

Wonder Ink®

Early Childhood Preview Guide



Featuring a Word
of Wonder Video



About the Early Childhood Age Level

God invites the smallest of children into His story. From before a child opens his or her eyes, God has already seen each one, and He knows them by name. He encourages us in Scripture to care for children, guide them, and nurture their spiritual growth.



With God's call, it's our promise to hold fast to theologically sound curriculum, and our focus is to help kids discover who God is through His story. From the youngest of ages, kids can begin to understand that they are created to be known, loved, and led.

With Wonder Ink, you can equip volunteers to lead, support parents in faith formation at home, and walk with kids in their journey of faith in God—Father, Son, and Spirit.



Early Childhood Lessons

Each Early Childhood lesson is carefully crafted to lay the foundation for a Preschooler's faith journey (ages 3–5), ensuring they start to build a connection with God in a way that's meaningful and accessible for their stage in life. With age-appropriate Bible stories, activities, videos, and more—children discover the truth about God through His Word.

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FAITH
begins with

WONDER

One-page
overview provides
time estimates
and helps you
plan your lesson.

**EARLY
CHILDHOOD**

LESSON 1

GOD CREATES HUMANS

LESSON AT A GLANCE

WONDER TRUTH: Because God Knows Me, I Am Known

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 2; Psalm 8

GOD'S BIG STORY: God creates people on purpose and with a purpose. His amazing love fills us with wonder when we realize that because God knows us, we are known!

WORD OF WONDER: Your glory fills me with wonder. You do amazing things. —Exodus 15:11c

CURIOSITY 15–20 minutes

Hands-on activities to spark curiosity and get kids thinking about the wonder of God

- Play Stations:
 - Create a Human
 - Creation Creations
 - God Creates Humans Coloring Sheet
- Curiosity Activity: Getting to Know You
- Puppet Intro and Curiosity Questions
- Declaring God's Wonder



BELIEF 20 minutes

An interactive dive into Scripture that guides kids into knowing God, exploring His big story, and marveling at His wonder

- Prayer of Invitation and Worship
- God's Big Story
- Connecting the Wonder Truth
- Word of Wonder: Exodus 15:11c

A variety of
activities and
methods help kids
learn the series
memory verse.

FAITH 15–20 minutes

An intentional conversation that helps kids see the wonder of God's story and how it connects to their own

- Circle Time: Beanbag Game
- Craft: Moon and Stars
- Game: Like It or Not?

IDENTITY 15–20 minutes

An interactive worship response activity that creates space for God to remind kids that they are known, loved, led, and their lives can tell of God's wonder

- Responding in Worship: I Am Known Portraits
- Prayer and Blessing
- Closing Game: Caring for God's Creation

At-home
resources
provided to
support
parents!

Wonder@Home

Designed for families to engage in the wonder of God together at home. This resource includes a video, worship playlists, activities, and more!

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LESSON 1 FOR LEADERS

INVITATION

We invite you to pause, listen, and shift your gaze toward the Father ...

LESSON AT A GLANCE

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SCRIPTURE: Genesis 2; Psalm 8

WORD OF WONDER: Exodus 15:11c

Read Psalm 8. I remember lying flat on my back in a field in Wisconsin. I had never seen stars like that before. I was on a camping trip with some college friends, far away from the electric light that sometimes obscures the night sky. We had played football earlier in the evening, but when darkness fell, we took time to be still and look up. The sky was so big, and I felt so small. Small, but not insignificant. What amazed me then and amazes me still is that the God who made all those wonders also took time to make me. He even knows my name.

