

Human Relations Day Children's Sermon

Preparation:

Bring a baby picture of yourself or another baby. You may want to place it in a plastic frame or a plastic bag so that the children can pass it around and look at it. It may be fun to get baby pictures of the pastor or other church leaders and have the children guess who's who.

Message:

Greet the children as you typically do. Say: **I brought something I want to show you this morning!** Tell the children about the picture that you brought; tell who is in it. Pass it around for the children to see. **Ask: Have any of you seen your baby pictures?** Allow time for a few comments.

Say: In the Bible, a Psalm says, "I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well." That is from Psalm 139. The person who wrote this is thankful that God made them a wonderful person. When we look at babies, we think about them being new, sweet and loveable. Many times, we will talk about a baby being perfect. Do you think people loved the baby in the picture I showed you? Do you think this baby is wonderful? This baby is wonderful. God made this baby to be wonderful. Do you know that even if this baby grows up and makes mistakes, God will still see this person as wonderful? Isn't that exciting?

It is like when we make mistakes and our family and friends decide to keep on loving us. Have any of you ever made a mistake? I know I have. Even when we make mistakes, God still loves us. No mistake can change how God made us!

Today is Human Relations Sunday. Today we ask people to pray and give gifts that help people who may not know that God made them wonderfully – people who may not know just how much God loves them. Sometimes, they do not know because people have told them they are not good enough because of how they look or where they live or because of mistakes they may have made or because they don't have a family to love and care for them. It is important we remember to tell all those around us with our words and our actions that God created them, wonderfully, and nothing can change that.

Closing Prayer:

God of grace and love, we pray for those who need to know your love and mercy. Help us to share your love with others. Amen.