



UNIT 15 | SESSION 4

EVERY PERSON MATTERS

PSALM 139

CHRIST CONNECTION: God made us and cares for us. He sent Jesus to save us from our sins.

KEY PASSAGE PHRASE: God made me. Psalm 139:14

BABIES GOSPEL GEMS

- God knows us, and He is always with us.
- I will praise God because He made me.
- God sent Jesus to save us from our sins.

BIBLE STORY FOR TODDLERS:

King David wrote a song to God. David wrote, “Lord, You know me. You know everything I think about. You know everything about me. You made me. I will praise You because You made me. Everything You make and do is wonderful! You knew me before I was born. You knew what my life would be like. You planned out all my days.” Finally David prayed, “God, You know what I think and feel. See if I am doing wrong, and lead me to live the way that is right.”



BABIES ACTIVITIES

LEARNING Activities

Engage babies in the following activities during the session. In each activity, provide handheld Bibles for babies to handle. Open a Bible to Psalm 139. Show the Bible story picture as you say the gospel gems in a soothing voice. Read the key passage phrase card. Pray for the babies.

1 SING A HYMN

Sing the chorus of “Trust and Obey.” If you are unfamiliar with the tune, look it up before the session.

“Trust and obey, for there’s no other way
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.”

| SAY “God knows us, loves us, and He is always with us.”

2 MIRROR TRUTHS

Gather nonbreakable mirrors. Play soft worship music on an electronic device as babies explore their reflections. Say, “I will praise God because He made me.” Allow babies to watch your reflection as you speak. Call out facial features, encouraging babies to touch parts of their faces in the reflections.

| SAY “God made us. He made our eyes, our ears, our noses, and our mouths. God knows us, and He loves us. We can praise God because He made us.”

3 NATURE CRAWL



Sit babies in horseshoe-shaped pillows. Lay out nature items (such as leaves, pine cones, and so on) around the room. Encourage babies to crawl to different areas of the classroom and explore items found in nature. Assist as necessary. Ensure that no child puts any item in his mouth.

| SAY “God knows everything because God made everything. God made the trees and the leaves, and He also made us. No matter where we go, God knows us and He loves us.”

Check diapers, serve bottles if needed, and release babies to parents according to your church’s security guidelines. Give parents today’s big picture card. Repeat the Christ connection, gospel gems, and Bible-learning activities for babies who stay a second hour.



TODDLER ACTIVITIES

LEARNING Activities

Engage toddlers in the following activities. In each activity, show the Bible story picture as you review the Bible story. Provide small Bibles for toddlers to handle.

1 CIRCLE TIME

Open your Bible to Psalm 139. Show the Bible story picture as you tell the provided toddlers' Bible story. Read the key passage phrase card and guide toddlers to say it with you. Pray for the toddlers.

2 SIGN THE KEY PASSAGE PHRASE

Read the key passage phrase, "God made me. Psalm 139:14." Demonstrate a way to sign and say the words so that toddlers remember the phrase. Suggestions include God [point up] made [stack left fist on top of right, then switch] me [point to self]. Repeat, pausing for toddlers to sign.

| **SAY** "Our key passage phrase says, 'God made me.' We can praise God because He made us!"

3 SING A SONG

Sing to the tune of "The B-I-B-L-E":

“God M-A-D-E me,
Like I’m supposed to be.
I can obey ‘cause that’s God way,
God M-A-D-E me!”

| **SAY** "Every person is important to God. God made us and loves us. He sent Jesus to save us from our sins."

4 PICTURE WHAT GOD MADE

Gather items or pictures of items that God made. Show the toddlers an item and ask "Did God make this?" Include items such as food, clothing, and trees. Talk through the items so that toddlers understand that God made everything. Review the Bible story.

| **SAY** "It is easy to take credit for God’s handiwork. We learned today that God made everything. And everything God makes and does is wonderful—including you and me!"

5 TOUCH AND FEEL

Place sensory items (cotton balls, sandpaper, an orange, a wooden block, and a squishy ball) into a brown paper bag. Call on a volunteer to close his eyes and feel in the bag. Allow all toddlers to have a turn. Review the Bible story, focusing on how God knows everything.

| **SAY** "Many times, we can’t see what God has planned for us, but we can trust God. God knows us, and He loves us. God plans out our days. He knows what we think and how we feel."

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1 TRANSITION ACTIVITY: MIMIC ME

Play upbeat worship music on an electronic device. Encourage the toddlers to mimic your movements. Explain each movement and then act it out to the music. Movements include marching, hopping, walking, taking big steps, taking tiny steps, walking on tiptoes, skipping, and so forth. Help the toddlers see that everything we do is worship to God.

SAY “ Everything we do is worship to God! We can praise and worship God because He made us and He loves us. He sent Jesus to save us from our sins. ”

2 SING A SONG

Sing to the tune of “The B-I-B-L-E”:

“God M-A-D-E me,
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3 DRAW WITH CHALK

Gather black construction paper (one per child). Encourage toddlers to trace their hands on the paper using chalk or construction paper crayons. Allow toddlers to decorate their drawings. Print God made me. Psalm 139:14 on each child’s artwork. Keep baby wipes nearby for easy cleanup.

SAY “ Our artwork reminds us of the truth that God made us. He knows what you will do with your hands tomorrow and when you grow up. We can praise God because He made us and loves us! ”

4 PLAY “WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO BE?”

Ask toddlers what it is they are going to be when they grow up. Suggest jobs such as a fireman, policeman, teacher, mom, or doctor. Provide dress up outfits or props for each job suggestion (clothes, hats, badges, doctor’s kit, and so forth). Assist as toddlers silently act out what they want to be while the rest of the group guesses the job. Review the Bible story.

SAY “ God knows everything you think about. He knew you before you were born and He knows what your life will be like when you grow up. God knows us, and He loves us. ”

Check diapers, serve a snack if needed, and release toddlers to parents according to your church’s security procedures. Give parents today’s big picture card to reinforce today’s Bible story, Christ connection, or gospel gems throughout the week.