



**PRE-K
LARGE GROUP**

LESSON 1

I AM FEARFULLY AND WONDERFULLY MADE

LESSON AT A GLANCE

WONDER TRUTH: God Made Me on Purpose, for a Purpose

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 139

GOD'S BIG STORY: King David writes a psalm describing the incredible ways God interacts with us—creating us, being with us, knowing us. God does everything with purpose, including creating us!

WORD OF WONDER: How God made me is amazing and wonderful. —from Psalm 139:13–14

CURIOSITY

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- Puppet Intro and Curiosity Questions
- Declaring God's Wonder
- Prayer of Invitation
- Worship
- God's Big Story
- Prayer and Blessing





LESSON 1 FOR LEADERS

INVITATION

We invite you to pause, listen, and shift your gaze toward the Father ...

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“Where did you come from?”

I asked an innocent question, amused at the barefoot child peeking around the corner of my colleague’s house. We were seated on his porch, taking a moment to debrief a long day’s work.

His daughter had a sixth sense to know her father was home, so she slipped out the back to come around the house, following the sound of his voice. Without skipping a beat, she looked at me—the stranger interrogating her—and pointed to her father. “Him, I came from him,” she said.

She could have explained that she exited by the screen door, but she answered my question with the directness of a child. She came from her dad. Moreover, I was delaying their reunion.

Adults love to share our origins: where we live, where we work, in what locale we were raised. Take a moment to reinhabit a child’s perspective: remind yourself that God created you, set your life on a trajectory, and can’t stop thinking of you. Imagine pointing to your heavenly Father to say, “Him, I came from him.”

I invite you to read Psalm 139 and to ask God to give you the perspective of David. There is no way to escape God’s sight and deliberate attention. God created you for a purpose; your heavenly Father gave life as a gift. What is one way that you have been reminded of God’s design this week? As you picture your earliest moments in the world, how do you imagine God was already shaping you?

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LESSON 1 **FOR LEADERS**
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DID YOU KNOW?

FOUNDATION BUILDING BLOCKS

WHO?

Psalm 139 is attributed to David, Israel's greatest king. David is believed to have authored 73 of the 150 Psalms in the Bible. He was a gifted poet and songwriter, often declaring his praise for God in a variety of ways throughout the Psalms.

WHAT?

Psalm 139 talks about God's omnipresence and omnipotence—He is everywhere and knows everything. The author realizes there is no hiding from God and invites Him to search his heart, showing him where He wants to change him.

WHERE?

In Psalm 139 the where is everywhere! God is everywhere in space, in the highest heavens and the lowest depths. He is also everywhere with us in time: when we are growing in the womb, and He is there with us on our very last day. God is ever-present in our lives.

WHEN?

The psalms were written over hundreds of years—from the time of Moses to after the exile from Babylon. Psalm 139, which is attributed to David, would probably have been written sometime in the late 900s BC.

WHY?

This psalm recognizes that God knows us intimately. He created us just as He wanted us to be, and His care for us extends from the womb to death. Therefore, we ask God to search us, refine us, and lead us in His everlasting way.



Curiosity

Belief

Faith

Identity

LESSON 1 **EARLY CHILDHOOD**

Spark curiosity, encourage exploration, and get kids thinking about the wonder of God.

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Slide: Series Welcome Loop

As kids arrive...

Walk around the room and welcome as many kids as possible by showing excitement that they have joined you. Give high-fives, fist bumps, encourage them to sit on the floor in their spots, and ask questions about their week.

Video: 10 sec Countdown

Puppet Intro and Curiosity Questions

Introduce the kids to Tac, the curious cat.

Tac the Cat: (spelling out loud) P-U-R-R-R-P ...

Leader: Hey Tac! What are you trying to spell?

Tac the Cat: Well, I'm having a hard time. It's a really hard word my mom told me this morning, and I don't understand what it means. I want to look up what it means, but I have to be able to spell it first.

Leader: Sure. I can help you. What's the word?

Tac the Cat: The word is *purpose*. The first part of the word is easy because I'm a cat and it sounds like the sound a cat makes. Listen. Purr-pose. (Tac purrs like a cat.)

Leader: You are exactly right, Tac! The word does sound like the sound a cat makes. Let me help you spell it. How about you and the kids repeat it after me?

Tac the Cat: Yes! I love that idea!

Leader: (Tac and kids repeat after each letter.) P. U. R. P. O. S. E.

Tac the Cat: Purr-fect! Now, what does it mean? I'm so curious because my mom made it sound like it's something good! She said God made me on purpose, for a purpose.

Leader: Your mom is one smart cat! She's exactly right. God made all of us on purpose, for a purpose.

Tac the Cat: So, what does that mean exactly?

Leader: Well, it means that when God made you, He had a special plan just for you. He designed you to be just the way you are, with special things about you that aren't like anyone else.

Tac the Cat: Wow! Really?

Leader: Yes! And that's not all. God knows everything about you and loves you so much. He made you with a special plan in mind that's just for you.

Tac the Cat: God made me on purpose. I love that!

Leader: He sure did! Wait. I just had an idea. Why don't you stick around for today's story? I think the word purpose will make even more sense to you after today's story.

Tac the Cat: That would be purr-fect! I can't wait!

"Have you ever been curious about something? Have you ever been curious about why God made you the way He did? Allow the kids to respond. Have you ever been curious about why you have straight hair while your friend might have curly hair? Allow kids to respond. Have you ever been curious about why you like playing sports while your friend likes to paint? Allow kids to respond. If you look around, no one is just like you. God did that on purpose!"

