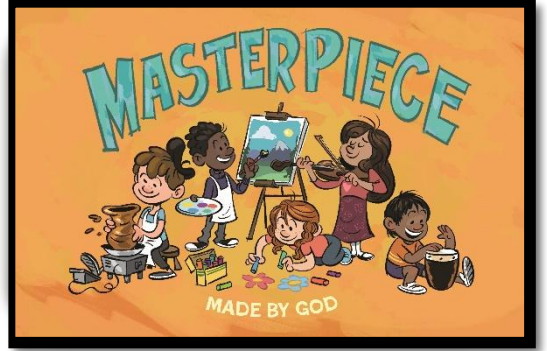




2nd & 3rd Grade

WEEK 3 - STARTER



Activity Name: Circle Creations

What You Need: ☐ “Circle Creations” Activity Page ☐ Coloring supplies

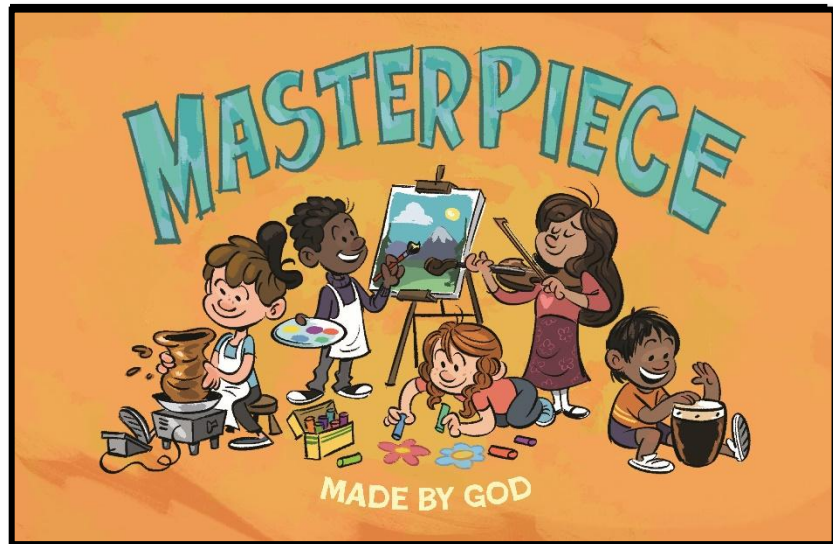
What You Do:

- Give each kid a “Circle Creations” Activity Page, a clipboard, and coloring supplies.
- Point out all the empty circles on the page.
- Challenge the kids: “Your job is to turn these simple circles into something totally new and different. What can a circle become?”
- Encourage their creativity by giving a few examples: A circle could become the sun, the wheel on a car, a smiley face, a basketball, or a ladybug.
- Give them several minutes to draw and transform their circles into a page full of unique creations.
- When they’re done, invite them to share their favorite creation with the group.

What You Say:

These are so creative! You started with just plain circles, and you turned them into all these amazing new things. That’s kind of what God does in our lives. He can take any situation—even a hard or confusing one—and turn it into something good. Today, we’re going to hear a Bible Story that reminds us **[Bottom Line] God can use all things**. Let’s go!

Lead your group to the Large Group area.



Bible Story: In All Things God Works for Good • Romans 8:28-29

Bottom Line: God can use all things.

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 NIV

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- When hard things happen, why is it hard to believe God can bring something good from them?
- How did hard times help Moses and Paul get ready for the things God wanted them to do?
- How can hard times help us become more like Jesus?
- When you cannot see anything good in a hard situation, what does trusting God look like?
- What do you need to trust God with?

Activity Name: Story Cube Review

What You Need: ☐ Assembled Story Cube ☐ Story cube activity page ☐ Coloring supplies

What You Do:

- Open the Bible to Romans 8:28-29, and read the verses.
- Share the following key points:
 - These verses are part of a letter that Paul wrote to the followers of Jesus who lived in Rome.
 - Paul was sharing an important truth about God: In the life of a Jesus-follower, God works all things for good!
- As a group, talk about the pictures on each side of the cube.
- First, review the story of Moses, and then review the story of Paul.
 - ***Baby Moses in a Basket:*** “God saved baby Moses from the mean king of Egypt.”
 - ***Moses Runs Away from Egypt:*** “Moses grew up in the king’s palace. When he was older, Moses did something wrong and he ran away from Egypt.”
 - ***Moses Leading People:*** “God used Moses to lead the people out of slavery in Egypt and through the Red Sea.”
 - ***Moses Writes Books of the Bible:*** “Moses recorded the story of God’s people and the laws God gave them to follow.”
 - ***Paul Starts to Follow Jesus:*** “Jesus appeared to Paul in a bright light and Paul decided to follow Him.
 - ***Paul in Jail:*** “Paul traveled around the world telling people about Jesus and many times he was thrown in jail.”
- Have kids take turns gently rolling the cube and telling you what part of the story it lands on.
- Give each kid a “Bible Story Cube” Activity Page and some coloring supplies.
- Encourage kids to color the Bible story pictures.
- Instruct kids to take the activity page home to cut out and tape together to make their own cube.

What You Say:

Great job making your story cubes! Moses and Paul both had happy times and really hard times in their lives. But did God use all of it? Yes! God used everything that happened to help them and to carry out His plan.

Today we read Romans 8:28–29. These verses tell us that God works for the good of everyone who loves Him and follows Jesus. That doesn't mean everything that happens is good. Sometimes life is hard. We all have sad, scary, or frustrating days. But God is always with us. He can use every part of our lives to help us grow and become more like Jesus.

Just like He did for Moses and Paul, God is always working for our good. We can trust Him because He is always good. Remember our **Bottom Line: God can use all things in our lives for good.** God is good, good, good!

Close in prayer/Invite kids to pray as well.