

KIDSGATE CURRICULUM

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WEEK 3

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Verse(s): Genesis 1:27; NIV

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in the image of God he created them;
Male and female he created them.”

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LESSON OVERVIEW

GOD MADE US AND KNOWS US BEST

(Psalms 139:13-14; The Message)
Oh yes, you shaped me first inside, then out;
you formed me in my mother's womb.
I thank you, High God—you're breathtaking!
Body and soul, I am marvelously made!
I worship in adoration—what a creation!

You know me inside and out,
you know every bone in my body;
You know exactly how I was made, bit by bit,
how I was sculpted from nothing into something.

GOD CREATED A PLAN FOR YOUR ENTIRE LIFE

(Psalms 139:16; The Message)
Like an open book, you watched me grow from conception to birth;
all the stages of my life were spread out before you,
The days of my life all prepared before I'd even lived one day.

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Worship (5-10 minutes)

DIRECTIONS:

1. Play the worship DVD
2. Watch the rules (that are at the beginning of the DVD) every week and try to play the song at least twice

Bible Lesson

DIRECTIONS:

- If possible, have the kids sit down together on the rug or at the table.
- Read the story below (Based on Psalm 139:15)

Once upon a time there was a woman named Hannah. This woman did not know who she was or where she came from. Hannah spent many days walking around town, asking people if they could help her understand who she was.

One time, she went up to an old woman and said, "Excuse me ma'am, do you know who I am?"

The old woman looked at Hannah. She got close to Hannah's face and even smelled her. The old woman said kindly, "Nope, I have no idea who you are."

Hannah frowned, told the old woman, "Thank you anyway," and continued asking people in this same manner.

Eventually, Hannah gave up. She sat down on the sidewalk of a busy street and began to cry. She wondered if she would ever learn about who she was, or where she came from.

Suddenly, Hannah felt a hand on her back. She looked up, and through her tears, met a man who called himself "Jesus." Jesus said to her, "Hannah I know who you are. You are a child of God and you were made for a purpose."

Hannah was excited and nervous, and said to Jesus, "I was made for a purpose? What purpose do you think that is?"

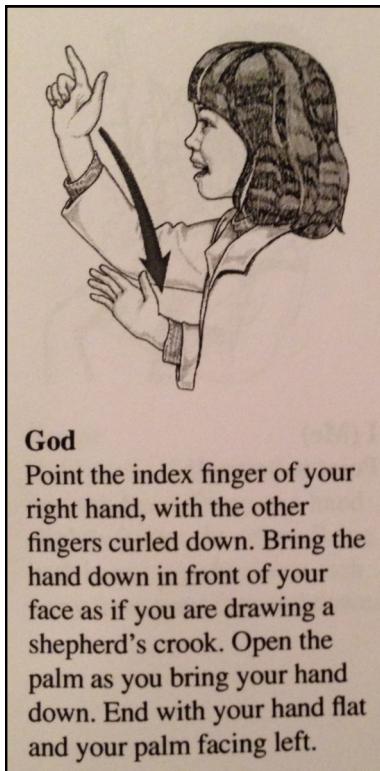
Jesus answered with a warm smile, "You were made to be like God, your father. Your purpose is to learn to love what He loves and hate what He hates."

Hannah, said, "How do I learn about what God loves?"

Jesus stood up and reached out his hand to Hannah, and replied, "Follow me, and I'll show you."

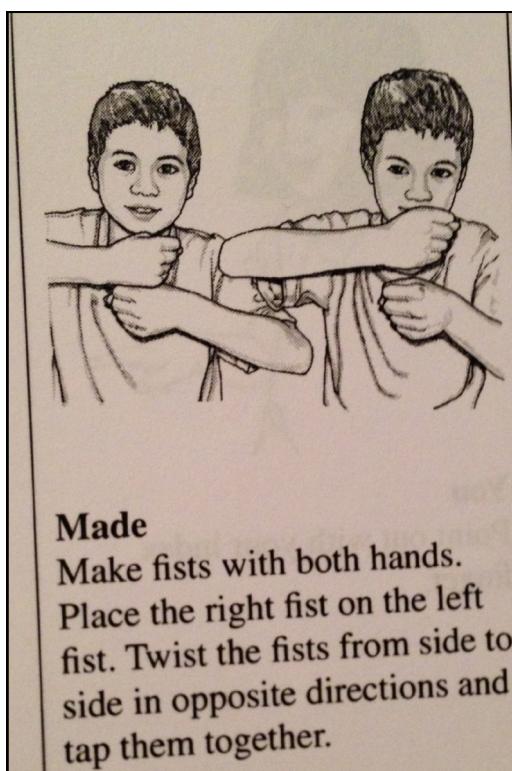
Sign Language

- Teach sign language for “God made me”
- Help the child learn by moving their hand in the correct motion as you say the phrase



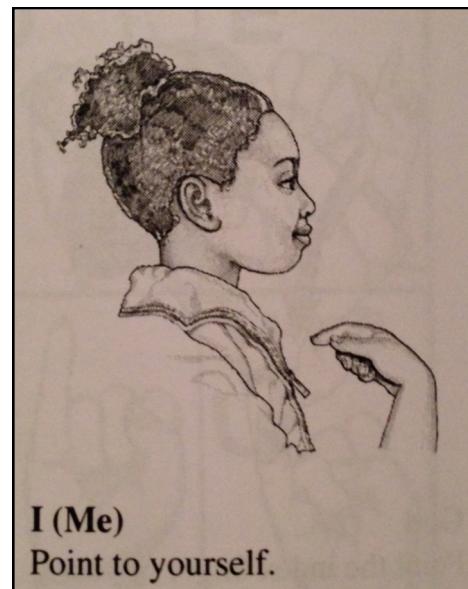
God

Point the index finger of your right hand, with the other fingers curled down. Bring the hand down in front of your face as if you are drawing a shepherd's crook. Open the palm as you bring your hand down. End with your hand flat and your palm facing left.



Made

Make fists with both hands. Place the right fist on the left fist. Twist the fists from side to side in opposite directions and tap them together.



I (Me)

Point to yourself.

Prayer Time

DIRECTIONS:

Intentionally spend time praying for each student. For each prayer:

- Thank God for the child and mention something specific that you enjoy about the child
- Ask God to continue to take care of the child.
- (Feel free to add to this prayer)