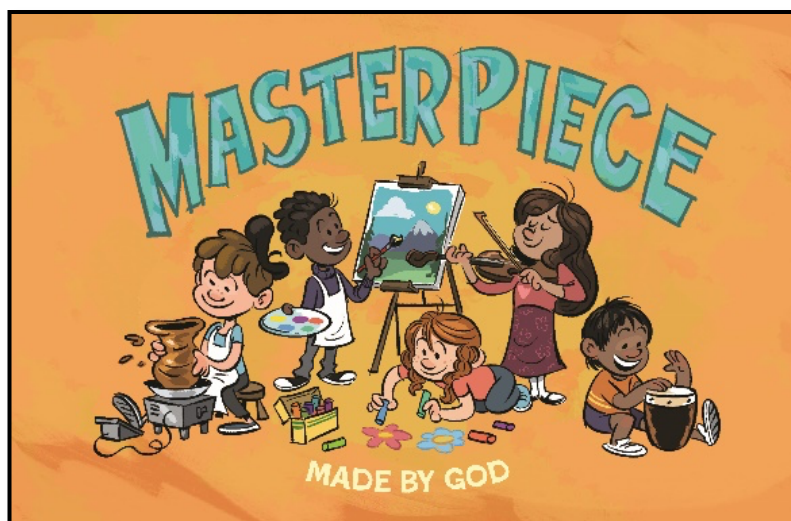




Bible Story: Image of God • *Genesis 1:26-30; Colossians 1:15*

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.* • Psalm 139:14 NIV

Notes

- **Blue text is a cue for audio and visual slides.**
- **Red text is for nonverbal cues.**

GAME/STORY SUPPLIES

- Bible



Inclusive Pro Tips

Loud sounds, bright lights, and large groups can be overwhelming or overstimulating for some children. To create a more inclusive large group experience, consider offering adaptive tools like noise-canceling headphones, sunglasses, sensory-friendly items, or access to modified spaces.

WELCOME

Show Series Graphic: Masterpiece

Hi, friends! I'm so excited you're here today! This is the first week of our 'Masterpiece' series. The full name of our series this month is 'Masterpiece—Made by God,' and over the next few weeks, we're going to explore how God made each of us as His very own masterpiece full of purpose!

"Who here loves to create? Maybe you like drawing, painting, crafts, or building things! Raise your hand if that's you.

(Pause while kids raise their hands.)

Wow, look at all those hands! That's a lot of creatives in one room!

GAME TIME

Let's have some fun to get our creativity flowing. I'm going to say a word, and you have five seconds to act it out or make a pose. You can use your hands, your arms, your face, anything you want! Ready?

First word ... painting! 5...4...3...2...1, pose! *(Kids pose.)*

Great! Next word ... sculpture! 5...4...3...2...1, pose! *(Kids pose.)*

Next ... music! 5...4...3...2...1, pose! *(Kids pose.)*

Next ... photographer! 5...4...3...2...1, pose! *(Kids pose.)*

Next ... dancer! 5...4...3...2...1, pose! *(Kids pose.)*

And last one ... drawing! 5...4...3...2...1, pose! *(Kids pose.)*

That was amazing and also hilarious. Great job, artists. Thanks for playing! Let's get ready to worship together!

WORSHIP

You know, worship is one of the best things we get to do together. It's a chance to sing, move, and thank God just for being who He is. You don't have to sing perfectly. You don't even have to know all the moves. It's more about us coming together and saying, 'I love You, God. You are number one in my life!' Let's sing!

Show Worship: 2 songs

I love hearing you sing and seeing you worship God. When we worship, we're reminding our hearts that God is good, and He's always with us.

Let's go ahead and sit down and get ready for our Bible Story today.

INTRO

Show Series Graphic: Masterpiece

We're starting a brand-new theme, and it's called 'Masterpiece—Made by God.' This whole month, we're going to talk about how you are a great creation of God! His masterpiece!

(HOLD UP BIBLE.) Today's true story from the Bible is in the book of Genesis, chapter 1. God made plants and trees. God made fish, birds, and animals. And after God made all of it, the Bible tells us it was good. Now here's the moment I want you to really lean in for... because God wasn't done yet. Let's check out our video!

BIBLE TRUTH

Show Video: Video_WK1 StoryLab

APPLICATION

Show Series Graphic: Masterpiece

Today, we learned some really important truths about God and ourselves. First, God made people to reflect Him. Being made in God's image is so special.

Then we learned that Jesus shows us exactly what God is like. He is the perfect picture of God. Because of what Jesus did on the cross, taking the punishment for our sin, we can be forgiven and have a relationship with God, and His image can now be clearer in our lives.

God made each of us amazing and wonderful. Even though sin sometimes makes it harder to reflect God perfectly, God's love and design for us never change. He made us with care, and He is proud of what He made.

Our Bottom Line today talks about this too. Let's see what it says.

Show Graphic: WK1_Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] I am made in the image of God.

Say that with me! **(Repeat with leaders and kids)**

Did you know there's a verse in the Bible that talks about how amazing you are? Not because of what you wear or how fast you can run, but because of how God made you. God made you on purpose, and He made you wonderfully.

That's what our Memory Verse is all about this month! It's Psalm 139:14.

Show Verse: Psalm 139:14 NIV

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

Now, I'll lead you through each part. Repeat after me, nice and loud!

(Repeat verse several times with kids and leaders)

Great job! Before we go to our small groups, let's talk to God together, friends. You can bow your heads and close your eyes.

PRAYER

(or invite a kid to pray for your group)

God, thank You for making each of us in Your image. Thank You for creating us with care and love, and for making us amazing and wonderful. Thank You for sending Jesus to show us exactly what You are like, and for giving us the Holy Spirit to help us live like Him. Please help us be kind, loving, truthful, and forgiving, so that the people around us can see You through us. We love You, God, and we want to reflect Your goodness every day. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

SMALL GROUPS

Show Graphic: Small Groups

(Dismiss kids to their small groups)