



UPPER ELEMENTARY

FEBRUARY 2025

MONTHLY OVERVIEW

GOD VIEW:

THE CONNECTION BETWEEN UNIQUENESS AND GOD'S CHARACTER, AS SHOWN THROUGH GOD'S BIG STORY

Have you ever thought about what makes you, you? We all have different backgrounds, families, or favorite colors. We all enjoy different sports, foods, vacations, and have different friends and experiences in life. Even twins have different fingerprints! Together, all of those pieces make up who we are. But we can't understand who we are and what we were created to do without first understanding the way God sees us. Every single one of us was created in the image of God. But even as image bearers, we were created as unique. There is only one you, and this month we have the chance to explore how God can use the ways we were created to make a difference.

WEEK ONE

BIBLE STORY

Fearfully and Wonderfully Made
Psalm 139:1-14 (Supporting: Genesis 1:26-28, Ephesians 2:10)

BOTTOM LINE

God made you, knows you, and loves you.

WEEK TWO

BIBLE STORY

Moses and the Burning Bush
Exodus 3-4:15

BOTTOM LINE

God made you to make a difference.

WEEK THREE

BIBLE STORY

Lydia
Acts 16:13-15

BOTTOM LINE

Use your gifts to make a difference.

WEEK FOUR

BIBLE STORY

Timothy
1 Timothy 4:12

BOTTOM LINE

You can make a difference right now.

MEMORY VERSE

**HOW YOU MADE ME IS AMAZING AND WONDERFUL. I PRAISE YOU FOR THAT.
WHAT YOU HAVE DONE IS WONDERFUL. I KNOW THAT VERY WELL.**

PSALM 139:14, NIRV

UNIQUENESS

LEARNING MORE ABOUT YOURSELF SO YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE



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WEEK 3

Key Question: What are your gifts? Has anyone ever told you that you were really good at something? Maybe it was a sport or the way you solve problems. Our prayer is that preteens will begin to explore the different gifts and talents they have and how they can use them to help others.

In week 3, we head to **Acts 16:13-15**, where we find a successful businesswoman named Lydia. On Paul's second journey, he headed to Philippi where he found Lydia and a group of women gathered together to pray. Paul shared the news of Jesus with Lydia, and she used her gifts to serve the believers.

Bottom Line: Use your gifts to make a difference. Can you sing or dance? Maybe you are great at encouraging others or helping them with their homework. Everyone has something they can offer or contribute to this world that helps someone else, whether it's a big gift or a small one. So how can you use your gifts to impact someone else today?

Bible Truth

Lydia

Acts 16:13-15

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NOTES:

- All **yellow highlighted text** are cues for visual and audio slides.
- The text in **red** indicates stage directions.

Made -Week 3 Teaching Outline:

Start at 15 after (if service is expected to be about an hour)

1. Intro: Welcome kids, get them excited.
2. Game Time: Talent showcase
3. Worship
4. Intro: Made
5. Bible Lesson Video: **Lydia**
6. Application
 - a. Weekly Bottom Line: **Use your gifts to make a difference.**
 - b. Monthly Virtue: Uniqueness- Learning more about yourself so you can make a difference
 - c. -Memory Verse: **How you made me is amazing and wonderful. I praise you for that. What you have done is wonderful. I know that very well. Psalm 136:14 (NirV)**
 - d. -Prayer
7. Small Groups: 15 minutes



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WEEK 3

OPENER 3 minutes

(Welcome kids)

Hi everyone! Welcome to Flatiron Kids! I'm so excited to see you here today!

Announcements

Share campus-specific announcements -see your Kids Director for details.

As I look around this room, it makes me happy to see so many of you, and to see how God made each of us completely unique and special. God MADE us . . . God LOVES us . . . and so we can trust that God has a good plan for each of our lives!

GAME TIME

This month we are remembering the amazing way that God made each of so special and unique with a talent show! Each week, a couple of friends will have a chance to show us something special—a talent, a trick, a song...., or anything thing special that you can do!

**** You can choose 2 kids beforehand or ask the kids to raise theirs, and you can choose from the group.**

Let the kids show the group their special skill—keep track of the time!

Great job! You really are amazing! We'll have some others show us their skills next time.

WORSHIP 6-7 minutes

I'm so excited for us to worship God together. Right now we have the opportunity to spend some time completely focused on God. Let's give God our very best as we lift our voices

and worship from our hearts. You can follow along to the moves or worship in your own way. Let's sing!

(Encourage kids to worship God through song and dance. Play worship songs).

Show Worship Song: More Like You

Show Worship Song: Lions

INTRO 1 minute

Show Series Graphic: Made

Today we're taking a look at an important idea from the book of James. (Hold up Bible.) This book of the Bible was written by Jesus' half-brother, James! Think about that. James came to believe that his brother was the Son of God . . . and he wanted to help others put their faith in Jesus too. Let's check out our story!

BIBLE TRUTH 10 minutes

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APPLICATION 3 minutes

Show Graphic: WK3_Bottom Line

Lydia continued to offer everything she had to serve the new church in her city, even when Paul and his friends left to continue their journey. She used the gifts and talents that God had given her to help others. And you know what? That's something you can do too. Here's what we need to remember today:

[BOTTOM LINE] Use your gifts to make a difference. Say that with me. **Use your gifts to make a difference.**

God works in our lives when we put our faith in Jesus. Every person is made by God with something unique to offer!

Show Graphic: Virtue

Remember, Uniqueness is learning more about yourself so you can make a difference.

God made you with your own unique skills, talents, and personality. With God’s help, there are lots of ways that you can use those things to make a difference for others.

Our Memory Verse for this month will help us remember this. It is Psalm 136:14 (NirV). Let’s say it together:

Show Verse: Psalm 136:14 (NirV)

“How you made me is amazing and wonderful. I praise you for that. What you have done is wonderful. I know that very well.” Psalm 136:14 (NirV)

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Show Slide: WK 3 KEY QUESTION

As you go to your groups today, think about this: **“What are your gifts?”** Think about how God created you. Think about your unique skills and talents. Think about what you just enjoy doing. Then consider how can you use what you have RIGHT NOW to make a difference. How can you love God and serve others through the gifts God has given you? If you’re not quite sure, that’s totally fine, too. We’re still growing and figuring out how God has wired us. You can also talk to people like a family member, a teacher, or your Small Group Leader to help you discover some of this, too! Speaking of Small Group, before we head out, let’s pray and thank God for creating us so uniquely to help those around us. Let’s pray.

PRAYER

Dear God, thank You for the way the stories in the Bible teach us how to live. Thank You for the example we heard today—of how Lydia used the gifts You gave her to make a difference for the believers in her town. Please help us to discover the unique gifts and talents You’ve given each of us. And please show us how we can use those gifts to make a difference for the people around us. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.

SMALL GROUPS

Show Graphic: Small Group