



Week 2 / Infants KS1

Origins & Meaning

Session plan

Core value: 'God made me, I am special'

Key Verses:

Ephesians 2.10

'For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.' (ESV)

Resources:



Images of day and night, sky, land, trees, plants, fruit, moon, sun, stars, fish, birds, animals and people



An A4 sheet split into two halves, one half labelled 'Self-portrait', the other half 'Who are you most like?'



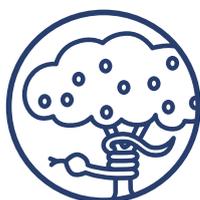
Facilities to watch a YouTube clip:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=qHu352QwXXM



Some print-outs of art masterpieces OR added to a PowerPoint presentation, images of the Mona Lisa (Leonardo), Water Lilies (Monet) and Starry Night (Van Gogh)



Empty picture frame



ORIGINS & MEANING



EXODUS & FREEDOM



EXILE & PEACE



MESSIAH & LOVE



SPIRIT & COMMUNITY



HOPE & HOME



Twirl of Love

Choose a volunteer and blindfold or have them face the wall (so that they can't see the other three volunteers about to be chosen). Choose another three volunteers (careful not to choose using their name), number them 1,2,3. Hand volunteer 1 this week's question – if not blindfolded they can read aloud, if blindfolded leader reads (with younger ones who find reading hard, leader may need to read). Encourage volunteer 1 to listen carefully to the answers 1,2 and 3 give. They must choose the best answer – whoever they choose, will be the one they share the 'Twirl of Love' with (any two-piece chocolate bar can be used).

This week's question: What word beginning with 'P' did we learn in the Bible last week?

(Answer: Powerful.)

Why is the Bible so powerful?

(Answer: Because the Bible is God's word and it can change people's lives.)

Zoom tweak

- This can still be played – volunteer 1 simply needs to blindfold themselves on screen
- When you choose your three additional volunteers, write their names on paper and hold to the screen, so they can see and know who you have chosen
- Have a physical Twirl with you to show on screen and pretend to hand it to the final winners

Bible Starter

Reference the key Bible verse – if using paper, write out the verses on separate pieces of paper like the diagram below. Read the verse aloud together

Start each reading with these lines: *'The Bible is FULL of God's words. It is a marvellous treasure chest, full of beautiful and important things. What does it have to tell us today?'*

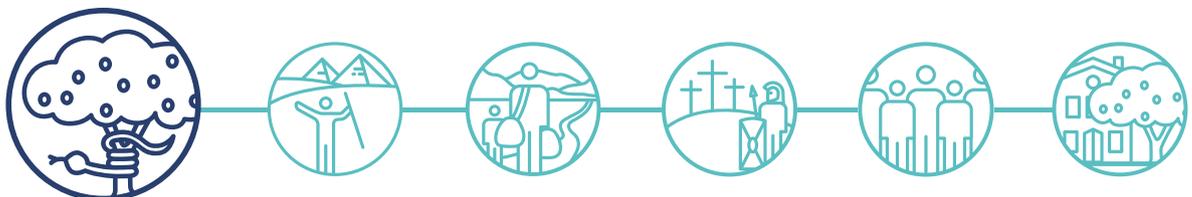


Zoom tweak

- The easiest way to achieve this is to have the verse on a PowerPoint and share your screen
- You can also have it written on paper which you can hold up to the screen

Activity: Video

Watch the God's Story film on YouTube – Creation: www.youtube.com/watch?v=qHu352QwXXM





Activity: Star Rating

Spread out on the floor images of things God made on each day of creation. Ask children to try to order the images from most important to least in God's eyes. As they order, ask them the reason for their choices. Once complete, put the people images first and all others in a big line as second.

Application: God made many things and they were all GOOD, but the most important thing he made was us.

Zoom tweak

- Have a selection of images on PowerPoint
- Allow children to decide the order

Activity: Shout Out

Invite the group to join you as you declare the following out loud together:

We (point to self)

are made (hands move as if moulding some playdough)

to be like him (point to the sky with both index fingers)

Activity: Made in God's Image

Each child needs a piece of paper split into two halves. On one half they have 60 seconds to draw a self-portrait (face only) under the heading 'Self-Portrait'. In the other half of the sheet, allow another 60 seconds to draw a portrait of the person in their family who they are most like (in looks or character). Allow time for the children to tell you how they are like their chosen person.

