



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 4

Key Question: Who has made a difference in your life? Is there someone in your life who has always been encouraging or who has helped you out of sticky situations more than a time or two? God has put people in our lives not just for our own enjoyment but so that we can make a difference to those we interact with. Our hope is that as preteens think through this question, they will be able to recognize the people in their lives they, too, can impact.

We end the month in **1 Timothy 4:12**, where we learn about Timothy and the work he did with Paul. Timothy was young, and he could have let that stop him from helping Paul carry out the mission of sharing Jesus with others. Yet Timothy chose to be brave and let God use him to teach others about Jesus in spite of his age.

Bottom Line: You can make a difference right now. Can you think back to the first time you helped your adult complete a big task such as painting the house or moving? Or maybe you helped to load the dishwasher or folded laundry? Your adult was probably really happy about having you help even when it didn't seem like much to you. God can use whatever we have, no matter the age to help someone else

Bible Truth

Timothy

1 Timothy 4:12

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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 4 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: **Timothy**
6. Application
 - a. Weekly Bottom Line: **You can make a difference right now**
 - 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 4

OPENER 3 minutes

(Welcome kids)

Hello, my friends! It's so great to see all of you!

Announcements

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

You are a key ingredient to the fun we have around here, and it wouldn't be the same without you! This month, we're finding out how each of us was made by God for a unique and special purpose. We've learned how we can use the gifts God gave us to make a difference.

GAME TIME

This month we are remembering the amazing way that God made each of so special and unique with a talent show! So let do it one more time and have 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

Let's get ready to worship God together. This is our chance to celebrate our Creator Who made us, as we sing together. Let's give God our praise right now. Here we go!

(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 get to talk about a really fun emotion: JOY. We have a story coming up about some guys who chose joy even in a tough situation.

Today we're looking at a story from the book of Acts. (Hold up Bible.) This part of the Bible talks about the early days of the church . . . after Jesus died, came back to life, and then went back to heaven. In the book of Acts, we can read about people like Paul, who shared the good news about Jesus in all kinds of different places. Paul and his friends traveled around, starting churches and teaching people about the amazing things Jesus had done. Let's check out our story!

BIBLE TRUTH 10 minutes

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APPLICATION 3 minutes

Show Series Graphic: Made

Timothy's story shows us how God can use our uniqueness—the way we're made—in a powerful way. When you ask God to make your faith stronger and to guide what you say and do, you'll be able to show God's love in a way that only you can do. God will help you understand how to best use your gifts and talents to make a difference. You can set an example for the people around you. And that isn't something that you have to wait to do. It's something you can do right now. Here's what we need to remember:

Show Graphic: WK4_Bottom Line

[Bottom line] You can make a difference right now. Say that with me. **You can make a difference right now.**

We've talked a lot about uniqueness this month. Really, it's something that God has already given us. Our job is to learn more about how God made us, because that will help us make a difference in the world around us. Think of it this way.

Show Graphic: Virtue

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

Timothy's story shows us that we can lead by example, and that's something we can do at any age. God has designed each of us to be an example to others in our own unique way.

Let's remember this by practicing our Memory Verse for this month. 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)

Even if you're young, what you say and do can make a big difference. Remember, God knows you better than anyone. God MADE you! Ask God to help you see your gifts and talents, and to help you to know how you can use them to be an example as you share God's love each day.

Show Slide: WK 4 KEY QUESTION

As you go to your groups today, think about this: **"Who has made a difference in your life?"** Put yourself in Timothy's shoes. Think about the teachers, parents, family members, coaches, even friends in your own life. Consider the ways they stood by you, encouraged you, taught you, and helped you focus on Jesus. They set an example for you, now, think about the ways can set an example for others . . . maybe it's with your family, with people in your neighborhood, or in your school. "How can you use your words, the way you love others, and the wise choices you make with your life to point others to Jesus? And if you're not sure what that looks like for you, don't worry. You'll have a chance to chat all about this with your Small Group. Before you head out, how about we pray and thank God for inviting us and giving us a chance to make a difference right now? Let's pray.

PRAYER

Dear God, thank You for reminding us today that even right now—no matter how old we might be—You have important work for us to do. Help us to speak, act, and believe in such

a way that we can be an example to others about how to follow You. Give us wisdom to make the wise choice, the courage to trust You no matter what, and the heart to treat others the way we would want to be treated. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

SMALL GROUPS

Show Graphic: Small Group (Dismiss kids to their small groups)