

GOD'S VERY GOOD IDEA

Bible Reference: Genesis 1-2

Date:

Age: 2's/3's

2nd Service

Memory Verse:

"God sent his son to save the world."
John 3:17

Theme:

God Promised
to Save Us

Schedule

- Arrival/Attendance/Directed Play.....10:40-11:05
- Clean Up and Gather For Story.....11:05-11:10
- Bible Story.....11:10-11:25
- Craft/Coloring Page:.....11:25-11:35
- Friends from Afar.....11:35-11:45
- Songs/Memory Verse/Prayer.....11:45-11:55
- Snack Time at Tables.....11:55-12:05
- Free Choice Play.....12:05-12:15

Notes and Reminders

Happy November! As we begin to prepare for the Christmas season in just a few weeks, let's take a look at why Jesus' birth was so important. This month, our 2- and 3-year old classes will be learning about God's promise to save the world from sin.

OUTLINE



Arrival/Attendance/ Directed Play

10:40-11:05

Welcome the children and mark them as present on the attendance sheet on the clipboard by the door. Set up the activities and introduce the children to the lesson through these activities. Encourage the kids to participate in both activities as they play together. You may need to ask the kids to come to the different areas so all of them have the opportunity to participate.

Our Fingerprints

- Spread the large piece of paper out on a table. Use the stamp pads to help children make finger prints across the page. When the children are done, encourage them to help you find differences in your fingerprints.
- **SAY** You did a great job at putting your finger prints on our page today. What do you notice about our fingerprints? (They are all a little bit different) In our story today, we are going to learn about why God made us all different from each other.

How Did God Make Me?

- Gather all of the children onto the carpet. Explain that we are going to look at the things that make us different. Help the children get in groups based on things about them. (Line up shortest to tallest, make groups based on eye color, stand on one side if you like cheese pizza better than pepperoni, etc.)
- **SAY** Wow everyone! It was so fun to learn these things about you. God made us all so wonderfully different. Today, our story will tell us how we are the same- because we are valuable and we can love God.

Clean Up and Gather for Story

11:05-11:10

Invite the children to begin cleaning up toys and putting away their activities at 9:10. Then remind them to meet at the carpet for Bible story time. Remind the children that we are going to do our best to be good listeners.





Bible Story

11:10-11:25

Welcome Song

- Welcome all the children by singing their welcome song
- (Tune of Twinkle Twinkle Little Star)
- Welcome, Welcome Everyone
- Now you're here Let's have some fun
- First let's clap our hands like so
- Then reach down and touch our toes
- Welcome, Welcome Everyone
- Now you're here Let's have some fun
 - You can call a group of children names to welcome them and they can stand up and wave if you'd like.

This week, we will be reading "God's Very Good Idea" by Tricia Newbell. Focus on helping the children to understand that God made them! He made them special and loves them for how they are all different. Listed below are some ideas of questions you could ask the children as you read through the book and questions you may use to review at the end of the book. If you are viewing this document online, there is a scanned version of the book on pages 7-11.

Questions to ask as you read

- Page 1/2: How many of you have ever had a good idea? (Raise hands)
 - Page 3/4: Who are some people that you love?
 - Page 5/6: what differences do you see in this picture?
 - Page 7/8: Which of you are boys, or young men? (Raise hands) Which of you are girls. or young women? (Raise hands) This is one way God made you special!
 - Page 9/10: Who likes when someone reads you a book? Who likes to ride bikes or play outside?
 - Page 11/12: Who in our class has curly hair? Who has straight hair? What are some hair colors that you can see?
 - Page 13/14: What does it mean to be valuable? It means that something is really important!
 - Page 15/16: Why can we love God and love each other? Because of Jesus!
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Review Questions

- What was God's very good idea? He made all of us!
- What are some ways God made all of us special? (Answers may vary)
- What does it mean if something is valuable? It is really important!
- What does Jesus help us do? Love God and love each other

SAY God knew we were so valuable that he made us all different! We are all special and loved by God because he made us. When people didn't love God, he knew we needed Jesus to show us how to love him and love each other! Because Jesus showed us how he loves God and loves each of us, we can follow his example!

Craft/Coloring Page

11:25-11:35

After the story, have the children go to their tables and prepare for a craft to go along with the lesson. Our **BIG IDEA** of the week is: **God Promised to Save Us.**

Distribute the "God **Made Me** to Love Him" page to each child. Be sure to give each child the page with their name. Place dot markers on each table and help the children to dot along the lines to spell their name.

As children finish, distribute the coloring page with the Creation story on the back for children to continue coloring. have the children place both the craft and coloring sheet in their bin when they are finished.

Friends from Afar

11:35-11:45

You will find today's activity for Friends from Afar in the Binder on the counter. The information for this month's Global Partner family and an activity to learn about where they are serving are included. Necessary supplies are located in your bin.





Songs/Memory Verse/Prayer

11:45-11:55

There is a list of songs for today's lesson on the TV. Use the directions located with the remote to access them.

Prayer (Use these words, or your own, to pray about today's Bible lesson. Take time to listen to prayer requests from the children and pray for them as well!)

