





## 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

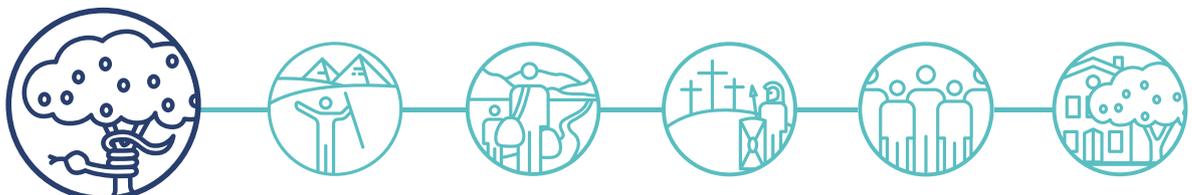
Reference the key Bible verse – if using paper, write out the verses on separate pieces of paper like the diagram below. Read the verse aloud together

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: Me a masterpiece?

**Read** Genesis 1.1–27

**Watch** the 'Creation' film (Saddleback Kids): [www.youtube.com/watch?v=yZ1Fd\\_SPC18](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yZ1Fd_SPC18)

**Discussion:** Ask the group, based on what they've just seen and heard from the Bible to consider what in the creation story indicates that we are special to God, that we are his masterpiece.

**Application:** God made people in his own image; we are the only things he made that are like him. We were made to be like him – this is what makes us a masterpiece.

## Activity: I-Inventor

Advise the group that they are now inventors. Their job is to create a design for a robot. They must decide everything: what it looks like, what it can do, whom it obeys, and any special features. What elements of you are in it?

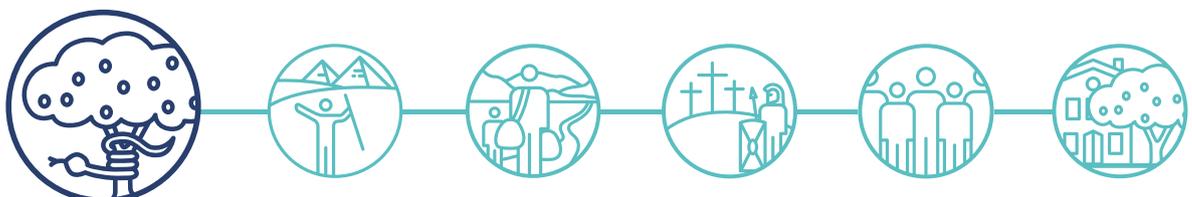
As they offer their suggestions, draw their robot (starting with what it looks like) and label it with all the features chosen by the group.

Discussion: Ask the group how they feel about their robot. What are they proud of? What is the robot's best function? Now ask them to consider what rights you have as the designer and owner of the robot. For example, a legal patent gives the owner the right to 'exclude others from making, using or selling an invention'. Why is this important for an inventor?

Now consider your own patent for your robot – what rights are inherent to your patent?

- Who is your robot answerable to?
- Who has the final say over what your robot does and who uses it?
- Who should its allegiance be to? (What if it gets a better offer somewhere else?)
- If anyone else wants to use it, what stipulations would you put in place?
- What if someone wants to take your robot design and add little bits or take away little bits from it?

**Application:** God made us and he designed us to function in the way that we do. Just like us making our robot, God invested himself into us. This is what it means to be made in his image. We matter, we have incredible value, because God has created us and we belong to him. We are God's masterpiece; we are our best when we choose to be more like him.





## Activity: Disastrous End Results

Have some fun with this – it is like the game where you have the head, body and legs of varying characters and mix them up. Have a variety of everyday objects like the ones below and ask the children to consider what the outcome might be if they were used wrongly: for instance, 'What would it be like if we ...!'

- Used a mower to Hoover the carpet?
- Used a hair dryer to cook rice?
- Used a computer to heat up a microwave meal?
- Used a hammer to whisk an egg?
- Used a tin opener to sharpen a pencil?

Have fun talking about the potential outcomes of using these objects in this way.

**Application:** Each of these items is designed to do a specific job. If it's used for the wrong job, the outcome will not be good. God designed us to be like him and to live like him. If we choose not to do this, the outcome won't be as God intended. God wants us to love him and be like him.

### **Zoom tweak**

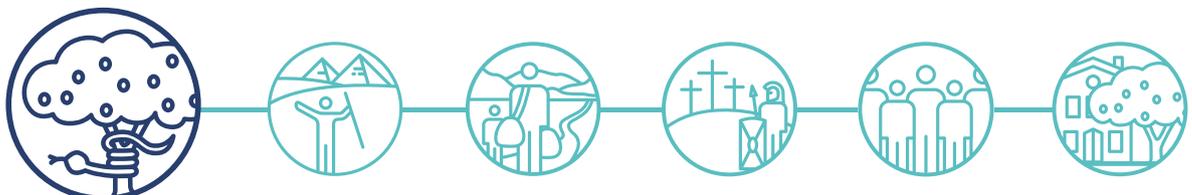
- Simply show some images on screen
- Ask the children what might happen if they hoovered their carpet with a mower
- If the group have no ideas, show them a picture of a mown carpet

## Activity: Discussion

Invite your group into a conversation based on the following questions:

1. If God is our creator, would you agree that it makes sense to listen to him about how to live our lives? Why do you think this is important?
2. What good things can come from knowing that God created us? (e.g. we have meaning, we are safe, we have value, we are loved).
3. If we really are God's masterpiece, how does this change how you see yourself and how you live?

**Application:** Invite the group to consider writing a note or sending a text to someone they know who needs encouragement this week. Alternatively, ask them to think if there are people whom they are treating badly in view of the fact that everyone is special to God and is his masterpiece.





## Creative prayer

Encourage young people to look at themselves in a mirror or use their phone camera on selfie mode. If using a phone ask them to take a selfie. Then pass the phones to the left around the group and ask the group to pray for each person as they receive a phone and look at the selfies. At the end, use the prayer below to conclude your session:

### Pray

*Jesus, thank you for everyone in this group (you could name them all if you are able to).*

*Remind us that we are your masterpiece, created in your image. Thank you for making us so special.*

*When we feel disappointed in ourselves or unloved, please remind us that we are amazing.*

*Amen*

### Zoom tweak

- Ask each young person to hold up their selfie to the screen
- As a leader, pray for each one the above prayer

## Next Session:

### Session 3: Exodus & Freedom

