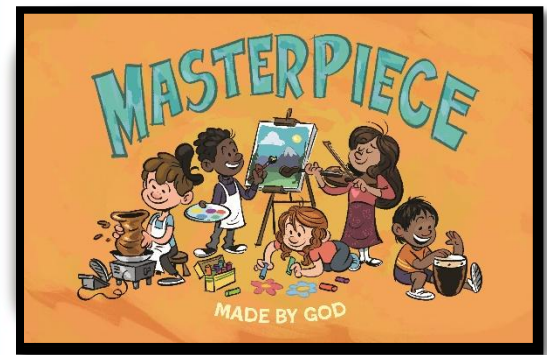




2nd & 3rd Grade

WEEK 2 - STARTER



Activity Name: Purposeful Objects

What You Need: ☐ Purposeful Object Card set

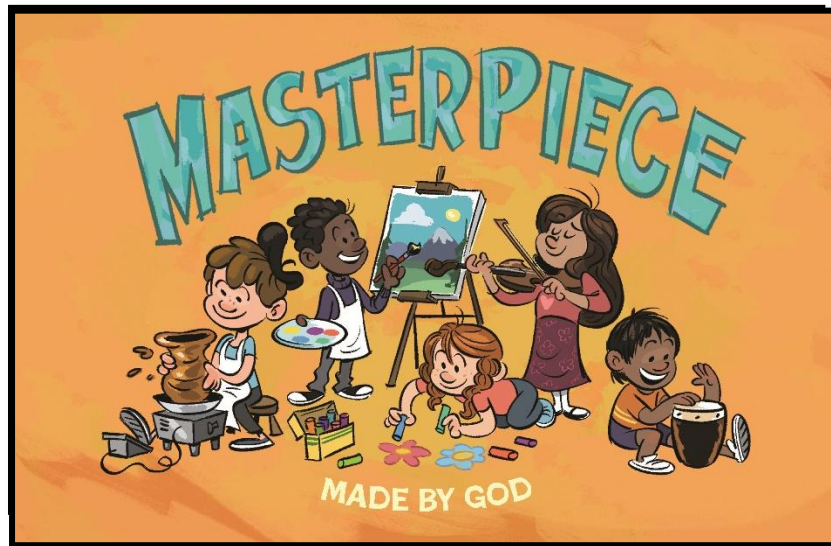
What You Do:

- Encourage kids to sit together in a circle.
- Spread the cards face down in the center of the group.
- Call one kid up to pick a card from the “Purposeful Objects” Activity Page, and ask them to look at the picture on their card without showing everyone else.
- Instruct that kid to tell the group what the purpose of the item in their picture is. *(For example, if they pick the lawnmower, they will say, “Its purpose is to cut the grass!”)*
- Encourage the group to guess what the item is. Give the group several guesses, then ask the kid to show their picture. Continue with each kid until all the pictures are picked.

What You Say:

Great job! You figured out the purpose of every single object. Just like every one of those things was made for a special reason, YOU were made for a special reason too. In our Bible Story today, we’re going to learn the amazing truth that **[Bottom Line] God made me for a purpose**. Let’s go find out more!

Lead your group to the Large Group area.



Bible Story: Created for a Purpose • Ephesians 2:10; 1 Timothy 4:12

Bottom Line: God made me for a purpose.

Monthly 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 Nlrv

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Why do you think God cares more about who you are than about what you do?
- If God already has good plans for you, how does that make you feel about your future?
- Timothy served God when he was young. Why do kids sometimes think they are too young to help others or make a difference? Do you think that's true? Why or why not?
- What are some things you are good at that God can use to help other people?
- What do you think God made you to do?

Activity Name: Teeny Tiny Artists

What You Need: ☐ Bible ☐ 'Teeny Tiny Art ' activity page ☐ Fine tip markers/colored pencils

What You Do:

- Open your Bible to Ephesians 2:10. Read the verse and share key points, like:
 - God created you to belong to Jesus!
 - Now that you belong to Jesus, you can live like Him and do good works.
 - God has placed you exactly where you are, with the gifts and experiences you have, to do good works like Jesus!
- Turn to 1 Timothy 4:12 in your Bible and read the verse out loud. Say something like:
 - This verse is part of a letter Paul wrote to his friend Timothy.
 - Timothy was young, but he was leading an entire church—a church in Ephesus.
 - Paul wanted Timothy to know that even though he was young, he was still to follow Jesus and be an example!
- Give each kid a “Teeny Tiny Art Show” Activity Page and access to the markers/colored pencils.
- Remind the kids of part of Ephesians 2:10 (NIRV) that says: *“We are God’s creation. He created us ... Now, we can do good works.”*
- Explain that each of them is God’s masterpiece, created to do good things.
- Challenge them to become artists and create as many different “teeny tiny” works of art as they can, filling each frame on their page with a different picture.
- After a few minutes, tell them it’s time for the art show!
- Let the kids take turns standing up to show their art to the group if they choose.
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What You Say:

Wow! Look at our Masterpieces! Every picture is different, and every one is special. That's a lot like us. God made each of us unique. God has the same big purpose for all of us—to show the love of Jesus to other people. But He has a different plan for each person. God gave you special talents, gifts, and experiences. He can use all of those to help you love and serve others.

We see this in the Bible. Paul made tents to earn money while he told people about Jesus. David took care of sheep, and that helped him learn how to lead people. God used the things they learned to help them do His work.

God wants to use the things He has given you, too. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you see the good things God wants you to do. They might be simple acts of kindness, helping someone, or sharing God's love. You can also ask your parents or another trusted grown-up what gifts and strengths they see in you. You are God's masterpiece, and He made you for a special reason.

Close in prayer/Invite kids to pray as well.