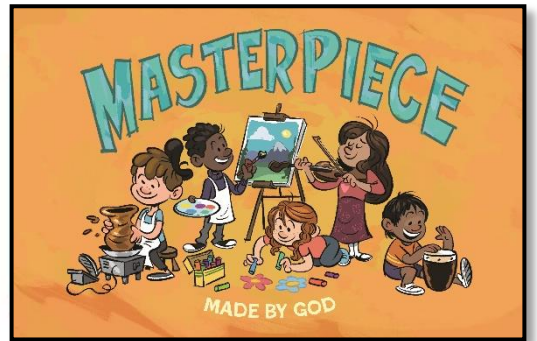


Kinder & 1st Grade

WEEK 1 - STARTER



Activity Name: Charades

What You Need: None needed

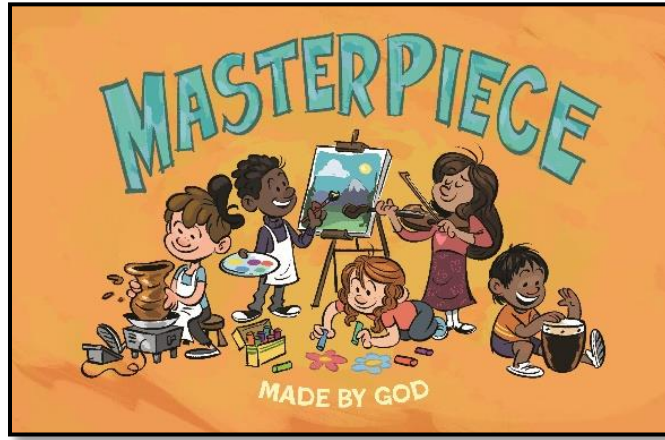
What You Do:

- Gather the kids in a circle or facing the front of the room.
- Explain how to play Charades: “I’m going to whisper something to one of you. You need to act it out using only your body and your face—no talking or making sounds! The rest of us will try to guess what you’re doing.”
- Call up one kid (or a pair of kids) at a time, and whisper a creation item to them.
- Creation ideas: a fish, a bird, an apple tree, a river, a frog, a mountain, the sun, stars, etc.
- Let the group guess up to 5 guesses. If they haven’t guessed correctly after 5 guesses, reveal the creation item.
- Play as many rounds as time allows so everyone gets a turn to act or guess.

What You Say:

You all did a great job today! Give yourselves a round of applause. Did you know that God made all those amazing things we just acted out? He made the rivers we canoe down, the tall trees we pick apples from, the fast fish that swim in the water, and the birds that soar high in the air! God made the whole world and everything in it. But out of everything God made, did you know there is something we haven’t talked about that is His favorite, most special creation? Let’s go find out what that is!

Lead your group to the Large Group area.



Bible Story: Image of God • *Genesis 1:26-30; Colossians 1:15*

Bottom Line: I am made in the image of God.

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.* • *Psalms 139:14 NIV*

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Who does God say you are?
- How can you be like God at home or school?
- Is it hard to be kind, share, forgive, or tell the truth? Why?
- If God made every person, how should we treat people we don't like or don't understand?
- What does it mean that God made you?

Activity Name: Self Portraits

What You Need: ☐ Bible ☐ Self Portrait activity page ☐ Coloring supplies

What You Do:

- Give each kid a “Self-Portrait” Activity Page and set out the coloring supplies.
- Ask each kid to draw a self-portrait (a picture of themselves).
- Encourage them to draw their hair, their eyes, a big smile, and maybe their favorite outfit.
- While they are creating, open the Bible and read Psalm 139:14 to the group.

What You Say:

Look at our amazing Masterpiece Gallery! Each of these pictures is beautiful because it looks like YOU. Our Bible Story today tells us that God designed exactly what you look like. He picked your hair color and the shape of your smile, and He delights in you!

But being created by God goes even deeper than what we look like on the outside. You are made in God’s image, no matter who you are or what you’ve done. This is your true identity. Being made in God’s image is something that can’t be taken away. **Remember our Bottom Line: I am made in the image of God.**

Close in prayer/Invite kids to pray as well.