



May 2/3, 2020 – Week 1

Bible Story Focus: God made me, and He loves me.

God Made Me • *Genesis 1:26; Psalm 139:14*

Memory Verse: “Nothing at all can ever separate us from God’s love.” Romans 8:39, Nlrv

Key Question: Who loves you?

Bottom Line: God loves me.

Basic Truth: God loves me.

Make It Fun

Jump Up!

- **What You Do:** Gather all of the children in your activity area. Explain to the children that you will call out different things they might love and give them an action to perform if they do. Examples are below.
- **What You Say:** “Friends, come over here with me. We all like different things. Some of us love chocolate ice cream and some love vanilla. I’m going to call out something you might love along with an action. If you love it, just follow the directions. Here’s an example: If you love sunshine, jump up and down. Who loves sunshine? Awesome jumping! Okay, ready for the next one?
 - If you love apples, pretend to take a big bite!
 - If you love popsicles, clap your hands.
 - If you love ice cream, stomp your feet.
 - If you love building things, wave your hands.
 - If you love riding your bike, march with me.
 - If you love to play outside, jog in place.
 - If you love goldfish, swim like a fish.
 - If you love the color blue, raise your hands in the air.
 - If you love to sing, sing ‘la la la la la!’”

That was fun! We can love sunshine and the color blue. There are lots and lots of things in this great big world God made for us to love. In our Bible story today, we’ll hear about the most special thing God ever made! I can’t wait for you to hear!”

Make It True

Worship

- **What You Need:** Worship song “God Loves Me Specially.”

Bible Story

- **LEADER:** “Hello, friends! I’m so happy to see you today. I want to talk to you about something VERY important. It’s SO important that God tells us all about it in the Bible. Do you know who made the earth? *(Pause.)* Yes! God did. We can read all about how God made the earth in the Bible. Okay, another question for you. Who made animals? *(Pause.)* That’s right! God made all the animals, too. God made every piece of grass, every flamingo and every bunny, and every single giraffe. God put the sun in the sky, and He made the mountains REEEALLLY tall! And it was ALL good. Everything God made was good.
- But there is something He created that is more special than everything else. Do you know what it is? Take one finger and point at YOU! God made you. People are his most special creation. Look at the person next to you and say, ‘You are special!’ Ready? One, two, three!”
- **CHILDREN:** “You are special!”
- **LEADER:** “Yes, you are! God made you special. There is no one else like you. It’s true. Let’s play a game. Look around and tell me when you see someone with a long hair. *(Adjust physical trait to describe an adult in the room.)* Great job! Now, look around the room again. Do you see anyone with freckles? If you have



freckles, you can point right at you! Look at all of those beautiful freckles on our friends! And guess what? Even if several of you have freckles, none of you have freckles in exactly the same places on your sweet little faces!

- One more. Do you see any friends with curly hair? *(Pause.)* Wow! We have some lovely hair in this room. And no one's curls are exactly the same. God has made each and every one of us completely special, one of a kind! We all have *(point to these on you as you say them)* different hair, skin, and eye color. Some of us wear glasses. Some of us ride in wheelchairs. Some of us are really tall, and some of us are small.
- God made us just the way we are. He made some of us amazing singers and some of us fast runners. Some of us like to read. Raise your hand if you like the read. *(Pause.)* Great! You can put your hands down. Some of us like to paint or draw. Raise your hand if art is your favorite. *(Pause.)* Look at all of these little artists. Awesome. Some of us like the play basketball or t-ball, or dance! Raise your hand if you love any of those. *(Pause.)* So fun! Some of us love animals. Who loves animals or has a pet at home? *(Pause.)* Wonderful! Hands down please.
- We're all different! And we are completely, amazingly, and wonderfully made. You are the most super, special, best thing God created! But do you know why God made YOU as His most special thing? Because He LOVES you so, so much! When I ask, '**who loves you?**', I want you to answer with '**God loves me!**' Tell me, **who loves you?**'
- **CHILDREN and LEADER: "God loves me."**
- **LEADER: "That's the truth! God made you and He LOVES you so. Let's thank God for the wonderful way He made us to show how much He loves us!"**

PRAYER

- **LEADER: "Heavenly Father, You are a BIG and awesome God! We know that You love us because You made us special. We love You. In Jesus' name, amen."**

Make It Stick

Handprint

- **What You Need:** "Handprint" Activity Page and large washable inkpad
- **What You Do:** Retell the story. Help children cover their hand with ink and press them down on their paper to make a handprint.
- **What You Say:** "Today we learned that we are God's most special creations! Out of all the amazing things God made, like the earth, the sun and moon, the plants and the animals, we are the most special! Everyone of us is made special and unique. We have different color skin, hair, eyes, and our handprints are different, too! Let's make a handprint on your paper. *(Help cover child's hand with the ink then press hands down firmly on their paper. Clean hands as needed.)* Look at all the different handprints. They are as special as you are! Each of you are completely, amazingly, and wonderfully made. YOU are the most super, special, best thing God created! But do you know why God made you as His most special thing? God made you special because He loves you so, so much! God loves you and **God loves me.**"

Dismissal

Memory Verse with Motions

- **What You Do:** Say the memory verse with the motions. Repeat several times.
- **What You Say:** "I'm going to say our new memory verse. Everyone, watch me! "Nothing at all *(shake head and wave your arms in front of you)* can separate *(lock your fingers together)* us from God's *(point up with both hands)* love *(hug yourself)*. Romans 8:39." *(Open your hands like a book.)* Now, let's do it all together! Are you ready? "Nothing at all *(shake head and wave your arms in front of you)* can separate *(lock your fingers together)* us from God's *(point up with both hands)* love *(hug yourself)*. Romans 8:39." *(Open your hands like a book.)* God loves us all! Nothing will ever change that! **Who loves you? God loves me!"**