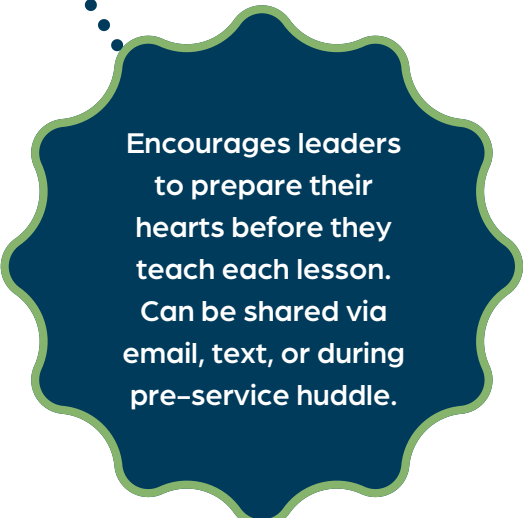
I think everyone longs to be known. When I'm in a crowd, I feel such relief when I see a familiar face. A smile. A wave. One of those looks that says, "Come, sit over here." There's great comfort in being known—in realizing you matter to someone. Now read Genesis 2:7, 15, and 22.

Do you know that you matter to God? Not just in your past or on your best days, but right now as you prepare for this lesson. Maybe you feel insignificant at times, but the truth is God made you on purpose and is pleased to include you in His plans to bring about His kingdom on earth. God knows you, which means you are always known, always seen, and never just another face in the crowd.

—Michael Rade

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LESSON 1 GOD CREATES HUMANS

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Encourages leaders to prepare their hearts before they teach each lesson. Can be shared via email, text, or during pre-service huddle.

Equips leaders with the historical context of the passage they are exploring with kids and the *why* behind its importance in God's big story.

LESSON 1 FOR LEADERS GOD CREATES HUMANS

DID YOU KNOW?

FOUNDATION BUILDING BLOCKS

WHO?

God is the Creator and Lord of all things. The first people were Adam and Eve, who were appointed by God to tend His creation but eventually sinned against Him. Psalm 8 is attributed to David, the shepherd who God appointed as king over Israel.

WHAT?

God gave humans the authority to rule over and care for His creation. Psalm 8 marvels at this God-given task, along with the reality that the majestic God of heaven thinks about and cares for humans. We are known by God.

WHERE?

In Genesis 2, God places Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. The location of Eden remains a mystery, but the context suggests somewhere in Mesopotamia, where the Tigris and Euphrates rivers flow. Psalm 8 was likely written in Jerusalem.

WHEN?

According to Genesis 1, humanity was created on the sixth day of creation. King David ruled many years later, after God had formed a people from Abraham's family and later established them as the nation of Israel. David was the second king of Israel.

CONNECTING TO GOD'S BIG STORY

God created people to know Him and care for His creation. Though humanity sinned and creation went awry, Jesus makes all things new again. He invites us to know Him and participate as children of God in His new creation work.



Curiosity

Belief

Faith

LESSON 1 EARLY CHILDHOOD

Spark curiosity and get kids thinking about the wonder of God.

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Hands-on play stations introduce each lesson and build interest in the theme or Bible story.

Play Stations

SUPPLIES: interlocking connecting blocks, whiteboards, dry-erase markers, coloring utensils

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: God Creates Humans Coloring Sheet (1 per kid)

Greet the kids warmly and briefly explain the play stations to them. Invite them to play at any of the stations.

Welcome to church! While we're getting ready to start, you can play at any of these stations to help you prepare for our lesson today. Do you have any ideas about what we'll be learning today?

Play Station: Create a Human

Set up: Place the interlocking connecting blocks on a table. If you have time, create a person by using the blocks as an example for the kids.

Play: Invite kids to use the blocks to make a person. Ask about their creation. Is their person really big or really small? Tell the kids that they'll learn today about when God made people.

Play Station: Creation Creations

Set up: Set out the whiteboards and the dry-erase markers. Or simply clear a space on a big whiteboard for the kids to draw on.

Play: Remind kids that God created everything in nature. Then invite them to use the whiteboard to draw some of their favorite creations like trees, flowers, dogs, mountains, bunnies, etc.

Play Station: God Creates Humans Coloring Sheet

Set up: Print one copy per kid of the coloring sheet and set out the coloring utensils.

Play: Let the kids color. The kids can also turn the sheet over and draw a picture of one of their favorite people.

Most stations use readily available supplies, and there's a coloring page for each lesson.

