

Made: Discover who you're meant to be

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BIBLE STORY

Faith My Eyes

Samuel and David
1 Samuel 16:7

MEMORY VERSE

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LIFE APP

Individuality—Discovering who you are meant to be

BOTTOM LINE

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BASIC TRUTH

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PRELUDE: Setting the tone for the experience

For Leaders Only
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MIN

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MIN

GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Hidden Heart
Piñata Making
Where the Heart Is
Prayer

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

GodTime
Parent Cue

GETTING READY

SOCIAL: PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION

CHOOSE ONE OR BOTH OF THESE ACTIVITIES.

EARLY ARRIVER IDEA*Made to Connect:* an activity that invites kids to share with others and build on their understanding**WHAT YOU NEED:**

- An offering container

WRAP IT UP*Made to Imagine:* an activity that promotes empathy and facilitates biblical application through role-play and reenactment**WHAT YOU NEED:**

- A roll of toilet paper

GROUPS: CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT

CHOOSE AS MANY OF THESE ACTIVITIES AS YOU LIKE.

** If you don't have time to do all these activities, be sure to do activity #1.**** 1. HIDDEN HEART****[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]***Made to Explore:* an activity that extends learning through hands on experimentation and discovery**WHAT YOU NEED:**

- Print the "Review Questions" Activity Page; one for each small group
- Index cards; one for each child
- White crayons
- Watercolor paints
- Small paint brushes
- Small bottle of water; one for each small group
- Three or four small cups
- Wet wipes
- Before Groups begins, use the white crayon to draw a large heart in the center of each index card.

2. PIÑATA MAKING**[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]***Made to Create:* an activity that explores spiritual ideas through the process of drawing, building, and designing**WHAT YOU NEED:**

- Brown lunch sacks; one for each kid
- Markers
- Small dollar store toys (like a ball) or small bags of candy; one for each kid
- Yarn cut to two-foot lengths; one for each kid
- Masking tape
- Print the "Week Four Bottom Line Strips" Activity Page and cut apart; one strip for each kid

3. WHERE THE HEART IS**[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]***Made to Play:* an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and working as a group**WHAT YOU NEED:**

- Heart keychain
- Ball of yarn or string
- Bible

PRAYER**[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]***Made to Reflect:* an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application**WHAT YOU NEED:**

- Print the "Week Four Bottom Line Labels" Activity Page on Avery® labels 5160 or equivalent; one label for each kid
- Extra copies of the "Picture Frame" from Week One

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

- Make copies on cardstock or email this week's GodTime and Parent Cue cards.
- Tell parents about our additional family resources: **Studio252.tv** and the **Parent Cue app**.

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CONNECT

an activity that invites kids to share with others and build on their understanding

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Welcome kids and spend time engaging in conversation and catching up. Get ready to experience today's story.

Before kids arrive, take a few moments to pray for them. Pray that God will prepare the kids' hearts to hear what He wants to teach them this week. Ask God to help you show them what God says is important and that He sees our hearts, not outward appearance or riches or success as the world views these things. Pray that God will give you examples to share with the kids to help them see their value in how God views them.

1. EARLY ARRIVER IDEA

WHAT YOU NEED: Offering container

WHAT YOU DO:

- Welcome the kids as they arrive, and encourage them to place their offerings in the offering container.
- Explain that you will play another game this week to help the kids share about themselves and what makes them an individual.
- Using the five fingers on one hand, let each kid share five things about themselves. They can count them off on their fingers as they share. For example:
 - Thumb: I was born in Texas.
 - Index finger: My favorite place is home.
 - Middle finger: I have a brother and a sister.
 - Ring finger: My favorite food is ice cream.
 - Pinky: I've never been to South Dakota.

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2. WRAP IT UP

WHAT YOU NEED: Roll of toilet paper

WHAT YOU DO:

- Select one kid who is willing to stand in the center of the group as kids work together to wrap him up with the toilet paper like a mummy.
- Remind them that the TP may ONLY be used to wrap their friend.
- When finished, set a timer to see how quickly they can pick up all the toilet paper and throw it in the trash can.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"That was some fast wrapping! [Transition] We just focused on wrapping the outside. But the outside isn't what's important to God. Let's head to Large Group to find out more!"

