

BIG PICTURE:

GOD LOVES YOU

BIG IDEA:

IN 'MY' BEGINNING

BIG POINT:

GOD LOVES ME, CREATED ME AND KNOWS EVERYTHING ABOUT ME

BIG WORD:

AND MAY YOU HAVE THE POWER TO UNDERSTAND, AS ALL GOD'S PEOPLE SHOULD, HOW WIDE, HOW LONG, HOW HIGH, AND HOW DEEP HIS LOVE IS. EPHESIANS 3:18 (NLT)



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DOCUMENT PURPOSE

This document is the Leader's Guide for BIG Picture GOD LOVES YOU TTW1.1. It contains a summary of the BIG Message 'LIVE' and all leaders information you need to run a successful small group in your children's ministry.

The BIG 'Tell The World' User Guide document contains all the service element information, including the large group segment of your service.

Make sure you read through and prayerfully study this material prior to your service to be fully prepared to minister to your children.

Learning Outcomes

At the conclusion of this lesson children will:

- Know that they were created by God and that they are valuable to Him.
- Know how much God loves them and that He shows this by His interest in them, even numbering the very hairs of their head.
- Understand that they were created by God on purpose and for a purpose.

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KIDS DISCIPLESHIP GROUP (KDG)

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Use this KDG outline to prepare an impacting small group time for you and your children.

CONNECT TIME

Yummy name game

Each child says their name followed by a type of food that starts with the same letter. E.g. "I'm Pauline and I eat pears"

THE BIG QUESTION (TO DISCUSS IN YOUR KDG'S)

1. How does God look after us?

Think about the basic needs like food, a home, clean water, schooling and good health that God provides.

Encourage the children to think about the families that God has placed them in and the friends they have made.

2. Why did Jesus die on the cross?

When Jesus died, He took all of our sins upon Himself so that we could be free.

3. How are people different from each other?

Get the children thinking about physical appearances, personalities, gifts and talents. Emphasise how special it is that we are all unique.

4. What is something that is special about you?

Tell the children something that is unique about yourself. What is something that you are good at? What have your talents enabled you to achieve? What are you most proud of?

ACTIVITY SHEETS

Children complete the Activity Sheets in this time.

THE BIG ACTIVITY

Purpose: To understand that God created them with a purpose.

Directions: Give the children 5 minutes to build a creative object or item. When their time is up, spend a few minutes discussing and admiring each group's creation – the most original creation is the winner.

Explanation: When God created us He put time and thought into what we would be like. He loves His creation, and knows everything about us.

THE BIG WORD

And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high and how deep His love is. Ephesians 3:18 (NLT)

Today is the first day for this new verse, so practise the Big Word as a group by saying it one line at a time, with the children repeating after you.

GAME

Messy Backyard

Divide the group into two and mark out a line with tape that divides each team's playing area. Place the half scrunched up newspaper in each team's area. The children have one minute to "Clean their backyard" by throwing the newspaper into the other team's 'yard'. Count down the last 10 seconds out loud and stop children from throwing newspaper after the time limit. The cleanest side wins!

PRAYER

If we can help our children to understand that God is their Creator and He knows them better than anyone, then they will never have to feel alone or that no-one understands them. Let the group repeat this prayer after you:

Lord, You created me and you know all the secret things in my heart. Only You know the person I am and the person I will be. You understand me and everything that happens in my life. You created me on purpose. Please help me understand my purpose as I grow. Thank you Lord.

Amen

Supplies Needed:

Playdough, paper, straws, newspaper, old boxes, any type of construction materials.

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