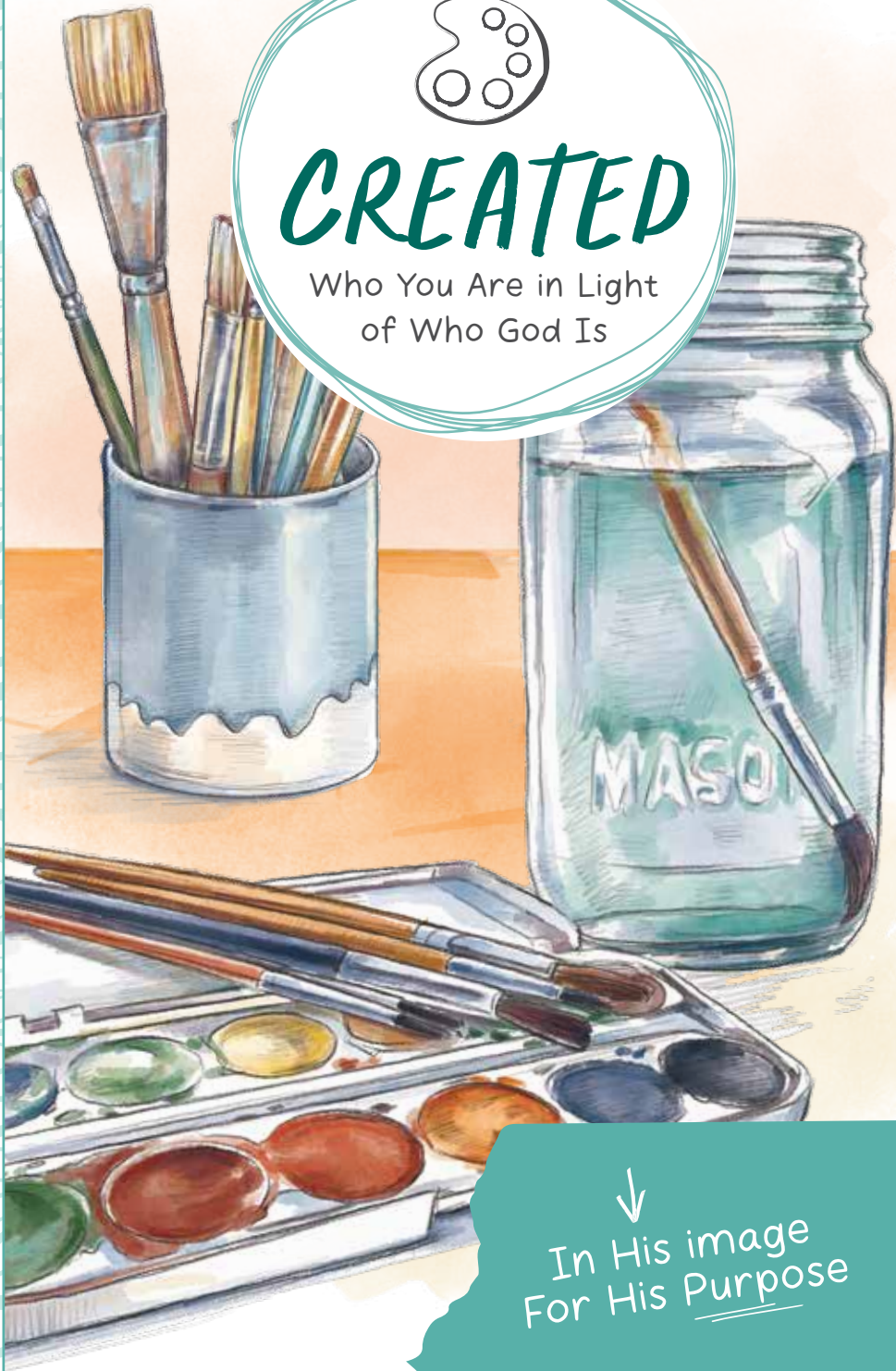




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Primary Level

Created on Purpose

Who are you? Who made you? Why are you here?

God made you. This is not just a fact. It's a truth that affects your whole life!

Have you ever knitted or watched someone knit a dishcloth or a scarf? Just like yarn becomes a new creation because of the knitter's work, God designs and creates each of us to be someone special and different from everyone else!



