers as they answer these questions!)*

⇒ Key Question and Bottom Line

- **Who Made You? God Made Me!**

⇒ Memory Verse

- **I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Psalm 139:14**

⇒ Basic Truth

- **God Made Me**

⇒ Connect it!

- **Today we learned that we are important to God. We are so important to God he knows how many hairs are on our heads! We are so important to God he send his Son, Jesus, to be our friend forever! Today I am going to write down every person's name and put a star by it because you are important to God!**

PRAY

Dear God, thank you for making (name each child). I hope they grow up believing that they are important to You. You made them and love them so much that you send your son, Jesus, to be our friend forever. We love You, God! In Jesus' name, Amen.