SLIDE: WONDER TRUTH

Today's Wonder Truth is **GOD MADE ME ON PURPOSE, FOR A PURPOSE**. Today, we'll discover more about the purpose God has in mind for you."

Declaring God's Wonder

SLIDE: DECLARATION

"Let's say these words together."

Thank You, God, that You made me! (Kids repeat words and motions.)

Make prayer hands, then point up to God and to yourself.

And I am Your kid! (Kids repeat words and motions.)

Put your hands on your hips.

Jesus loves me so much, (Kids repeat words and motions.)

Spread your arms out wide to your side one at a time, then pull them in for a hug around your chest.

His love for me is big. (Kids repeat words and motions.)

Hold your arms up high and wide above your head.

The Holy Spirit leads me (Kids repeat words and motions.)

Bring your arms down from the sky, making a path in front of you.

And I can follow You. (Kids repeat words and motions.)

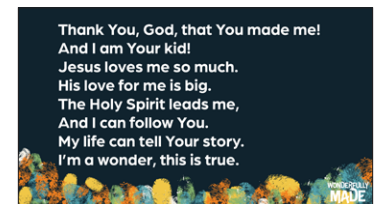
March like you're following the leader.

My life can tell Your story, (Kids repeat words and motions.)

Hold your hands in front of you like an open book.

I'm a wonder, this is true. (Kids repeat words and motions.)

Put your hands up, shaking your fingers, celebrating ("praise hands").



Prayer of Invitation

Before entering into God's worship, lead kids in a prayer of invitation. Use the prayer here or your own words: **"God, we invite You here with us. Help us listen to Your voice today. Thank You for making each of us on purpose, for a purpose. Let us experience Your love today. In Jesus' name, Amen."**

Worship

"Today, we'll learn that God loves us so much and we are wonderfully made for His purpose. Let's sing about His love together!"

VIDEOS: Just the Way I Am, Believe It

God's Big Story

SUPPLIES: Bible

Hold up a Bible and show it to the kids. Tell them today's story comes straight from the Bible and is in the book of Psalms, which is right in the middle of the Bible. Even if kids can't read, or don't have a Bible of their own, you can open the Bible and show them where to find the story.

Bible Time Rhyme

Say the Bible time rhyme (with motions) each week before the Bible story to remind kids that what they're about to hear is part of God's big story.

I open my Bible and what do I see? (*Hold your hands together, then open palms, as if opening a book.*)

God's big story, waiting for me! (*Point to yourself.*)

"Let's hear part of God's big story, which comes from the book of Psalms in the Bible."

VIEW THE GOD'S BIG STORY VIDEO



GOD'S BIG STORY SCRIPT: I AM FEARFULLY AND WONDERFULLY MADE

"There once was a king named David.

He was smart. Point to your head.

He was brave. Flex your muscles.

And he won lots of battles. Cheer loudly.

King David loved God more than anything. Hold your hands over your heart.

He told God he loved Him by writing songs. Sing one note loudly.

Now, there's one special song David wrote. Hold up one finger.

It's Psalm 139 in the Bible. Shout the number 139.

Let's see what it's all about!

Encourage kids to stand up. Instruct them to repeat after you and do the motions that you do.

God. Point to the sky.

You see everything. Put your hands over your eyes like you are looking around

You know me. Point to your head.

And you love me. Cross arms over your chest.

Great job! Let's do this next part the same way!

God. Point to the sky.

You are with me. Point to yourselves with your thumbs

When I sit. Sit down

And when I rise. Stand up.

You are everywhere. Point all around.

Awesome job! Let's keep going!

God. Point to the sky.

You love me. Cross arms over your chest

You created me. Move fists over each other like you are molding clay

I praise You. Lift both hands in the air.

Ok, last part! Here we go!

King David knew God loved Him. Cross your arms over your chest.

He knew God made him special and wonderful. Thumbs up.

And guess what else he knew? Hold both arms out to the side like a shrug.

He knew God thought about him all the time. Point to your head.

Just like God thinks about you and me. Point to kids and yourself.

I know God loves you. Point to kids.

He cares for you. Point to kids.

He made you wonderfully. Point to kids.

He made you on purpose. Point to kids.

He made you for His purpose. Point to kids.

Let's clap and celebrate how amazing that is! Invite kids to stand up and clap/cheer.

Connecting the Wonder Truth

Ask kids the following question to help them connect the Wonder Truth to God's Story:

SLIDE: WONDER TRUTH

"Our Wonder Truth today is **GOD MADE ME ON PURPOSE, FOR A PURPOSE**. Where did you see our Wonder Truth in the story?" Allow kids to answer freely.

Prayer and Blessing

After the kids finish their activity, pray with them, thanking God for making them on purpose, for a purpose.

"As we pray, point to yourself when I say, *making me*. Point to your head when I say, *knowing me*. Put your hands over your heart when I say, *loving me*. Let's pray and talk to God.

God, thank You for making me (point to self) **on purpose, for a purpose. Thank You for knowing me** (point to head) **and loving me** (hands over heart). **We love You. In Jesus' name, Amen."**

Encourage the kids to hold their hands out in front of them, with palms up, as if their hands were open to receive something. Tell them to listen and receive the blessing as you speak it over them.

SLIDE: BLESSING

Blessing: "God made each person to be special in his or her own way, for His purpose. May you always remember God made you exactly how He wants you to be. You are beautifully created by God, and you are His."