

May Weeks 3 & 4
Made in God's Image

May 18th/19th

CRAFT Week 1

Creativity Masterpieces

SUPPLIES: White cardstock, crayons, watercolors, dot markers, assorted stickers, paintbrushes

TIP: Write the children's names on the back of the craft FIRST before they are wet.

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Pass out a piece of cardstock to each child with their name written on it. Have helpers begin putting smocks on children.**
 - *"Today we learned that you were created in God's image. God is so creative! And because he is creative, he made you creative too!"*
 - *"We are going to create a masterpiece today. You are so creative – I can't wait to see what you make!"*

- ⇒ **Option 1: Crayon Resist Painting – Pass out crayons and have the children draw a design on the cardstock. Then pass out paintbrushes and have them paint over the top to see how the design comes through.**

- ⇒ **Option 2: Watercolor Painting – Pass out paint brushes and have the children create a watercolor design.**

- ⇒ **Option 3: Crayons, Markers, and Stickers – Give the children all of these supplies and encourage them to create their own masterpiece.**

- ⇒ **Set the page on the counter to dry.**

- ⇒ **Bring it Back to Jesus: With whatever option you choose, go from child to child and engage with them about what they are creating. Affirm them and their creativity.**
 - *Wow! This is beautiful? What are you making?*
 - *God made you SO creative. You are such an amazing artist!*
 - *I love your masterpiece! Did you know the bible says YOU are God's masterpiece? Who made you? God made me!*

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CRAFT Week 2

I am Helpful

SUPPLIES: I Am Helpful page, Markers or Crayons

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Pass out I Am Helpful pages.**

- *"Today we learned that you were created in God's image. God is a helper! He is always there to help when we need Him. He made us to be helpers, too!"*
- *"What do you see on this page? That's right! A hand! God made you with two helping hands. While you decorate your hand, I want you to think about ways that you can be a helper. We are going to come around and write down your idea for how to be a helper!"*

⇒ **Go around the room and ask each child how they can be a helper. Write it down for younger children or help older children to write it.**

- *"How can you be a helper? That's a great idea! You are such a good helper! God made you to be so helpful – just like Him!"*

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

- *"Friends, I loved hearing all the ways that you can be helpers. God made you to be helpful – just like Him! Who made you? God made me!"*

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ACTIVITY #1

Mirror Memory Verse

SUPPLIES: Handheld Mirrors

SET UP: No prior set up needed

TIP: Each class will have a couple mirrors. Give each volunteer a mirror and form separate lines of children to go through the activity.

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Gather children to the center of the room.**

- *“Every time you look in the mirror I want you to remember something – God made you! So, when you see yourself in the mirror you can think of our memory verse!”*
- *“We are going to practice our memory verse as we look in the mirrors today.”*

⇒ **Give each volunteer a mirror and gather the children into small groups around each volunteer. Hand the mirror to the child and let them hold it. Prompt them or help them say the memory verse.**

- *“When you hold the mirror, look at yourself and say your memory verse. We will help you if you need it!”*

⇒ **Repeat until each child has had a turn.**

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

- *Every time you look in the mirror I want you to remember that God made you in His image. God is wonderful – that means he made you wonderfully! Let's put down our mirrors and all say our memory verse together one more time.*
- *“I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Psalm 139:14”*

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ACTIVITY #2

Creative and Helpful

SUPPLIES: Creative and Helpful Cards, wall tape

SET UP: No prior set up needed

TIP: This activity could work well in a variety of settings – discussion at the table right after large group, sitting on the rug, etc. You can tape cards to the wall/board, hold them up, or have kids hold them. Do what works best for your class!

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Gather children at the table or around you on the rug.**

- *“God made you in his image and likeness. We learned today that the Bible says that God is creative - and since God made us to be like him, that means we are creative, too! Do you know what the word creative means? (discuss).*

⇒ **Hold up picture of Girl Painting. Repeat this step with Block Building and Baking.**

- *“What is this girl doing? That’s right! She’s painting! She is being creative. Does anyone here like to paint or color? That’s because God made you to be creative – just like Him!*

⇒ **After completing the Creative Cards...**

- *“The Bible also tells us that God is helpful. God helps us whenever we need it. And if God is a helper, that means he made you to be a helper, too!*

⇒ **Hold up picture of Cleaning Up Toys. Repeat this step with Hugging and Doing Dishes.**

- *“What are these kids doing? That’s right! They are cleaning up their toys. That’s a great way to be a helper! God is helpful and He made you to be helpful – just like Him!*

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

- *“I feel so special knowing that God made me to be creative and helpful just like him. Who made you? God made me!*

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ACTIVITY #3

Block Helpers

SUPPLIES: Large cardboard blocks

SET UP: Scatter the blocks all around the room

TIP: With 2s and 3s you may opt to keep this a simple look and find activity without the additional directions. Do what works for your class!

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Scatter blocks around the room and then gather children to the center of the room.**

- *"God is a helper. He ALWAYS helps us when we need him. God made you in his image so that means God made you to be a helper too!*
- *I need you to help me with something! We are going to pick up all of these blocks together and build them up as high as we can!*
- *Pick up one block at a time and bring it back to the center of the room. Work together to stack one on top of the other. I will stand right here to help you!*

⇒ **After they have made the tower, ask them the key question.**

- *"Boys and girls, who made you?"*
- *God made me!*

⇒ **Scatter the blocks again.**

- *"God made you and he made you helpful – just like him! Alright helpers, this time I want every person to pick up a block and we are going to connect them together to form a straight line. Can you help each other do that? Go!*

⇒ **Repeat as many times and with as many new configurations as they are interested in. Reinforce the bottom line each time.**

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

- *Thank you so much for your help, friends! You are so creative and smart for the way you built those blocks and worked together to do it! Who made you? God made me!*

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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

⇒ *When God Made You* by Matthew Paul Turner

- Read the story and then say: Wow! When God made you, he made you exactly in his image! He made you creative, helpful, and smart – just like Him!

REVIEW

⇒ 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 creative because God is creative, smart because God is smart, and helpful because God is helpful! We are all of these things because God made us in his image! When I say your name tell me one creative, smart, or helpful thing you do and I will write it down.**

- Children may need an example of these things!

PRAY

Dear God, Thank you for making us in your image to be just like You. Thank you for making us creative, smart, and helpful like you are. It makes me feel so special knowing You made us in Your image. Wow! We love you, God! In Jesus' name, Amen.