

BIG IDEA

WONDERFULLY MADE


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Head	God created me exactly as he wants me to be. He doesn't make mistakes.
Heart	Thank Jesus for making you as you are, and commit to loving yourself.
Hands	Create a reminder of today's message.

Supplies Needed	Mask painted with the Afghanistan Flag's colors. Whiteboard & markers Crayons / markers Pre-cut identity words glue sticks Paper Masks
Media Folder	Big Idea Slide Intro video

Large Group Time		
Praise & Worship	15 Minutes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2. 3
Missions Moment	5 minutes	<p>This is a new slot that we have added to our meetings. The idea is to get the kids praying for the world around them. This month we will be praying for two mission trips that EN is going to be doing soon. Today we'll be praying for our mission trip to Bucharest, Romania.. Call up 2 volunteers. Put a mask, which is painted with the Romanian flag on one (representing the people of Romania), and one that is painted with the EN logo (representing our mission team). Explain that a team from EN will be going to Romania in October, to help reach out and to serve our team of church planters there. Teach the kids to say a "Buna dimineata" – meaning, good morning in Romanian. Now ask kids to lay hands on the person representing our mission team, and pray for each member, and then to lay hands on the person representing the people of Romania, and pray that they will come to know Jesus.</p>
Intro (Video & Discussion)	5 minutes	<p>For this series, our intro video will be of a masked member of our congregation, who will be singing "Who you say I am" by Hillsong. At the end of the video, the kids will have 20 seconds to shout out their guesses of who they think the masked singer is. Have fun with this.</p> <p>Explain that many people spend their whole lives trying to figure out who they are, and why they are even alive. As Christians, we don't have to have this struggle. God wants us to understand that he made us wonderfully, and that we are exactly who he wants us to be. He doesn't make mistakes!</p>
Bible Teaching	15 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tell the kids we're going to experience God's word a little differently today. Have the kids lie on the floor in a space where no one else will disturb them. Play some instrumental music. Pray that God will speak through his word, and then slowly read through Psalms 139:1-18 (use the NLT). Read through it a second time. Have the kids sit up and tell you what God thinks of them. Make sure they mention: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - God loves them - He thinks about them all the time. - He formed them carefully in their mother's womb (explain, and emphasize that God doesn't make mistakes.) - God knows everything about us.

Big Idea and Activation	5 minutes	<p>God created me exactly as he wants me to be. He doesn't make mistakes!</p> <p>Repeat today's big idea a couple of times.</p> <p>Ask kids if they have ever said things like, "I wish I was taller," "I wish I was funnier," "I wish I was a girl," "I wish I had blonde hair," etc. Remind them that God doesn't make mistakes. Lead them in a prayer of repentance if they have been dissatisfied with how God made them. Pray for kids who struggle with accepting who they are.</p>
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Small Group Time		
Discussion	5 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is your favourite thing about yourself? What makes you different from everyone else? What do you struggle to love about yourself? Pray for each other
Craft	10 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hand each child a paper mask. They're going to decorate it to show who they are. First, they can stick on words from Psalm 139 that tell who they are (these will be printed & pre-cut), then they can write other words that make them uniquely them. Make sure they keep it positive. Once they have done this, they can decorate their mask. 
Memory Verse	While waiting for parents	<p><i>Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous - how well I know it. Psalms 139:14</i></p> <p>This is the memory verse for this theme. Have the kids say it dramatically, in different voices, several times.</p>