Application: We can look like other people in our family and we can act like other people in our family. We can also look and act like God – because he made us to be like him

Zoom tweak

- Pre-ask families to have paper and pencils available prior to the session
- Children can do this at home but make sure to make it more game-like and ensure the timer is set and kept
- Allow everyone to show their art

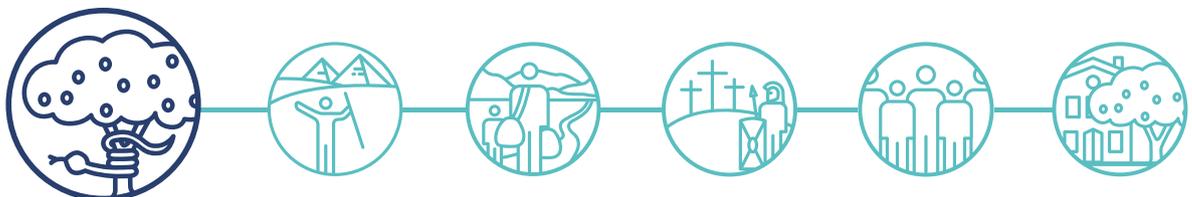
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Activity: Simon Says

Start with a simple game using the usual rules. They can only do the action if 'Simon Says ... touch your knees ... scratch your head ... jump up and down' etc. After a few minutes change the game to 'God says'. This time they must act out things that God says. Allow some time for the children to think about what kind of actions work for the following (based on the Fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5.22–23).

- God says be kind (Allow them to act out kind acts that you must guess.)
- God says help others
- God says love people
- God says love people you don't like
- God says be a good friend
- God says be gentle
- God says be trustworthy
- God says give love
- God says bring happy
- God says bring peace

Application: You may have your Dad's nose, or your Mum's eyes, you may be clever like your Nan or funny like your Grandad – but we are special because we are made to be like God. When we are kind, good, gentle, peaceful, we are being 'like God'. We are all made to be like God.

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Activity: Special Selfie

Show the children two or three images of art masterpieces (e.g. the Mona Lisa (Leonardo), Water Lilies (Monet) and Starry Night (Van Gogh))

Ask the children what they think of the pictures – rate them in order of the best to the worst.

Application: These paintings are very famous. People think they are so good they call them MASTERPIECES (that means these are some of the best pictures ever). In the Bible, God says YOU are His MASTERPIECE (Ephesians 2.10). You are one of the best things he ever made. He made us to be like him.

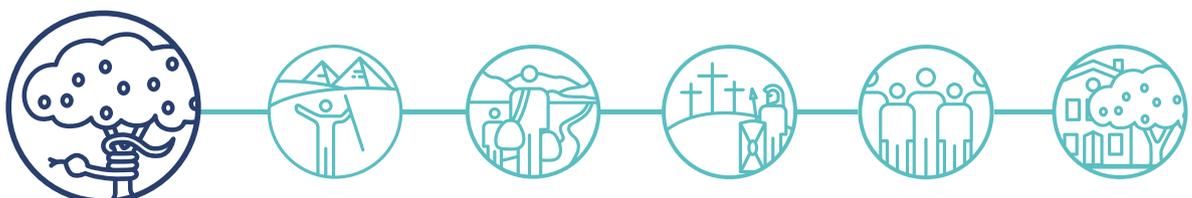
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Each child can look at the screen and say in whatever way they like, 'I am special because I am God's masterpiece.'

End Application

If at home take a selfie on your phone and print off the image – write or ask an adult to write on the photo 'I am special because I am God's masterpiece.'

Pin it up somewhere you can see it every day to remind you that you are special and to remind you that you CAN choose to be like God in any situation.





Creative Prayer

Gather the group together to pray. As you pray, hold an empty picture frame up to your face, look through it and pray ...

Thank you Lord that you made us so special.

Thank you that we are the most important thing you made.

Help us to remember each day that we can be like you.

Help us to be more like you each day.

We are your masterpiece.

Made to be like you. Amen

Zoom tweak

Pre-ask families to give their child a safe picture frame with back and glass removed.

Optional Craft Activity

Using pieces of card, make a homemade picture frame with the words 'I am special, because I am God's masterpiece' written round the frame. When you get home, add a photo or drawing of yourself and hang it up on a wall.

Next Session:

Session 3: Exodus & Freedom