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

TALK ABOUT GOD BIBLE STORY REVIEW



EXPLORE

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1. HIDDEN HEART

WHAT YOU NEED: "Review Questions" Activity Page, prepared index cards, watercolor paints, brushes, bottle of water, small cups, wet wipes

WHAT YOU DO:

- Pour a small amount of water into three or four small cups, and place them around the small group area so that each kid can reach one.
- Talk about today's Bible story, using the review questions on the Activity Page.
- As you discuss today's story, pass out the index cards and instruct the kids to use the watercolors to paint over the surface to reveal the heart on their cards. Kids will need to dip their brushes in the water first to wet them.
- Ask them to identify what was "hidden" on the index card.
- Discard the water and place all the brushes in one cup for clean up after small group.
- Pass around the wipes to allow kids to clean their hands.
- Set aside the index cards to dry until pick up.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"This looked like a plain white index card until you revealed the heart underneath the paint! God reminded Samuel that He cares more about what's on the inside than what's on the outside. Before we make a quick judgment about someone like Samuel did when he met Jesse's sons, God wants us to take the time to get to know someone. Look for friends who treat others with kindness, friends who aren't jealous when someone else wins or gets something they don't have, and friends who choose to encourage rather than tear others down. These things matter way more than what kind of clothes they wear or whether they can run faster than everyone else. Remember, **God wants me to see what really matters.**"

[Make It Personal] (Tell the kids about a time you made a judgement about someone solely based on their appearance that turned out to be wrong. Make sure to keep the example age appropriate.)

LIVE FOR GOD APPLICATION ACTIVITY



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WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each kid a brown lunch sack to decorate with markers.
- As they're coloring, pass out a toy/bag of candy, a "Bottom Line Strip," and a length of yarn to each kid.
- Instruct the kids to tie the yarn around the toy and place it in the lunch sack so that the yarn is sticking out from the top of the bag.
- Have the kids place a "Bottom Line Strip" into the bag.
- With the yarn still sticking out from the bag, show the kids how to cinch up or twist the top of the bag and then secure it with tape to close.

LIFE APP

Individuality—Discovering who you are meant to be

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Your piñatas are all so unique! I love the way your individuality shines through. Tell me, what's the best part about this piñata? (*Pause for responses.*) Yes! What's on the inside: the prize! I want you to take your piñatas home today without opening them. The next time your family is together, select one person to pull the string to reveal the toy. Read the paper on the inside to share what you've learned today: **God wants me to see what really matters.**"

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HEAR FROM GOD MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY



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3. WHERE THE HEART IS

WHAT YOU NEED: Heart keychain, ball of yarn or string, Bible

WHAT YOU DO:

- Look up and read Psalm 139:14 to review with the group.
- Once you've read the verse through for review, have the kids stand and circle up, facing the center of the circle. Then select one kid to stand in the center.
- Thread the heart keychain onto the end of the yarn.
- Keeping the heart keychain on the yarn, ask the kids to hold out their hands. Walk around the circle and instruct the kids to grab the yarn with both hands and hold it taut. You should end up with a circle of yarn, with every kid holding onto it with both hands.
- Squeeze into the circle at the beginning, holding the yarn with the keychain in your hand. Explain that you will repeat the verse as you pass the keychain around the circle **WITHOUT** letting the kid in the center see who actually has the keychain. The kids all around the circle should all move their hands as if they are holding and passing the keychain to keep the person in the center guessing as to where it is.
- When you finish the verse (including the reference), instruct the kids to stop passing, and allow the kid in the center to guess who has the keychain. If correct, he will stay in the center. If incorrect, he must switch places with the kid holding the keychain.
- Repeat as time and interest allow.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"That was fun! You really had to pay attention to figure out where the heart was in each round. Remember, the way God made you is amazing and wonderful. But the way He made you isn't just about your hair color or how tall or short you are. God wants you to pay attention to the things He pays attention to, and He pays attention to what's on the inside. So remember: **God wants me to see what really matters.**"

PRAY TO GOD PRAYER ACTIVITY



REFLECT

an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application

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PRAY AND DISMISS

WHAT YOU NEED: "Week Four Bottom Line Labels" Activity Page; "Picture Frames" from Week One

WHAT YOU DO:

- Pass out a "Picture Frame" page to anyone that's missed the last few weeks. Explain that each week, you are adding a label to the frame and to take them home to place on their mirror.
- Pass out a label to each kid to take home and add to their "Picture Frame" from Week One.
- Encourage the kids to hold their sticker and read the Bottom Line aloud together: **God wants me to see what really matters.**
- Close in prayer.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"When you look in the mirror, remember to think about what REALLY matters—not just when you look at yourself but when you look at others, too. Let's pray.

"Dear God, thank You for the story of David and how You chose him to be the next king. It wasn't because of what was on the outside but because of his heart for You. As we're around others this week, help us to get to know them so we can see what really matters. Thanks for seeing what REALLY matters in us. We love You. We pray this in Jesus' name, amen."

As adults arrive to pick up, encourage the kids to show them their pinatas and explain that you've instructed them to break them open the next time their family is together. As they leave, remind them that **God wants me to see what really matters.**