

Growing Together

Bible Story
God speaks to Gideon
(Judges 6:11-24).

Gideon 10:
God uses people like
you and me.

Bible Verse
“Don’t let anyone think less of you
because you are young” (1 Timothy 4:12).

In Touch

Today your child learned that God uses ordinary people to accomplish great things. Only God knows the special future that is in store for your child. Use these activities to help your child learn that God has a great plan for him or her and that God uses people just like you and me.

Hidden Colors

Fold a coffee filter in half. Scribble 1 inch inside the rounded edge with a green marker. Make a second scribble with a black marker so the two marks are on the same side of the filter but not touching. Roll the filter to form a cone and secure with a paper clip. Stand the filter up in a saucer of water. Leave for about an hour. The black mark will separate into a rainbow of blue, yellow, and purple. The green mark will separate into a rainbow of blue and yellow. Talk about how no matter how we look on the outside, inside we’re as beautiful and multicolored as a rainbow because God made us special.

Bedtime Story

Share this story with your child: People in a church planned to place a statue of Jesus in their garden. They finally selected one that was just right. The sculptor carefully packed the statue for shipping, but when it arrived at the church, both its hands and feet were broken off. The sculptor offered to travel to the church to repair the statue, but the church members decided that they’d remember their jobs better if the statue stayed as is—broken. Talk with your child about why the church may have made that decision. What does it mean to be the hands and feet of Jesus?

Kid Craft

For each family member, cut out 4-inch squares of construction paper in four different colors. Cut each square into four triangles by matching opposite corners together, creasing the paper, and cutting on the fold lines. Give each family member 16 triangles (four triangles of each color) and an 8-inch square of construction paper. Have family members tape or glue their triangles to the 8-inch square to form a “quilt” block. When everyone has finished, compare the different blocks, and talk about how God has a separate and special plan for each of us. Have family members autograph their quilt blocks and share what they think God has planned for them.

Personal Treats

Melt 5 cups of marshmallows and 1/2 stick of margarine. Divide the mixture into bowls—one per family member. Cool until the goo becomes sticky. Then let each person stir in Rice Krispies, M&M’s, Red Hots, peanuts, chocolate chips, granola, or dried fruit. Have everyone wet his or her hands and mold the goo into shapes. Talk about how God gave different likes, dislikes, gifts, and talents to each person.