LESSON 1 GOD CREATES HUMANS

Curiosity Activity: Getting to Know You

We're going to get to know one another a bit better through some fun questions. When I say, "Go," you should find a partner to stand next to. Once you've all found someone, ask each other the questions I give you so you can all get to know some things about a new friend. Ask the following questions and give the kids time to respond:

- When is your birthday?
- What is your favorite color?
- What kind of ice cream is your favorite?
- What school do you go to?
- How many brothers and sisters do you have?
- What did you have for breakfast today?
- What do you like to do?

Play until they've answered all the questions.

Leader Tip: Invite kids to come up with their own questions to ask a partner!

Great job, everyone! This helped us get to know our friends a little bit better. In God's big story today, we're learning about how God created people and how He knows each of us. God knows everything about you, and He loves you so much. We'll learn today that because God knows us, we are known!

Puppet Intro and Curiosity Questions

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: Tac the Cat Picture or puppet

For this section, you can use the cat picture provided, or a stuffed animal cat, or a cat hand puppet.

Introduce the kids to Tac, the curious cat.

Leader: Hello, Tac the Cat! How are you today?

Tac the Cat: Hi, everyone. I'm feeling kind of sad. *(Tac hangs his head.)*

Leader: Oh, Tac, what's wrong? I don't like to see you looking so sad.

Tac the Cat: Well, my mom and I went to a new cat play group the other day.

Leader: Well, that sounds fun, Tac! Why did it make you feel sad?

Tac the Cat: Well, I thought it would be fun. But I didn't know anyone. I didn't play with anyone.

Leader: Were the other cats mean to you, Tac?

Tac the Cat: No, they weren't mean. But I didn't know them, and they didn't know me. I wanted to climb a tree, but I didn't know if anyone else likes climbing trees.

Leader: Did you ask anyone to climb a tree with you?

Tac the Cat: Well, no. I felt too shy. I didn't know anyone!
(Tac flops down in exasperation.)



Simple prep and common supplies make it easy to use an interactive activity to pique kids' curiosity about the Bible story.

Preschoolers love puppets! Use this puppet skit to introduce the lesson.

Leader: I understand how you feel, Tac. It can be hard when you don't know anyone. Sometimes it takes time to make friends.

Tac the Cat: I wish all my friends were there. They know me and know what I like to do.

Leader: Tac, did you know that God knows you? He created you, and He knows every single thing about you. He knows that you love to climb trees!

Tac the Cat: Really? Does He know that I felt shy at my cat play group?

Leader: Yes, He does, Tac. He knows you and loves you. And He loves when we show kindness to others. He also loves that you love the things He created—like trees!

Tac the Cat: Wow, that's amazing! God knows me! He knows what makes me sad or scared. He knows what I love! God knows me!

Leader: In God's big story today, we're going to learn that God created everything. Because He knows us, we are known! So you can feel better even when you're in a group and don't know anyone else. You can always get to know them and maybe make some new friends!

Tac the Cat: I feel better. God knows me, and He knows how I feel at my play group. Maybe next time I go, I'll invite someone to climb a tree with me.

Leader: I think that's a great idea, Tac!

Tac the Cat: OK, I'm going to ask my mom when we are going to cat play group again. I'll see you next time!

Have you ever been curious about something? Let's take a moment and think: Who are some of the people who know you best? Allow the kids to respond. **Today we're going to learn about how God created everything—including people. Who are some of your favorite people?** Allow the kids to respond. **We are going to learn about how God created us and about how He knows us. He knows us even better than our families! That's amazing!**

Today's Wonder Truth is **BECAUSE GOD KNOWS ME, I AM KNOWN**. Today we'll discover how God knows and loves us!

Declaring God's Wonder

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: Early Childhood Declaration [Video](#) or Slide
Show the Early Childhood Declaration [Video](#) or Slide and encourage the kids to say the statements and do the motions with you.

Thank You, God, that You made me! (*Kids repeat words and motions.*)

Make prayer hands, then point up and then to yourself.