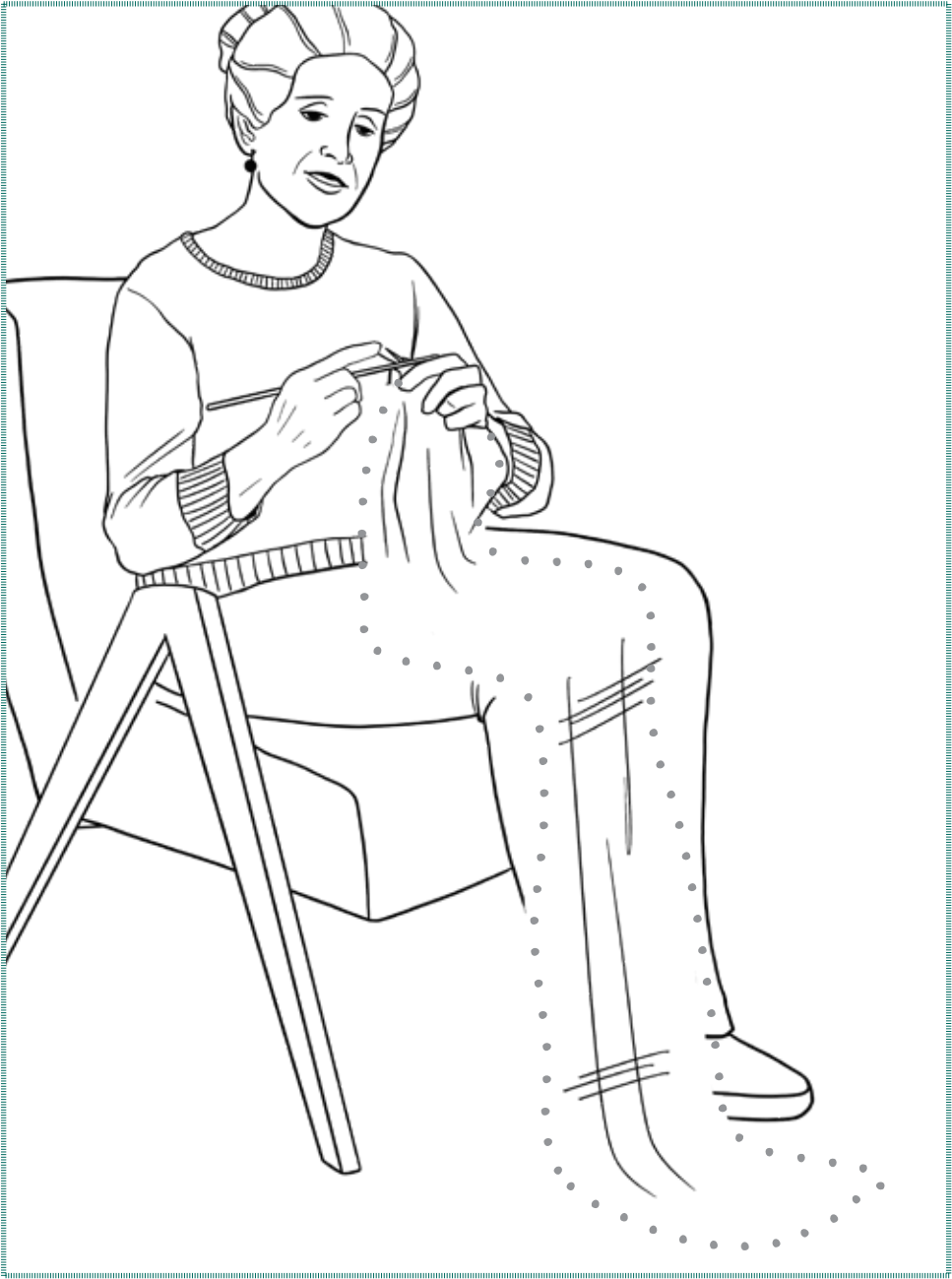
Read ^{KEY VERSES} **Psalm 139:13-14**. What do these verses tell you about how God made you?

God carefully made you in your mother's womb. While your mom and dad had to wait to find out what color your eyes or hair would be, whether you would be a boy or a girl, or even whether you would have freckles, God specifically chose each of these for you.

To be fearfully and wonderfully made means that the creation of your body is a miracle of God! Nothing about the way you look, how tall you are, or your specific personality and gifts are an accident. God had all of these planned out for you since before you were ever born. God's works are wonderful, and you are one of them.

God created me on purpose.

Connect the dots to see what she is knitting.



Today, thank God for creating you. Ask Him to help you learn much about Him through this study.

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Created to Connect

Have you ever felt very lonely? When?

