



UNIQUENESS | WEEK 2 | FEBRUARY 9, 2025

Elementary Lesson

Make a Difference

Monthly Virtue: Uniqueness—Learning more about yourself so you can make a difference

Bible Story: Make a Difference (Moses and the Burning Bush) • *Exodus 3-4:15*

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LEADER BIBLE STUDY

Have you ever thought about what makes you, you? We all have different backgrounds, families, or favorite colors. We all enjoy different sports, foods, vacations, and have different friends and experiences in life. Even twins have different fingerprints! Together, all of those pieces make up who we are. But we can’t understand who we are and what we were created to do without first understanding the way God sees us. Every single one of us was created in the image of God. But even as image bearers, we were created as unique. There is only one you, and this month we have the chance to explore how God can use the ways we were created to make a difference.

Key Question: What’s unique about you? Have you ever heard the phrase, “There’s something different about you,” and weren’t quite sure how to take that? Is that a good thing or...Sometimes being different and unique might seem like a bad thing, but God has created each and every one of us uniquely and for good. Our hope is that this question opens preteens up to love the unique ways God created them.

In week 2, we head to **Exodus 3-4:15** for the story of Moses. Moses had been through a LOT in his life. He was born as an Israelite but raised in the Egyptian Pharaoh’s household, and when he grew older, Moses sinned and ran away from his home. Yet God saw Moses and had created him for more than he could ever imagine. Even though Moses didn’t see how special he was, God used Moses to make a difference in the lives of so many people.

Pre-Service Check List

- HUDDLE AS TEAM → You're in this together! Pray together and talk about the activities for the day.
- PLAY MUSIC
- PUT OUT TOYS → A welcoming environment is important! We want it to be obvious from the moment kids walk in that they belong HERE!
- PUT ASIDE DISTRACTIONS
- ENGAGE WITH KIDS

Morning Flow

Doors Open
9:15/11:00

Large Group Starts
9:35/11:20

Small Group Starts
10:05/11:50

LARGE GROUP

COUNTDOWN AND WELCOME (3 Minutes)

(VIDEO: COUNTDOWN, SLIDE: KIDCITY EXPECTATIONS)

LGL: “Welcome everyone! I’m so glad you are able to come hang out with us in KidCity today. My name is [INSERT NAME]. We are going to have a lot of fun today, but before we do let’s go over these announcements/KidCity Expectations.

(SLIDE: BAPTISM) *(Said on the fourth weekend of the month only)* “Today are baptisms at Hope. Baptism is a way of telling the world that you love God and have made the decision to follow Him with your life. It’s a big deal! Is there anyone here who is getting baptized today? *(Pause and if someone is, go ahead and give them a high five and get the kids to clap).* Awesome!”

(SLIDE: KIDCITY EXPECTATIONS) “Now, let’s quickly go over our KidCity Expectations (rules) so we can make sure that we make the most of our time today: *(Don’t dwell on these too long, but make sure you review them briefly so we can set everyone up for success.)*

1. Be Kind
2. Be Safe
3. Have Fun

LARGE GROUP GAME (5 Min)

BLIND DODGEBALL

(2-10 blindfolds – depending on size of environment, 2-10 soft balls [can be play snowballs], Floor Tape or cones)

“All this month we are talking about what makes you, YOU! In other words, uniqueness.

(SLIDE: VIRTUE) Uniqueness—Learning more about yourself so you can make a difference.

“God has made each and every one of you, and each of you are different in many ways. However, there is one thing that makes us all the same, and that is that we are all made in God’s Image. We are going to talk about that some more later, but for now let’s check out our verse for the month.

(SLIDE: MEMORY VERSE) “How you made me is amazing and wonderful. I praise you for that. What you have done is wonderful. I know that very well.” *Psalms 139:14 (NirV)*

Take a minute to explain that ‘Psalms’ is a book in the Old Testament, and that the first number means ‘chapter’ and the second one means ‘verse’. ‘NirV’ is what translation the Bible is in. The Bible wasn’t originally written in English! There are different translations.

