

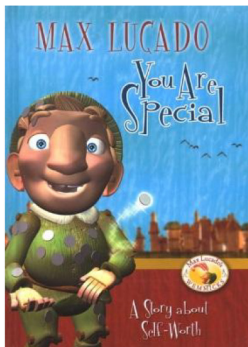


YOU ARE SPECIAL

*Children's Curriculum
Ages 2-8*

Scope & Sequence

LESSON 1 – I AM GOD'S FRIEND



THEME: You are special

KEY VERSE: Now we are very happy. ...Through Jesus we are now God's friends. —Romans 5:11

KEY VERSE FOR PRESCHOOL: We are God's friends.
—Romans 5:11

STORY: Read the book, *You Are Special*, by Max Lucado

BIG IDEA FROM BOOK: God made me special, and I can trust what God says about me more than what others say.

LESSON: “We are God’s Friends.” Knowing God is my friend helps me when my feelings get hurt.

Materials: 4 large round stickers, 4 circles of paper the same size and color as the stickers, and a Bible

SONGS: “I Am Special,” “God Made Me Special”

VERSE: Romans 5:11

Materials: 24 Styrofoam cups, black marker

CRAFT: You Rock!

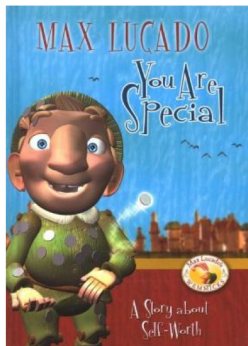
Materials: medium-sized rocks (1 per child), paint or markers

GAME: Sticker Relay

Materials: 2 identical sheets of stickers, 2 pieces of paper, tape

ACTIVITY: God Thinks I’m Special

Materials: pre-cut paper stars (several for each child), tape, markers



LESSON 2 – I AM FORGIVEN

THEME: Jesus forgives us

KEY VERSE: God made you alive in Christ and forgave all your sins. —Colossians 2:13

KEY VERSE FOR PRESCHOOL: Jesus forgives my sins.
—Colossians 2:13

STORY: Read the book, *You Are Special*, by Max Lucado

BIG IDEA FROM BOOK: When we make wrong choices, Jesus forgives us and makes us new.

LESSON: “I’m Stuck on Jesus.” Jesus forgives our sins and makes us new.

Materials: large sheet of paper with the outline of a person drawn on (gingerbread man-style), markers, Band-Aids

SONGS: “I Am Stuck on Jesus,” “Forgiveness Song”

VERSE: Colossians 2:13

Materials: 3 x 5 cards (1 per child, or 1 per team)

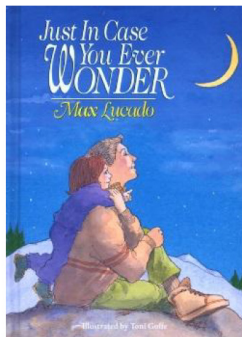
CRAFT: “I’m Special” Mirror

Materials: picture frame template, cardstock (1 piece per child), foil, glue, tongue depressors, sequins

ACTIVITY: He Makes Us New

Materials: old, dirty pennies (at least 1 per child), a new penny, mason jars (1 for every 3-4 children), vinegar, iodized salt, stir sticks

LESSON 3 – I AM LOVED



THEME: Jesus wants to be with us always, and someday live in heaven with him.

KEY VERSE: You can be sure I will be with you always.
—Matthew 28:20

KEY VERSE FOR PRESCHOOL: We can be with Jesus always.

—Matthew 28:20

STORY: Read the book, *Just in Case You Ever Wonder*, by Max Lucado

BIG IDEA FROM BOOK: Jesus loves us and wants the very best for us. He wants us to someday live with him in heaven.

LESSON: “Jesus Christ is On Your Side.” There is only one way to get to heaven, through Jesus.