And I am Your kid! (*Kids repeat words and motions.*)

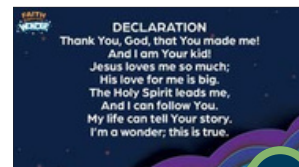
Put your hands on your hips.

Jesus loves me so much. (*Kids repeat words and motions.*)

Spread your arms out wide to your side one at a time, then pull them in for a hug around your chest.

His love for me is big. (*Kids repeat words and motions.*)

Hold your arms up high and wide above your head.



Declaring God's truths aloud helps kids internalize them. The Early Childhood Declaration is consistent each week. The rhyming words, motions, video, and slide support each series.

LESSON 1 GOD CREATES HUMANS

The Holy Spirit leads me, *(Kids repeat words and motions.)*

Bring your arms down from above, making a path in front of you.

And I can follow You. *(Kids repeat words and motions.)*

March in place like you're following the leader.

My life can tell Your story. *(Kids repeat words and motions.)*

Hold your hands in front of you like an open book.

I'm a wonder; this is true. *(Kids repeat words and motions.)*

Put your hands up, shake your fingers, and celebrate ("praise hands").



LESSON 1 **EARLY CHILDHOOD**

Guide kids into knowing God, exploring His big story, and marveling at His wonder.

LESSON AT A GLANCE

WONDER TRUTH: Because God Knows Me, I Am Known

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 2; Psalm 8

WORD OF WONDER: Exodus 15:11c

Each series includes a themed worship playlist.

Prayer of Invitation

Before entering into God's big story, lead kids in a prayer of invitation. Use the prayer here or your own words: **God, You know us and love us. Help us learn from Your Word today. And we pray that Your Holy Spirit helps us live for You. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

Worship

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: songs from the [Faith Begins with Wonder Early Childhood Spotify playlist](#)

Today we'll learn about how God created everything, including people. God knows us and loves us! Let's sing and praise God to show Him how much we love Him!

Play songs from the [Faith Begins with Wonder Early Childhood Spotify playlist](#) and encourage the kids to sing and dance as they praise God.

God's Big Story

SUPPLIES: Bible

Hold up a Bible and show the kids. Tell them that today's story comes from the book of Genesis in the Bible. Open a Bible and show them where the story is found.

Bible Time Rhyme

Say the Bible time rhyme (with motions) each week before the Bible story to remind kids that what they're about to hear is part of God's big story.

I open my Bible, and what do I see? *(Hold your hands together, then open your palms, as if opening a book.)*

God's big story, waiting for me! *(Point to yourself.)*

Let's start by reading part of God's big story from the book of Genesis in the Bible. That's the first book of the whole Bible!

Read the God's Big Story Script provided or read Genesis 2:7, 15, 22 and Psalm 8:1–9 from the Bible.

Leaders are encouraged to read part of the story directly from the Bible.

LESSON 1 **GOD CREATES HUMANS**

GOD'S BIG STORY SCRIPT

Leader tips encourage, support, and/or provide alternative engagement options.

SUPPLIES: tape

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: God Creates Images, [God's Big Story Video](#)

Ahead of time, print one set of the God Creates Images.

Leader Tip: You may have kids in your group who are visual learners. Invite them to help tell the story today by taping the pictures on the wall as you go. Or you could invite them to even draw something from the story while you talk—a drawing that they can share with everyone at the end.



Gather kids together. **Let's listen to God's big story today.**

God's big story is full of wonder. It has true stories that help us know God. God's story tells us who He is. God created the heavens and the earth. Show the kids the Heavens and Earth image and then tape it to a wall. **God created every person. He even created you! The God of heaven created you and knows you!**

Way back in the beginning, God created everything. It was wonderful. God created humans on purpose and with a lot of care. Show the kids the Humans image. Invite one of them to tape it to a wall. **God made people just how He wanted them. He made a man from the dust of the ground. God breathed life into him, so the man was alive. Later God took a rib from the man when he was asleep. God used the rib to make a woman. The man was Adam and the woman was Eve. They were created to show God's goodness. Adam and Eve took care of God's good earth.** Show the kids the Garden image and then tape it up next to the others. **God told them to farm the land and watch over the plants and animals. This was the special job God gave Adam and Eve.**