“Today is a big day, because today is JERSEY SUNDAY!! You may not be into football, but I hope you are into everyone’s FAVORITE P.E. game....DODGEBALL! But of course, we are putting a twist

on it.”

(SLIDE: BLIND DODGEBALL)

(SLIDE: GAME SLIDE WITH FUN MUSIC)

HOW TO PLAY

- Create a boundary with either cones or floor tape, big enough to fit everyone.
- Choose 2-10 people to be blindfolded (depending on the size of your environment). Consider choosing kids who are wearing a jersey!
- Everyone not blindfolded goes inside the boundary and is trying to dodge the balls. If they get hit they are out, but can help those that are blindfolded by retrieving the balls and verbally directing them to where the remaining players are.
- Station your blindfolded people around the boundary and give each of them a soft ball or a bucket of snowballs. For safety reasons, they cannot move and must stay outside the boundary.
- On GO, play dodgeball!
- Play for 3 minutes.

“That was so fun! Now everyone stand up and let’s worship God!”

WORSHIP (6-7 Minutes)

(VIDEO: THAT’S WHO I PRAISE, WAVEWALKER)

BIBLE STORY (12 Minutes)

(No Supplies)

“This month we’re taking a look at how God uniquely MADE us. Last week we chatted about how each of us is made in God’s image. That means we’re able to reflect God’s love and care and creativity to the rest of the world. On top of that, we’re not exact copies of each other. God made us with uniqueness. And as we discover the ways we’re unique, we can also start using our gifts to make a difference.

“As we get started this morning, I have a question for you. Who is someone who has made a difference in your life, and how did they do that? Take a second and turn to the friends around you and chat about that for a moment.

Give kids a chance to chat about this for a moment. As time allows, ask them to share a few stories.

“Those were some great stories. I think we could all think of someone who’s made a difference in our lives. Maybe a grandparent who shared their love of music and inspired us to play an instrument. Maybe it was a coach who spent time after practice helping us perfect our free throw. Or maybe it was a complete stranger who helped your mom figure out what was wrong when her car broke down on the side of the road.

“You may already know what your gifts are, but it may take awhile to learn how to use them to make a difference! Maybe you’re just discovering your gifts and talents, or maybe you don’t quite know what they are yet. You’re wondering if you’ll ever find something you’re not only good at but also you enjoy doing and can use to help others.

“First of all, it’s totally normal not to know exactly what you’re good at or how to use what you do know you’re good at. That’s part of the process of growing up. At the same time, it doesn’t mean you do nothing, so what should you do? How can you use what you do know about your gifts and talents to make a difference in the world—or at least in your unique part of it?

“It’s an important question to ask. And when we have important questions, the best place to start is the Bible. Remember, the Bible is like a library of books and letters and poems that tell us the story of God’s love to the world. The people who wrote the Bible experienced God in their lives. God inspired them to write about those experiences so people like us could learn from their experiences as we go through life with God, learn about God, and discover how God wants us to live. The Bible shares all sorts of stories about people who struggled to know their gifts and talents and how to use them. Let’s check out one of those now.

(VIDEO: BIBLE STORY 4 MIN)

“This is such an incredible story. From the start Moses experienced a life like no other. He was an Israelite who was rescued by the Egyptian princess and grew up in a palace! He couldn’t have known it at the time, but everything that happened to Moses, both good and bad, helped make him ready to make a difference. Moses wasn’t perfect, but God used him to change history!

“When God wants you to make a difference, God will make a way for it to happen. Take a moment to think about the unique ways God made you, and let’s say our Basic Truth for today together...

(SLIDE: BASIC TRUTH) I am made by God to be unique.

“Remember, uniqueness is about learning more about yourself so you can make a difference. Part of that is discovering what you’re good at and what comes naturally to you. You can use those things to help someone. And like Moses, sometimes, it’s not so much what you’re good at but your unique experiences that prepare you to make a difference. You might have gone through something that helps you understand what someone else is going through. You can be there for them and help them remember how they can trust God no matter what. You can trust that, even if you don’t have the gifting or talent, your faith in God and His plan will give you the courage to step out and do the things that He’s called you to do.

