

# GOD MADE ME UNIQUE

## STORY: CREATION

### BIG TRUTH: GOD MADE ME UNIQUE

Exodus 4:11-12; Isaiah 64:8; 1 Corinthians 12:4-7

### BIBLE VERSE: PSALM 139:15

*"My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth."*

### BIG IDEAS

- God made everyone with special design, gifts, and passions.
- God made us to be the person He made us to be, not someone else.
- God made everyone unique, but with the same purpose.

### BIBLE STORY: JOHN 1:6-8; 19-36

John the Baptist was a unique man. He lived a life that was odd and different compared to others, yet he was created specifically and purposefully to prepare the way for Jesus. We are all created uniquely and are created to be exactly who we are and not someone else.

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God created everything. Everything we see, hear, feel, taste, and that exists was created by Him. Not only did He create everything, but He created everything perfectly, including humanity. He created mankind in His very image and likeness to reflect His worth. All of creation was made just like He wanted and designed it to be. To His delight, God looked at everything He made and declared that it was good. All creation exists for God, is good, and was created to bring Him glory.

### BIG AIMS

**KNOW**

#### Every child should know that:

- God created man and woman in His image

**DO**

#### Every child should:

- Respect other people as image bearers

**FEEL**

#### Every child should feel:

- Unique among all creation as an image bearer

**WANT**

#### Every child should want:

- To be holy and reflect God's image well

### FAMILY DEVOTION: WE ARE ALL CREATED UNIQUE

We are a world full of people who are different. We are diverse and each person is unique. God has created us to be this way. He designed each person for His pleasure.

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#### Every person is designed by God.

- God is not an absent Creator. He is very involved in the creation of all things, especially human life.
- God intimately and personally determines the life of every person who has ever lived and will ever live.
- God is the Creator of every person and He forms them in their mother's womb.

#### God forms every person in detail.

- No person is created outside of God's control and design.
- Every life is important because every person is made in God's image.
- God designs and forms every person in his or her mother's womb.
- God is detailed and purposeful when He creates people.
- We are all different and we are all God's image bearers.
- God makes every person as He wants them to be.
- He rules over life and life is valuable to Him.
- Even in all of our differences, we are all the image-bearers of God.
- Each of us is uniquely made in God's image.

#### We are made to know God.

- We are made differently than the rest of creation.
- We are made to be known by God and to know Him.
- We are made to be His children, His sons and daughters.
- We all reflect God even in our differences.

### BIBLE STORY: JOHN 1:6-8; 19-36

*The Life of John The Baptist*

#### Opening Illustration:

Gather together white paper, crayons, and markers. Give each child a piece of paper, crayons, and markers. Ask the children to create a self-portrait. Do not give them a lot of guidelines, except to create a self-portrait that shows who they are and where they live. When they are finished, show the class each self-portrait. Lead the children in a discussion about how God is the Creator of everything and He rules over Creation. He also created each of us to be unique.

- Were any of the self-portraits the same? (No, they are all different because we are all different.)
- God is the Creator of everything. He made the earth and He made us.
- Are we all the same? (No, we are different, even though we are all humans.)
- God created us all to be different, even though we are all created in His image.
- He also rules over all of creation because He is the ruler of all things.

**BIG IDEA: GOD MADE EVERYONE WITH SPECIAL DESIGN, GIFTS, AND PASSIONS.**

*What are some things that you can think of that have a special design or purpose? (Help children think of things in creation that have a special design, such as rainforests. They are designed in such a way to enable the animals and plants that live there to flourish.)*

**Every person is designed by God with special gifts and passions.**

- Each of us is formed by God who designs us in our mother's womb.
- God knows the design of every person even before they are formed.
- God designed John the Baptist. He chose who his parents would be and when he would be born.
- God makes everyone with a special design. He creates each of us specially to glorify Him.
- John the Baptist was not like other people.
- God made him in a special way according to God's will.



Read Colossians 3:5; 12-17 with the children. Ask them to list the earthly things we are to put to death and list the things we are supposed to put on. Remind them that God places passions and desires in our hearts that glorify Him.

**We are all given gifts and passions by God.**

- John the Baptist was gifted with many abilities.
- He used his gifts to prepare the way for Jesus as Jesus began His earthly ministry.
- John glorified God by using the talents, or special abilities that God had given him to tell people about Jesus.
- We all are given gifts, or abilities by God that we should use to tell people about Jesus.