Materials: one piece of lightweight white paper

SONGS: “Heaven is a Wonderful Place,” “Wordless Book Song”

Materials: sheets of construction paper (black, red, white, yellow, green)

VERSE: Matthew 28:20

Materials: ball

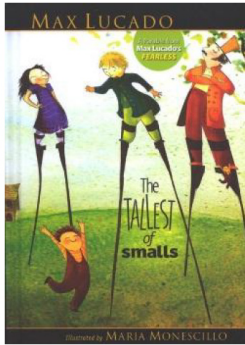
GAME: Cookie Scrunch

Materials: Nilla Wafers or Oreos (1 per child)

CRAFT/ACTIVITY: Wonderful Airplane

Materials: lightweight white paper (1 per child), crayons

LESSON 4 – I AM GOD’S CHILD



THEME: God made us the way we are, so we should treat each other like we are all God’s masterpieces.

KEY VERSE: You are all God’s children through faith in Jesus Christ.

—Galatians 3:26

KEY VERSE FOR PRESCHOOL: I am a child of God. —
Galatians 3:26

STORY: Read the book, *The Tallest of the Smalls*, by Max Lucado

BIG IDEA FROM BOOK: God loves us just the way we are, so we should love others in the same way.

LESSON: “My Words Can Hurt.” We need to treat people like God would treat them.

Materials: paper, any color (1 piece per child)

SONGS: “I Am Special,” “God Made Me Special”

VERSE: Galatians 3:26

Materials: white board, markers, eraser

CRAFT: I’m Important

Materials: puzzle piece template, cardstock (1 piece per child), crayons

GAME: Musical Blessings

Materials: chairs, music

ACTIVITY: All of Me (fingerplay)

LESSON 5 – I HAVE A PURPOSE



THEME: God created us for his purpose

KEY VERSE: In all these things we have full victory through God who showed his love for us. —Romans 8:37

KEY VERSE FOR PRESCHOOL: We have victory because God loves us. —Romans 8:37

STORY: Read the book, *Hermie, A Common Caterpillar*, by Max Lucado

BIG IDEA FROM BOOK: Because God created us for His purpose, we will be victorious through him.

LESSON: “Built God-Tough.” God’s love protects us when we face scary things.

Materials: clear plastic or glass pitcher, water, 2 oranges (1 peeled, 1 not peeled)

SONGS: “S-M-I-L-E,” “The B-I-B-L-E”

VERSE: Romans 8:37

Materials: 32 3x5 index cards

CRAFT: Rainbows

Materials: cloud template, white construction paper (1 sheet per child), construction paper strips in red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and purple (1 strip per color for each child), markers, glue

GAME: M & Ms Game

Materials: bag of M & Ms, poster board, colored markers, small bowl

ACTIVITY: Fuzzy Caterpillar (fingerplay)

LESSON 6 – I AM GOD’S MASTERPIECE



THEME: I am God’s masterpiece!

KEY VERSE: God has made us what we are. In Christ Jesus, God made us new people so that we would do good works.

—Ephesians 2:10a

KEY VERSE FOR PRESCHOOL: God has made us what we are.

—Ephesians 2:10a

STORY: Read the book, *Hermie, A Common Caterpillar*, by Max Lucado

BIG IDEA FROM BOOK: God doesn’t make mistakes. I am his masterpiece!

LESSON: “You’re God’s Masterpiece!” We are God’s masterpiece, made special just the way we are.

Materials: large sheet of paper, crayons, and skit script (2 copies)

SONGS: “God Made Me Special,” “The B-I-B-L-E”

VERSE: Ephesians 2:10

Materials: white board, marker, eraser

CRAFT: I Am a Masterpiece

Materials: cloud template (1 per child), white construction paper or card stock (1 sheet per child), inexpensive wooden or craft foam picture frame, markers

GAME: Dice Game

Materials: pair of dice

ACTIVITY: Fuzzy Caterpillar (fingerplay)