Lots and lots ... and LOTS of other people have lived since the first people were created. One of them was a man named David. He was a shepherd, warrior, and king. David wrote songs and song poems called psalms. He wrote psalms about God and how amazing God is. Show the kids the Bible image and let them know that the songs and poems David wrote are in the Bible in the book of Psalms. Tape the image up. **David wrote in Psalm 8, "Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in the whole earth!" (Psalm 8:1). God is super amazing! And He is everywhere. God is big and powerful. But He is also with people who are not powerful.**

It is so wonderful that God created everything. In Psalm 8:3 David says, "I think about the heavens. I think about what your fingers have created. I think about the moon and stars that you have set in place." Show the kids the Moon and Stars image and invite one of them to tape it up. **What God made is amazing!**

It is also amazing that God cares about people. "What are human beings that you think about them? What is a son of man that you take care of him?" (Psalm 8:4). Some people might not feel special. Does God really see us? Care for us? Know us? The Bible says, "Yes!" God knows and cares. God made everyone and loves us! Every person is special to God.

Interactive Bible stories engage a variety of learning styles in an age-appropriate way for the preschoolers.

Psalm 8 is about how God cares for us. It is also about the special job that God gave people when He created them. It says, “You made human beings rule over everything your hands created” (Psalm 8:6). That is animals, birds, fish, the land—everything. God made people to care for everything He created. Show the kids the Creation image and tape it up.

We can know that we are important and special to God. He knows us. God made you on purpose. He cares about you. You can always trust this wonderful truth: Because God knows me, I am known. Show the Wonder Truth image and ask a child to tape it up.



VIEW THE [GOD'S BIG STORY VIDEO](#)

The Bible story videos JUST for preschoolers use different styles and themes for each series to engage kids.

Connecting the Wonder Truth

Ask the following question to help kids connect the Wonder Truth to God's big story:

Our Wonder Truth today is **BECAUSE GOD KNOWS ME, I AM KNOWN. Where did you see our Wonder Truth happen in the story?** Allow kids to answer freely.

God created people to know Him and care for His creation. When people disobeyed God, sin and death entered the world. But God sent His Son, Jesus, to make the way for all things to be made new again. Through Jesus, we can know God, be His kids, and be a part of God's good work on earth!

Word of Wonder

SUPPLIES: Bible, blue balloon, permanent marker (prep only), inflatable globe (optional)

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: Word of Wonder Slide or [Video](#) (optional)

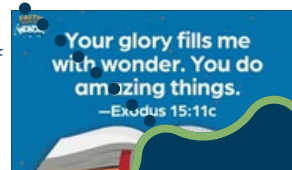
WORD OF WONDER
Your glory fills me with wonder. You do amazing things.

—Exodus 15:11c

Ahead of time, blow up a blue balloon and then use a permanent marker to draw some squiggly shapes on it so that it looks like a globe of the world. Or, if you have an inflatable globe, use that instead.

Display the Word of Wonder Slide, if using. You can also show the [Word of Wonder Video](#). **The Word of Wonder for the Faith Begins with Wonder series is Exodus 15:11c. Let's practice saying the Word of Wonder together.**

Encourage the kids to do the motions and say the verse with you.



Help kids see how the Wonder Truth and specific Bible story connect to the whole of God's big story.

GOD CREATES HUMANS

Kid-led motions videos make it easier for preschoolers to learn the series memory verse.

- **YOUR GLORY FILLS ME**—*Hold hands up above your head, then move them down to your sides.*
- **WITH WONDER.**—*Burst hands to the sides above your head.*
- **YOU DO**—*Point up.*
- **AMAZING THINGS.**—*Jump up and burst hands out to the sides as wide as you can.*
- **EXODUS 15:11C**—*Hold your hands together in front, palms together, as if opening a book.*

Show kids the balloon or the globe. **God made the whole world! He created everything, and He created people. He knows us and loves us—we are known! It is amazing! Let's practice learning our Word of Wonder about the amazing things God does. I will throw the balloon up into the air. Whoever catches it (without pushing or shoving!) will get to say one word from the verse. At the end, we'll all say the whole verse.** After the group says the whole verse, toss the balloon or globe up again and allow a new child to say the next word from the verse and then practice the verse again together. Play a few rounds until the kids are comfortable with saying the whole verse.

