

August Week 4

Backyard

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CRAFT

VIP Party Hats

SUPPLIES: Party hats, God Made me Wonderful sticker, I am fearfully and wonderfully made sticker, other misc. stickers

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Begin by passing out a party hat to each child.**

- *“These hats are very important people hats. You are important to God and that means you are a VERY important person!”*

⇒ **Pass out the 2 round stickers.**

- *“This label says ‘God Made Me Wonderful!’ And he did!*
- *This label says our memory verse so you can always remember it. Let’s say it together, ‘I am fearfully and wonderfully made.’ Psalm 139:14*

⇒ **Give children other stickers to decorate their hat with. Encourage younger children not to cover up the important words on their hat.**

- *“Now you can decorate your hats and make them fun and beautiful and wonderful – just like you!*

⇒ **Have children stand up one at a time for the song.**

- *“Now 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 with your hat on as we sing! (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.

⇒ **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 wonderful? God made me wonderful!”***

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ACTIVITY #1

Parachute of Importance

SUPPLIES: Parachute

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Gather children around the parachute.**

- *“Friends we are going to play a special game here with the parachute today.*
- *I want each of you to bend down and grab the parachute with both of your hands. Everybody will lift the parachute up high over their head. Then, I am going to call out someone’s name and that person will run to the middle and then back out to their spot.*
- *Let’s practice lifting the parachute up over our heads once with no one running in.*
- *Nice job! I need everyone to be a REALLY good listener and only run in when it’s your turn. Are we ready?”*

⇒ **Call out one child’s name at a time. Have children lift the parachute high over their heads and then bring it back down.**

- *“Here we go! [Child’s name] is important to God! Everyone, lift your arms over your head! [Child’s name] run to the center! Now run back to your spot!*
- *Great job! [Child’s name} – you are important to God!”*

⇒ **Repeat with each child.**

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

- *“That was super fun! God made each of us. We are important to Him. We’re so important to Him that He knows how many hairs are on each of our heads! Isn’t that wonderful?*
- ***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
AUGUST WEEK 4

SANITIZE HANDS AND PASS OUT MOON SAND

READ

⇒ The Bible

- *The Beginner's Bible: The Beginning, page 7-13*
- *Any Book(s) from the Month of August*
- 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 guess how many hairs are on our heads. Just say whatever number you think it is when I say your name. This is just for fun, so take a fun guess! We may not know how many hairs are on our head, but God does!

- *Have each child share and write the ideas down on the board/paper.*

PRAY

⇒ "Dear God, we should never wonder if we are important to You. We are so important to You that You even know how many hairs are on our heads. Please help us treat everyone like they are important because every person is important to You. In Jesus' name, amen."