

MADE: DISCOVER WHO YOU'RE MEANT TO BE

GOD VIEW:

THE CONNECTION BETWEEN INDIVIDUALITY AND GOD'S CHARACTER, AS SHOWN THROUGH GOD'S BIG STORY

INDIVIDUALITY IS A REFLECTION OF THE CHARACTER OF GOD.

WEEK 1

We start the month by looking closely at **Genesis 1:26-28**. When God created people, He did something special. He created them in His image and gave them the job of taking care of creation.

Bottom Line: **God made me in His image.** We hope to help kids understand that being made in the image of God means we can love, show kindness, be creative, solve problems, and care for others all because we reflect and respond to God's character.

WEEK 2

Next, we take a look at a parable Jesus told in **Luke 15:1-17**. In the story, Jesus talks about a shepherd who leaves 99 sheep behind to search for the one sheep that was lost. Jesus is the Good Shepherd who rescues us and makes it possible for us to have a forever relationship with God.

Bottom Line: **God wants to have a relationship with me.** When it comes to understanding individuality, it's important we help kids understand that God created them to have a relationship with Him. We hope, through Jesus' parable of the Lost Sheep, kids will start to understand God's amazing love for them.

WEEK 3

In week three, we look at some of what Paul wrote to Timothy in **1 Timothy 4:12**. Although Timothy was a gifted leader, he was young. Paul reminds Timothy that he should stay faithful to the task God gave him. Even in his youth, Timothy was able to lead the church and point people to Jesus.

Bottom Line: **God made me to make a difference.** As we discover more about our individuality, we can begin to realize that God created us for a purpose. God can use our strengths to help others and show them what it means to follow Jesus. Through Timothy's story, we hope that kids start to understand the purpose God has for them.

WEEK 4

For week four, we head to **1 Samuel 16** and discover more about the time when God used Samuel to anoint David as the next king of Israel. As the youngest of Jesse's sons, David was the least likely to be crowned king. Yet God helped Samuel discover that the true worth is not what we see on the outside but who we are on the inside.

Bottom Line: **God wants me to see what really matters.** As we learn more about how God sees us it teaches us how to see ourselves and it can change the way we see others. We pray that kids start to understand that God wants us to see others how He sees them and treat everyone like they matter.

WEEK 5

We finish the month looking at **Matthew 22:34-40**. With the greatest commandment, Jesus clarified what it meant to follow God. Instead of following hundreds of commands, Jesus said we are to love God and

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love others as we love ourselves. When we put this into practice, it helps us prioritize love in all of our relationships.

Bottom Line: **God made me to love others.** We're not meant to do life on our own. God made us for relationships. But for those relationships to thrive, we need to put love as the goal. We hope that kids start to understand how they can love the people God has put into their lives.