“Ok, let’s turn to the person next to us and answer our Key Question for today.

(SLIDE: KEY QUESTION) ‘What’s unique about you?’

Have kids turn and talk to their shoulder partner for 60 seconds. Your KQ slide on Playlister will keep track of time for you. While kids are talking, walk around and listen in to what they are saying and give prompts if needed. Don’t try to resolve anything, kids will have a further discussion within their small group time.



“Ok friends, come back together in 3, 2, 1....

“I heard some great thoughts floating around. You are going to have more of a chance to talk about this in small group time, but for now let’s pray.

“Dear God, thank you for making us in your image so we can reflect your love and glory to the world around us. I pray that we are faithful with the gifts and talents you’ve given us and use them to bring people to you. Amen.”

DISMISS TO SMALL GROUPS



SMALL GROUP

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TALK ABOUT IT (K-5th)

There are no right or wrong answers but try to challenge the kids to think deeper.

Key Question: What’s unique about you?

(Answers will vary: I’m kind, I get along easy with all different kinds of people, I’m good at art/sports/languages/coding, etc.)

LOOK IT UP (K-5th)

Grab Bibles, look up, and read the following passage.

Look Up: **Psalm 139:14**

Say: “The Psalms are written by David all throughout his life. It’s in the middle of the Bible in the Old Testament.”

PRACTICE IT (K-5th)

(“Paper Airplane” Activity Page – 5 per group, “Bible Story Review” Activity Page – 1 per group, Construction or Regular Paper – 1 per kid and 1 per small group leader, and markers)

What You Do:

- Invite the kids to gather around near you.
- Begin by sharing that God is so creative that God made them all unique!
- Without telling the kids what you're making, grab a piece of construction paper and start folding it into a paper airplane. If you need help, use the "Paper Airplane" activity page
- Once you're finished folding, hold up your paper airplane for the kids to see.
- Ask: "What do you think of this creation? Do you think you can make it too?"
- Give each kid a piece of construction paper.
- Set out the markers.
- Instruct kids to write their names on their paper.
- Encourage the kids to work to decorate their paper in a unique way - but not to fold it until you say.
- Direct kids to write one thing on their paper that makes them unique (like a skill or a character trait).
- Once they finished designing their pages, give the "Paper Airplane" Activity Page instructions to every two kids to share.
- Together, work with the kids as they fold their paper into an airplane.
- Ask:
 - "How is your airplane the same as another kid's?"
 - "What makes your plane unique or different?"
- Discussion Questions:
 - What are some ways each of us is the same?
 - In what ways are we all unique?
 - What is something unique about you?
 - How might God use that unique quality or ability for good?

What You Say:

"These airplanes look so amazing! Moses had a very unusual life, and everything that happened to him—both good and bad—helped him to be ready to make a difference! Friends, God made us to make a difference. Sometimes that looks like creating something. Today, we made paper airplanes—but every day, people build houses, write books, become teachers, host friends and family in their homes, write and play music, help kids to discover Jesus, and so much more!

"So, how do we figure out what we should do to make a difference? Well when we follow Jesus, God sends the Holy Spirit to live inside us. We can always rely on God's power and wisdom and creativity to help us make a difference.

[Make It Personal] (Share about something that makes you uniquely you and how it has made a positive difference. This could be a skill like playing music or art, a personal quality like hospitality or joy, or sharing a gift like being great at math or carpentry.)

EXTENSION: Use the 'Bible Story Review' page to review the story. Kids can give a thumbs up (or if you have an active group, do jumping jacks) if the statement is true or a thumbs down (or crunches) if the statement is false. If the statement is false, have someone explain.

GET STRONGER (K-5th)

(Supplies Vary)

What You Do:



- Follow the instructions of the “Books of the Bible” activity that is in your bin.

PRAYER

“Dear God, thank You for making us in Your image. Thank You for making each one of my friends here SO unique. Help us to see ways where our gifts, talents, and differences can change the world around us and help someone else. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”