After a few rounds of practicing the Word of Wonder, gather kids to discuss these questions:

- **What do you think is the most amazing thing God created?** *(If the kids need help, offer ideas from nature or talk about how God created each of them and how amazing that is.)*
- **How can you praise God for what He created?** *(If the kids need help, offer ideas such as: thanking God through prayer, praising Him through singing, honoring His creation through the way we care for the earth, etc.)*



Curiosity

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LESSON 1 EARLY CHILDREN

Circle Time encourages kids to discuss and recall what they're learning and engages them with a hands-on activity.

Help kids see the wonder of God's story and how it connects to their own story.

LESSON AT A GLANCE

WONDER TRUTH: Because God Knows Me, I Am Known

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 2; Psalm 8

WORD OF WONDER: Exodus 15:11c

Circle Time: Beanbag Game

SUPPLIES: paper plates (8), marker, beanbag

Ahead of time, use a marker to number the paper plates 1–8.

Invite the kids to sit in a circle. Place the paper plates inside the circle of kids. **Today we learned about how God created everything, including people. He created you and me! God loves us and knows us, and that is amazing. Because God knows us, we are known!** Hand one of the kids the beanbag and invite him to toss it onto one of the plates. Invite the child to answer the question that corresponds to the numbered question below.

Leader Tip: If a child has trouble answering the question, invite one of the other kids to help!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. **What did God make the man from?** *(the dust of the earth)*
2. **What did God make a woman from?** *(a rib from the man)*
3. **What were the names of the first two people?** *(Adam and Eve)*
4. **What do you think it would have been like to see God create everything?** *(Invite the kids to use their imaginations to picture creation!)*
5. **Who wrote lots of the poems and songs in the book of Psalms?** *(David)*
6. **What are some of the most amazing things about God?** *(If kids need ideas, remind them of how God created everything, how He loves us, how Jesus died for us, how God keeps His promises, etc.)*
7. **How can you know that God cares about you?** *(If kids need ideas, offer some ideas such as: Because God created us for a purpose and with a purpose, we know that He cares about us. God created animals and flowers and trees, and we are more important to Him than those beautiful things.)*
8. **What does it mean to you that God knows you?** *(If kids need ideas, let them know that they can always feel loved and comforted and special because the God who created everything knows them.)*

God knows you! He loves you! Let's take some time to pray and thank God. Let's ask Him to help us show His love to others.

Invite kids to share prayer requests and praises and to pray for each other. So comfortable praying out loud. That's OK! Encourage them to pray silently and then find ways to love Him and love others this week.

Each lesson's craft helps kids internalize the story and Wonder Truth. Editable Craft Labels are available to help parents see how the craft ties to what kids are learning!

Craft: Moon and Stars

SUPPLIES: white and gray craft paint, small white paper plates (1 per kid plus 2 extra), large tablecloth or disposable tablecloth, pom-poms (2–3 per kid), black construction paper (1 sheet per kid), glue, stickers, gold or silver gel markers

Put white and gray craft paint on separate paper plates. Put trash bags or a disposable tablecloth on the table to protect it from paint spills. Set out pom-poms, construction paper, glue, and decorating supplies.

God created everything—He put the moon and the stars in the sky! Have you ever been outside at night and looked at all the stars? Invite the kids to answer. God created amazing things! He made all the stars in the sky, and He made the moon. Let's make a craft to remind us of what God has created.

Give every child a paper plate and a few pom-poms. Invite the kids to make the moon by dipping their pom-poms into the paint and dabbing it on their plate. You could also just cut a circle from white paper instead of using plates. It will look like craters on the moon. After they've painted their plates, they can glue them to a piece of black construction paper. Then invite the kids to make some stars in the night sky by using stickers or gel markers.

