

**August Week 3**

Backyard

**Awesome Artist**

August 21

**CRAFT**

*I Can Activity Book*

**SUPPLIES:** I Can Activity book, crayons

*TIP: Pre-fold the page into a booklet by folding the page in half lengthwise and then in half again widthwise to make one book per child.*

## **What You DO and SAY:**

⇒ **Begin by passing out the I Can Activity Book.**

- *“Today we are going to make a special book to help you remember that you were made in God’s image. God thinks, creates, and helps and he made us to think, create, and help, too!!!”*

⇒ **Have children write/help children write their name.**

- *“Let’s look at the first page. I want you to write your name in this space here or I can help you write it. It says, ‘[Child’s name] is wonderfully made in God’s image.’ You can decorate the cover after you write your name.”*

⇒ **Walk children through the instructions one page at a time.**

- *“Now open your book. This page says, ‘God made me to think.’ I want you to look at the pictures and think about which pictures match. When you find a match, draw a line from one to the other. When you’re done, you can color the pictures. Let me know if you need help!”*
- *The next page says, ‘God made me to create.’ It has flower stems on it but no flowers. I want you to draw colorful flowers on each stem.*
- *“Now turn to the last page. It says, ‘God made me to help.’ Look at the picture. What are some ways you can help? (Talk about ways you can help.) Now you can color the picture.”*

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

- *“God made you to be like Him. That means God made you to think, create, and help! Those are all wonderful things!*
- ***Who made you wonderful? God made me wonderful!”***

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# ACTIVITY #1

## *Creative and Helpful*

**SUPPLIES:** Creative and Helpful Cards, wall tape

*TIP: This activity could work well in a variety of settings – discussion at the table right after large group or during moon sand, 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*

### **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 think and create and help - just like him. That is truly wonderful and so are you!*
- ***Who made you wonderful? God made me wonderful!***

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## **ACTIVITY #2**

### *Mirror, Mirror*

**SUPPLIES:** Handheld mirror

#### **What You DO and SAY:**

- ⇒ **Gather children in a circle in the center of the room.**
  - *“Every time you look in the mirror, I want you to remember something – God made you wonderful! 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.”*
  
- ⇒ **Pass the mirror around the circle. Have each child hold the mirror. 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!*
  - *I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Psalm 139:14”*
  
- ⇒ **Repeat until each child has had a turn.**
  
- ⇒ **OPTION: You can turn the music on and play it as a game of hot potato. When the music stops, have the child holding the mirror say the memory verse.**
  
- ⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**
  - *“Every time you look in the mirror, I want you to remember that God you in a wonderful way!*
  - *I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Psalm 139:14”*

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## **ACTIVITY #3**

### *Wonderfully Made Dance Party*

**SUPPLIES:**

Scarves and instruments, EC Worship Cd: Great Big God or Everybody Sing

### **What You DO and SAY:**

⇒ **Gather the children in an open area of the room.**

- *“Boys and girls, you are wonderfully made by God! I want you to pick a scarf or an instrument and we are going to dance and sing about how our Great Big God made us!”*

⇒ **Option: Freeze Dance**

- *“Who made you wonderful? God made me wonderful!”*

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

- *“Friends, God made our bodies to do wonderful, amazing things. God gave you hands to hold your scarves and instruments, arms to wave them back and forth or shake or tap them, your mouths to sing, and your whole bodies to dance! See what I mean? You are wonderful!*
- ***Who made you wonderful? God made me wonderful!”***

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**READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY**  
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**SANITIZE HANDS AND PASS OUT MOON SAND**

**READ**

- ⇒ The Bible
  - *The Beginner's Bible: The Beginning, page 7-13*
- ⇒ When God Made You by Matthew Paul Turner
  - Read the story and then say: God made us each in a special and wonderful way. I am so glad he made each and every one of you.

**REVIEW** *Pass out stickers as kids answer the questions!*

- ⇒ Key Question and Bottom Line
  - **Who Made You Wonderful?**  
**God Made Me Wonderful!**
- ⇒ Memory Verse
  - **"I am fearfully and wonderfully made." Psalm 139:14**

**CONNECT IT**

- ⇒ Today, we'll make a list of ways we can help since God made us to help. When I say your name, **tell me one way you can help.**
  - *Have each child share and write the ideas down on the board/paper.*

**PRAY**

- ⇒ "Dear God, thank You for making (*name each child*) in Your image to do all kinds of wonderful things like (*read the list the children made*). Help us keep thinking, creating, and helping, just like You. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."