**God places passions inside of people.**

- We all care about things. We all love things.
- The things we love and enjoy doing aren't always the same as what other people love and enjoy doing.
- Sometimes our sinful hearts love wicked things that don't glorify God, but God has given each of us special talents and passions.
- When we have saving faith in God, our hearts and passions will be what God desires also.<sup>1</sup>
- John's passion was telling people about Jesus.
- John was able to live outside without normal food and drink because God placed that desire in his heart.
- God gifted John specially to glorify Him.

1. John 14:12: When we put to death earthly things, we put on the things of Christ and our passions will match God's passions.

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GOD MADE ME UNIQUE**BIG IDEA: GOD MADE US TO BE THE PERSON HE MADE US TO BE, NOT SOMEONE ELSE.**

*How are we not like other people? (Help the children describe themselves and some of the things that are unique to them.)*

**God's design of each person is intentional.<sup>2</sup>**

- God is perfect and everything He does is good.
- God does not make mistakes.
- This means that God intentionally makes every person to be who they are.
- God is very involved in the creation of every single person in the world.
- He forms every person just as He wants them to be.
- He gives them the gifts and talents He wants them to have.

**We are who we are for a reason.**

- John the Baptist was made to be the person who came before Jesus.
- He was made to be himself and not someone else.
- John the Baptist knew who he was. He knew his purpose and how he had been gifted.
- God makes each of us to be ourselves.
- He doesn't make mistakes, so if we aren't like someone else, it doesn't mean we are lacking something or we are a mistake.



Bring in some honey, a picture of a locust, and a picture of a camel. Show them to the children. Ask them to raise their hands if they would eat honey every day of their life. Then ask them if they would eat locusts. Next, ask them if they would wear camel's hair as their clothing. Talk with them about how some of them would eat the honey, or the locusts and some would even wear the camel's hair, but not everyone would do all three exactly the same. Remind them that we are all created uniquely and we can use our differences to glorify God.

2. Isaiah 64:8: God is the potter who molds the clay of each and every person. He creates us exactly as He wants us to be. He does not make mistakes.

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GOD MADE ME UNIQUE**BIG IDEA: GOD MADE EVERYONE UNIQUE, BUT WITH THE SAME PURPOSE.**

*What does it mean to be unique? (It means to be different or not like something else.)*

**Every person is a unique individual.**

- Even when we try to be like someone else, we're still different because we are all created to be unique.
- We are all individuals and unique.
- There are things about us that are special to just us.
- We are made by God to be individuals.
- John the Baptist was unique and an individual.
- God made John that way for His glory and purposes.
- He makes each of us unique for His glory and purposes.

**We all have individual purposes.**

- We all have individual gifts and passions that help us fulfill our individual purpose.
- We are all made to do different jobs and have different occupations.
- This is our individual purpose.
- God makes us for these individual purposes that are unique to us.

**We are all made for one big purpose.**

- Every person is made for God by God.
- We all have individual purposes that help us do our big purpose which is to glorify God.<sup>3</sup>
- We are all like John the Baptist in that we are all made to tell others about Jesus.
- We aren't all made to live in the wilderness like John the Baptist.
- God creates us uniquely and when we all work together doing our individual purpose, we fulfill our big purpose of glorifying God.



Bring in a large piece of paper and trace one of the children on the paper. Next, give each child a colored marker and ask him or her to write something that he or she is good at on the outline of the traced child. When everyone has had a chance to write something, talk through the different things on the paper. Remind them that we all have individual purposes, but one big shared purpose. Just like there is only one outline of a child, there are many different gifts and talents on the child.

3. 1 Corinthians 12:4-6: There are many gifts, but one spirit and one body of Christ. We are to use our gifts for the body and to glorify God.

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## HOOKS



KNOW

**God Made Us Unique**

Bring in a bandana or a strip of cloth that can be used as a blindfold. Choose a student to sit in a chair and then blindfold him or her. Next, ask the blindfolded student to identify each child in the class by listening to the voice of the child. Each child should stand before the blindfolded child and say "I'm me!" Help the blindfolded child guess the right identity by describing the child standing in front of him or her. Allow other children to wear the blindfold and guess the identity of their classmates. When you are finished, lead the children in a discussion about how God created each of us to be unique. We all have differences because God created us to have differences.



DO

- Are we all exactly the same? (No, we all have differences.)
- God created us to be unique. It's a good thing that we are different and not exactly like everyone else.



FEEL



WANT

**We All Share A Purpose**

Bring in several markers and a large piece of paper. Give each child a marker and tell the class that they are to draw a picture of a farm on the large piece of paper. Before they begin drawing, assign each child a certain thing to draw. They are only to draw what you tell them to draw. When they all finish, remind them that we are all different, yet we share a purpose. Just like they were all drawing a farm, they weren't all drawing the same thing. They were using their differences and drawing the farm together.