Take your pictures home to remind you that God created the moon and stars and that He also made you! He knows you and loves you.



Game: Like It or Not?

Because God knows us, we are known! Let's get to know each other even better by playing a fun game together.

Divide the room into side 1 and side 2. Tell kids that you're going to make statements about different activities. If they agree with the statement, they should go to side 1. If they disagree, they should go to side 2. Explain that you will let them know how to move each time.

Use the following statements or come up with your own. After each statement, give the kids a different action to perform. Here are some ideas: hop like a bunny, run in slow motion, move like a robot, tiptoe like a ballet dancer, walk backwards, jump like a frog.

- I like to draw.
- I enjoy playing soccer.
- I like eating vegetables.
- I love to eat cookies.
- I like coming to church.
- I enjoy playing games.

Active games direct preschoolers' energy to keep learning while moving and having fun!

- I love to sing.
- I enjoy playing with friends.
- I like to help cook.
- I enjoy dancing.
- I like to be outside.
- I enjoy going to the pool.

Make It Inclusive! Some kids may not be mobile and able to do many of the activities listed. Be sensitive to their abilities and make sure to name activities that everyone can relate to. Also, be sure to choose movements that all kids can participate in.



These tips are in
every lesson to help
engage kids of all
abilities.



Gives preschoolers an opportunity to spend time with God and respond to His Word.

Ref

Faith

Identity

LESSON 1 EARLY CHILDHOOD

Create space for God to remind kids that they are known, loved, led, and their lives can tell of God's wonder.

LESSON AT A GLANCE

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WORD OF WONDER: Exodus 15:11c

Lessons include simple printables for visual and tactile learners.

Responding in Worship: I Am Known Portraits

SUPPLIES: cardstock (1 sheet per kid), coloring utensils, kid-safe scissors (optional), hole punch (optional), string (12" per kid, optional)

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: Star Portrait Sheet (1 per kid), songs from the [Faith Begins with Wonder Early Childhood Spotify playlist](#)

Ahead of time, print one Star Portrait Sheet onto cardstock for each kid.

Gather the kids together. **Because God knows you, you are known! God created each of us, along with all of creation—the sun and moon and stars and animals! God knows you and loves you so much!**

Give a Star Portrait Sheet to each kid and set out coloring utensils.

Invite the kids to draw themselves in the frame section of their sheets. **God made all the stars in the sky, and He made you. He knows you and loves you so much. He knows every hair on your head, the color of your eyes, and the freckles on your face. You are known by God!**

As the kids work, play songs from the [Faith Begins with Wonder Early Childhood Spotify playlist](#).

After they've drawn their self-portraits, encourage the kids to show them to a friend next to them. Invite kids to color their stars. Once they're finished, you could also invite the kids to cut out the star shapes and then help them by punching a hole near the top of each star. Then they can thread string through the holes and hang up their portraits at home.



Prayer and Blessing

After the kids finish their activity, pray with them and thank God for His love.

God, thank You for loving and knowing us. Help us to show Your love to our friends and family this week. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Encourage the kids to hold their hands out in front of them, with palms up, as if their hands were open to receive something. Tell them to listen and receive the blessing as you speak it over them.

Blessing: May God remind you this week that He knows you and loves you. And may He remind you that He created you with purpose. Because God knows you, you are known.

End your lesson with a simple prayer and speak a blessing over kids to remind them of who God is and who He made them to be.

Closing Game: Caring for God's Creation

God created everything, and He created people. He invites us to take care of His creation. Let's play a game and act out how we would care for the different things God created.

Call out the questions below and invite the kids to act out how they would care for these different things in creation:

- How would you take care of a vegetable garden?
- How would you take care of a dirty street?
- How would you take care of farm animals?
- How would you take care of a flower garden?
- How would you take care of a puppy?
- How would you take care of a baby?



Play this simple game during pick-up time to remind kids of the Bible story they explored.