

August Week 1

Backyard

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CRAFT

Since Before the World Began

SUPPLIES: 'God Made Me' Earth pages, large heart-cut sticker, people cut-outs, glue sticks, markers or crayons, EC Worship CD

TIP: In younger classes, you may consider pulling out the blue and green crayons first to guide the children to color their earth with those colors.

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Pass out the 'God Made Me' page and the crayons or markers.**

- *"Today we are doing a special craft. In our true Bible story today, we learned that God knew he was going to make us even before he created the earth. Wow! And when we sing 'Great Big God' we get to sing about the same idea. That song says – 'He's known me and he's loved me since before the world began.'"*
- *Let's start by coloring the world.*
- *Option: Play Great Big God while you are working.*

⇒ **Pass out the red hearts and have children stick them on top of the world.**

- *"God created you because he loves you so much. He knew you and he made you and he loves you! Let's put this heart on top of the world."*

⇒ **Pass out the person cut out.**

- *"Who made you wonderful? God made me wonderful!"*
- *"Now I want you to decorate this person to look like you! God made us each so differently. He made us all in a wonderful way!"*

⇒ **When kids are done coloring their person, give them a glue stick and have them glue the person on top of the heart.**

- *"Boys and girls – when I look around the room at each of you I see special, wonderful kids who were made by God! Let's put our people on top of the heart now."*

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

- *"Friends, before God created the world, he had a plan to make YOU! Who made you wonderful? God made me wonderful!"*

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ACTIVITY #1

“God Made” Four Corners

SUPPLIES: Four Corners Creation Pictures, wall tape

SET-UP: Tape a picture in each of the 4 corners of the room or on an open wall, depending on the spacing of your classroom

What You DO and SAY:

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

- *“Friends, do you notice anything hanging around the room? I see pictures! They are all pictures of things God made! Let’s go on a walk and see.”*

⇒ **Guide children from one picture to the next.**

- Sky/Sun: *“What do you see? You’ve got it! Who made the sky and the sun? God did!”*
- Plants/Trees: *“What do you see? Yes! Plants and trees! Who made the plants and the trees and everything that grows? God did!”*
- Animals: *“What do you see? Animals! Let’s name our favorite animals.... Who made all the animals? God did!”*
- People: *“What do you see?” People! Who made people? God did!*

⇒ **Optional: Bring children back to the center of the room and play a game with the 4 corners saying things like:**

- *Run and find the picture of things that are green and grow with sunlight and water!*
- *Run and find the picture of something that shines bright in the sky and brings us warmth and light!*
- *Run and find the picture of things that roar and hop and waddle!*
- *Run and find God’s most special creation of all!*

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

- *“God made everything from the sun, moon, and stars to the plants and trees to the animals to the people. God made it all! And the best part of all is God made YOU! God made everything, and He made you. And YOU are wonderful!*
- ***Who made you wonderful? God made me wonderful!***

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ACTIVITY #2

Heart and Earth Look & Find

SUPPLIES: “Heart” and “Earth” stress balls

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Scatter or hide the hearts and earths around the room. Hold on to one of each and hold them up in your hands.**
 - *“Boys and Girls, what do I have here in my hands? That’s right! A heart and the earth. Did you know that God knew he was going to make you before he even created the world? He loves you that much! Let’s see if we can find all of the hearts and the earths as quickly as we can!”*

- ⇒ **Have children collect all of the stress balls.**
 - *“Great work everybody! God made you and he loves you. The bible says you are fearfully and wonderfully made. Let’s say that memory verse from the bible again together –*
 - *I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Psalm 139:14*

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

- ⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**
 - *“I am so glad that God made you. God made me and he made you – and he made is in a wonderful way because he loves us!*
 - *Who made you wonderful? God made me wonderful!*
 - *Let’s say our memory verse together one more time! I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Psalm 139:14”*

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ACTIVITY #3

Made by God Roll the Dice

SUPPLIES: “Movements” and “Parts” dice

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Gather the children in an open area of the room.**
 - *“Boys and girls, take a look at this super cool dice! On this one, you see pictures of different body parts. On this one, you will see words of different movements. Each of you will have a turn to roll the dice to perform the movement with that body part. Are you ready?”*

- ⇒ **Let each child take a turn rolling the dice. Name the body part and the movement displayed on the top of the dice. Ask all of the children to do that movement with that specific body part.**
 - *“Your bodies are wonderfully made by God! Every part of you was!”*

- ⇒ **Allow every child to roll the dice and perform the movements.**
 - *“God made each of us so special! It’s so much fun to move our bodies that God made!”*

- ⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**
 - *“Friends, God made our bodies to do wonderful, amazing things.*
 - *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*

⇒ Here's the Reason God Made Me by Mikal Keefer

- 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 will make a list of good things God made. It can be anything – animals, flowers, stars, oceans – anything! Because God made everything! When I say your name I want you to **tell me one thing God made** and I will write it down.

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

PRAY

⇒ "Dear God, thank You for making this amazing world for us to live in. Thank You for all of the flowers and foods and animals for us to enjoy. But most of all, thank You for making us in Your image. Thank You that [child's name] is wonderfully made by You. Thank You that [child's name] is wonderfully made by You. (Repeat with each child.) You are amazing, God, and we love You. In Jesus' name, amen."