

God Made People

Welcome

Welcome children and introduce or remind them of Bible story time rules.

Opening Song

Jesus Wants us to be Friends <https://youtu.be/8V39P3QxssY>

Prayer

Bible Story Transition Song

It's time to read our Bible, it's time to read our Bible, it's time to read our Bible to see what God's Word says. <https://youtu.be/anyolQ8SX8o>

Bible Story (Genesis 1)

Last week we talked about how God made everything—the trees, the grass, flowers, birds and animals. All of it, He made it! He created it!

Today, I want to talk to you more about things God made. Did you know that God made all people!? He created each and every one of us. I bet you knew that already didn't you. But here is the coolest part...God made us to look like Him! We are made in His image! Let's read in the Bible what the story says.

When God created the earth He made a LOT of cool things—plants, animals, oceans, land, but the greatest thing he made was MAN. He said, "I want to make a human being in my image, to be like us. They will be in charge of all the birds, fish, and animals all over the earth...even little animals that scurry".

So God created humans in his own image. He made two kinds of humans (*hold up boy and girl cookie cutters*) male & female, girls and boys! Then God said be in charge of the earth and have lots of kids! He wanted them to take care of the wonderful creation that He had made. He was so proud of his creation.

Now these cookie cutters aren't really you and I are they? No, they are the *image* of a girl and boy. When we look at them we can see one is a girl and one is a boy. Just like these are images of boys and girls, we are made in the image of God! Isn't that cool. Let's say that together: God made Me. And God made people.

You are a special creation of God. I want everyone to look at their finger. Do you see the little lines that swirl? What is that called? A fingerprint! And no one has the exact same

print. God made each finger print special and unique, just like we are all special and unique. No two people are exactly alike! Why? Because God made each one of us. God made me!

I want you to remember that you are loved and a special creation of God. So remember, God made me!

Let's pray.

Closing songs

Thank you Lord for Making Me

<https://youtu.be/pEYz4i2SL2k?list=PLs2ke211UniMzIB84Sni3hE1O6zx4tWvm>

The Creation Song <https://youtu.be/tuexWiyAAUQ>

Story Reinforcers

Playdough: Provide children with girl and boy cookie cutters. Reinforce the idea that we are made in God's image. Allow children to make cut outs of boys and girls. You can also include other cookie cutters representing what God created.

Self Portrait: Provide paper, markers or paint, and a mirror for children. Ask the children to look in the mirror and draw what they see. After they have drawn their portrait. Ask them, "what makes you special?" and share what they write on the bottom of their portrait.

Sensory bin: Provide a sensory base and add small animals, trees or leaves, and Adam & Eve (or boy and girl) figures. Children will then reinforce and reenact the story they learned.

Fingerprint Science: Using a stamp pad, allow children to "fingerprint" each of their fingers onto a piece of paper. Then allow the children to study one another's fingerprints using a magnifying glass.