- Dear God, thank you for loving us. We pray that you will help us to love each of our differences the way you do. Help us to follow Jesus' example of how to love each other and You the way he did. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Memory Verse

- "God sent his son to save the world." John 3:17
- Teach the children the motions for this verse
 - God- Point up
 - sent- point forward
 - his son- lay your hand over your heart
 - to save- make an 'X' with your arms across your chest
 - the world- make a circle with your hands
 - John 3:17- Make a 3 with your fingers
- Have the children joining you in saying the verse and doing the motions several times to practice. Ask the children if anyone would like to do the verse on their own. If someone needs help, have them pick a friend or do it with them. If no one volunteers, repeat as a class twice more.

Snack Time at Tables

11:55-12:05

Prior to serving the snack have the children use hand sanitizer before choosing a seat at the table. Each child will have veggie straws on a napkin and a small cup of water. **NOTE:** some children with allergies will have their own snack or drink...parents usually remind shepherds of this at drop off. If a question, please contact Kid Min Staff in hallways. Thanks.

While the children are eating their snack, please read the read aloud book that is in the bin labeled Read Aloud book for snack time. Thanks.





Free Choice Play

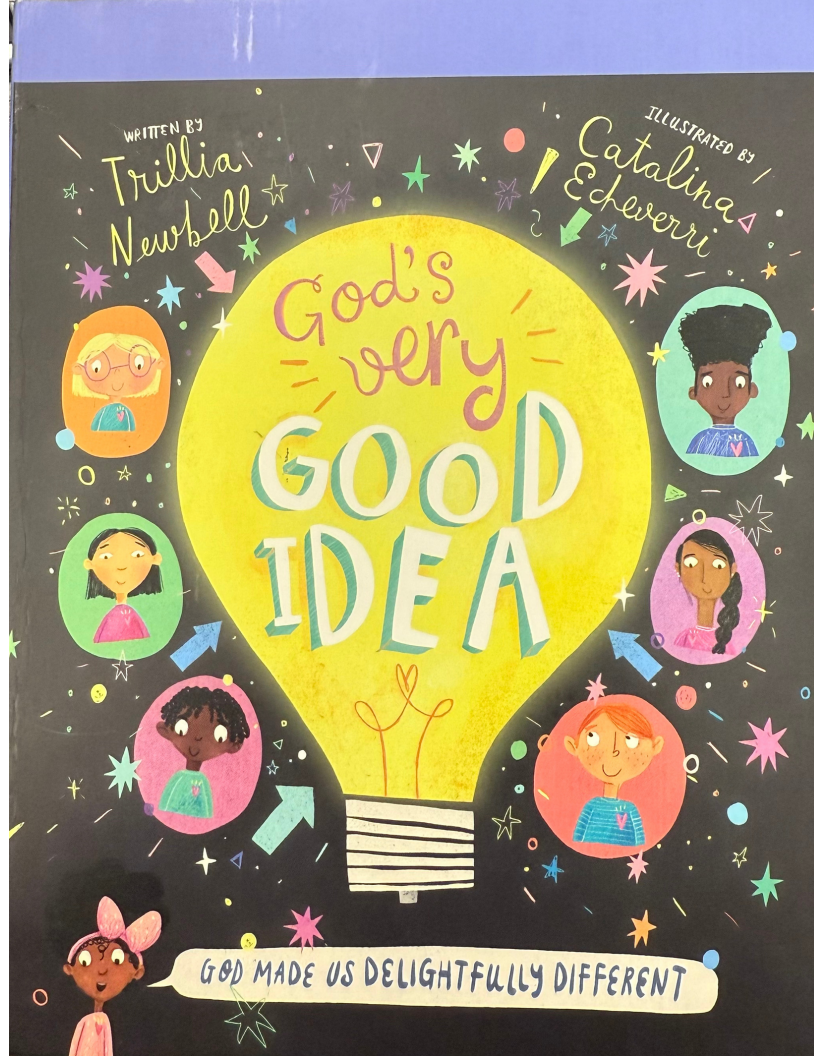
12:05-12:15

Once the snack and read aloud are finished, the children may choose free play until their parents come to pick them up.

At dismissal, please make sure to check the child's tag number to match the parent's tag. Have the children take home any papers from their bin. Finally, check them off the attendance as being picked up (the last column for the date).

Thanks so much for shepherding the little ones this week. We appreciate you!





In the beginning
God had a *very good idea*.





God made people.

People can enjoy loving God and loving each other.



God made everyone with value and worth.

God made everyone different.



Some are men.



And some are women.
What a good idea!



Some like reading.



And some like riding bikes.
What a good idea!



Some have curly hair.

And some have straight hair.
What a good idea!



God made us valuable
and different.

What a good idea!



Because of Jesus we can enjoy
loving God and loving each other.



What a VERY good idea!

God Made Me to Love Him!

GOD'S VERY GOOD IDEA

BASED ON GENESIS 1-2

When God created the world, he made people! He made each of us different and special from each other. Even though he made us different, God made each of us to be able to love Him. When we were not able to love God on our own, He sent Jesus to teach us and show us how to love God.

God also wants us to love each other. He made us all look different and act different. But He still loves us all! He wants us to love each other the way he loves us. when Jesus came to teach us how to love God. He also taught us how to love each other. When we follow Jesus' example, we can learn to love God and love each other!

