



LEADER'S GUIDE

OLDER CHILDREN

TTW
1.1

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

Alliteration name game

Each child says their name followed by which holiday destination they would like to go to and the food they would like to take with them (all of which must begin with the same letter of the alphabet as their name), E.g. I'm Melanie and I'm taking marshmallows to Morocco.

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

1. Can you think of some of the ways that God provides for us?

Discuss with your group some everyday needs that He makes provision for. Can you share with the children a time in your life where God has provided for you in a miraculous way?

2. What does Jesus dying on the cross mean to you?

Encourage the children to think about what this means personally for each one of them. Some children might be thinking that they are undeserving of God's grace and that His forgiveness is for everyone else except them. Emphasise that Jesus died for everybody and for everything they have ever done wrong. Nothing is too big for God to forgive.

3. Why do you think people are created with so many differences between them?

God is a creative God and for His pleasure, He has made us all different. Imagine a world where every person looked, sounded and acted the same.

4. What is something that is unique 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?

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.

Supplies Needed:

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

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

Stuck in the Mud

One person is 'IT'. You have an area marked out which no one can step out of. When a person is caught, they have to stand where they are until someone who isn't caught, crawls between their legs, making them both free. If the person who is 'IT' can't catch everyone, choose a second person to help them.

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