

God made us different

Hey Mom and Dad,

So much has been happening in our nation and world at large that has caused both individuals and groups to reflect on the sanctity of life. The word of God states that God divinely knit each of us together from conception (Psalm 139:13-14). This means all life is valuable to God.

It is said that kids as young as four and five years in age begin to notice racial and cultural diversity. The sooner we can talk about the differences, celebrate it and see God's goodness in it, the sooner our children will see all people through the eyes of God. This lesson pack aims to empower each child to be the best reflection of the love of God to all people, regardless of differences in age, nationality, race, class or gender.

Our lesson objectives for this week:

- To learn that all people were created in the image of God.
- To celebrate differences in each other.
- To be intentional to love others as God loves us

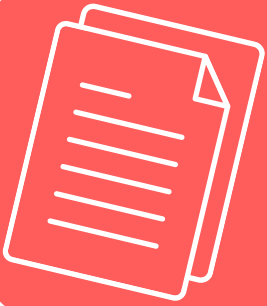
As you start your time together, it would be beneficial to allow each child to express their thanksgiving and praise to God by saying, "I thank God for...." If you have the conveniences, use the selected songs to enter the presence of God through praise and worship. God is with you as you gather in His name.

May you and each member of your family walk in the full revelation of God's love as we navigate this season together. We love you and your family. 3CKids Team

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What to prepare:

- Read Genesis 1:26-31
- Read Psalm 139:13-16
- A packet of M&M's or Smarties



Praise and Worship:

Copy these links and paste it into your browser to play the songs of the week:

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=twFAZfU_x4 (**Send Your Rain**)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F5txkvjH3Pk> (**Perfect Love**)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rRkgWQnbnN0> (**To Know You**)

Memory verse:

Psalm 139:14



"I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well"

Declaration for the week:

***God made each of us beautiful and different.
We are better together***



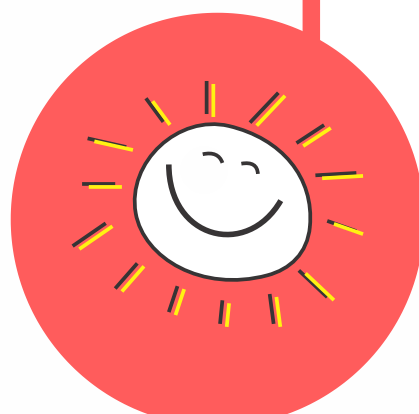
Activity Sheets

The activities are added to aid with general knowledge

- Mini maze
- Animal crossword
- Finger print art
- Colouring sheet

Fitness Fun

Join in the fitness fun and beat the winter blues.



Lesson Time

Opening activity: Pass out M&Ms/Smarties to everyone

Ask: What is the best part of the M&M/Smarties? Say: "THE CHOCOLATE!!" The colour of the M&M/Smarties does not really matter.

Demonstrate this by having a child close their eyes, and taste an M&M/Smarties. They must try to guess what colour it is. They will not be able to tell!

Say: People are a bit like M&M/Smarties – they look very different on the outside and even have different ways of doing, but what actually matters is the inside.

Say: Today we are going to learn about how God made each of us different and how we can love each other even if we are not the same.

Pray with me: Father God, thank you that I am alive and that you have a purpose for me. Thank you for growing me in your word today as I learn how to love other people who are different to me. In Jesus name I pray. Amen

Repeat the declaration: God made each of us beautiful and different. We are better together

Read: Genesis 1:26-31 Say: The Bible shows here that God created people. All people were made in God's image, which means everyone on earth was made to be like God, to have the same qualities He has. (Pause)

Say: You may be wondering how that is possible right? Well, have you ever heard someone say about you that you do something just like your mom or dad? Example: "You laugh like your mom" or "You hold a pen like your dad" or "you pray like your Gran". You see being made in the image of God is not about how we look on the outside but how we are like Him. People around the world live in different places, eat different food, speak different languages and have different skin colours. Even though all people are different God made each person to be just like Him.

When God made humans, He said "It is very good" – that means God is very happy with how He made every person on earth. If God says what He made is very good, we must know that every person on earth is very special and important to Him.

Read: Psalm 139:13-14

Say: God made each person carefully in their mommy's tummy. God took such great care to make each person to show just how much He loves all people. God knew where they would live, what language they would speak and what colour their skin would be. When we look at ourselves and other people, we can celebrate that God made us all different, in a wonderful way. God made all people to reflect His glory which means you can see the beauty of God when you look at the many different people on the earth.

Conclude: Now that we know that God made everyone on earth and that He loves all people, we must love everyone the way God loves them too. We must also teach other people that being different is good and is something we can celebrate.



Application:

Ask: Would you like God to help you to see everyone as precious and important, regardless of their age, gender, language or skin colour? Would you like God to help you love people who are different to you?

Pray after me: "Father God, thank you for loving all people perfectly. Please forgive me where I have not been nice to people who are different to me. Please forgive me for not seeing everyone as precious and important the way you see them. Thank you for washing me in the precious blood of Jesus. Thank you that you help me love all people, especially the ones who are different from me. I know that your love in us changes the world. In Jesus name, Amen."

Repeat the declaration: God made each of us beautiful and different. We are better together

The five confessions of the blood:

When we speak about what the blood of Jesus has done for us, we are changed to be just like Him so we can love like Him. So, speak about what the blood of Jesus has done for you.

- By the blood of Jesus, I have been redeemed from the power of the enemy.
- By the blood of Jesus, all my sins are forgiven.
- Because I spend time with other Christians, the blood of Jesus cleanses me
- By the blood of Jesus, I am justified and God sees me as if I have never sinned.
- By the blood of Jesus, I am sanctified and set apart for God's holy purpose

Devotion plans:

The devotions are aimed to help each child spend daily quiet time with the Lord through His word. If you have the means, assist each child to create a special place and help allocate a special time for their devotion.

Younger children: we encourage you to spend a few minutes a day reading the scripture to your child and helping them say the declaration.

Older children: help the children to read the daily scripture, reflect on what the Lord is saying to them and then write their own declaration for the day.

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