We learn in Genesis 2 that God created a beautiful world with plants and animals and put Adam in the garden to take care of it, but Adam was alone. Yes, Adam had God, but there was no human friend for him! Despite all the good things God had created and given to Adam, He had one more gift to give him.

Read **Genesis 2:21-22**. What did God do for Adam?

Just like Adam, we all want to connect with other people! We can be around others in our families, with our friends, and also in our churches and neighborhoods.

Read **KEY VERSES** **Ephesians 4:15-16**. What do we build each other up with?

The body in this passage is the church! When we build each other up by loving and sharing the truth, we grow God's body by making believers stronger and helping unbelievers come to Christ.



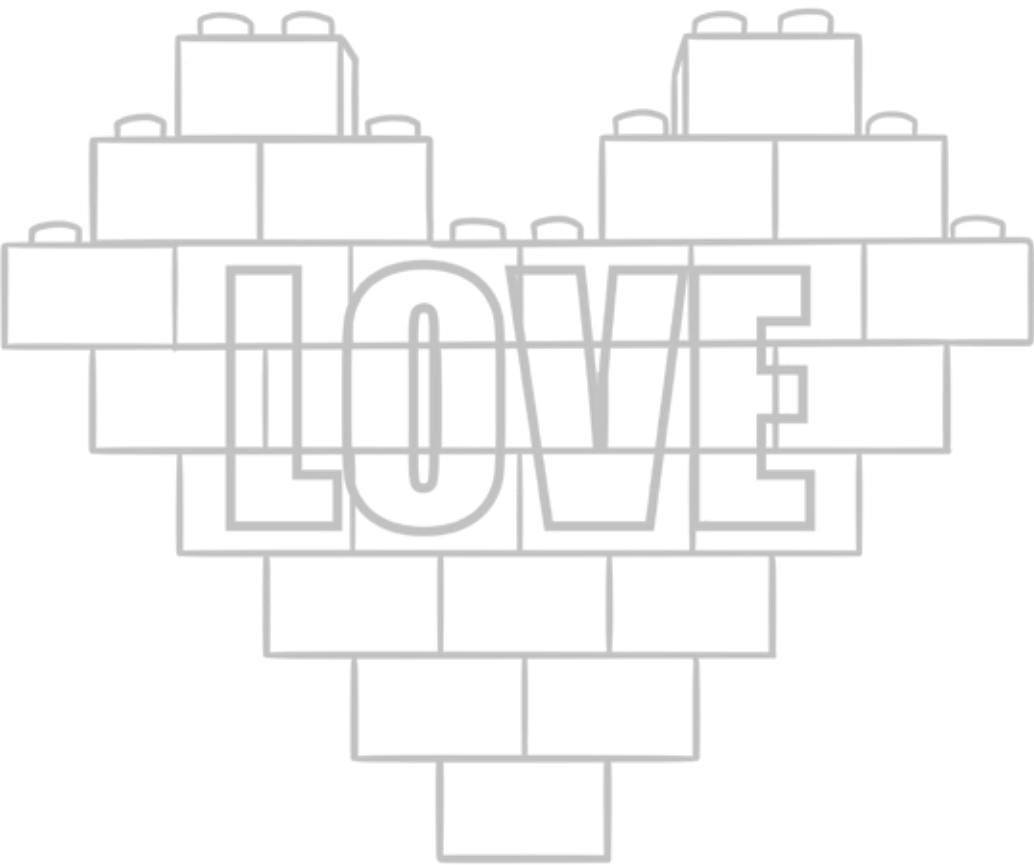
Encouraging and building each other up in this way creates connection and unity. Because of Jesus, we can have a right relationship with both God and other people!

**God created me to connect
with others.**

Challenge:

Find a new friend at church this week. Look for someone you haven't talked to very much.

Use the brick stickers to build the word that shows how we build each other up.



Today, thank God for creating you to connect with people. Ask Him to help you love others.

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We have learned so much in this study about how God has created us and helps us live in the way He has planned for us! Before we finish our study, let's review what we have learned.

Trace this reminder from Day 1. We are created on

purpose.

Why did God create you? (*Hint: Review Day 2.*)

What makes every single human being valuable and precious? (*Check out Day 3 for a reminder!*)

What is one thing you were created to do? (*Hint: Review Days 4-10.*)

What is one thing about God that you are thankful for? (*Hint: Review Days 11-19*)

Before we close our study, let's take a quick look at one more passage.

Read ^{KEY VERSES} **1 John 3:1-3**. What has God promised us in the future?

Though right now we fight against sin in ourselves and all around us in this world, we will not stay this way! Those who trust in Jesus as their Savior become part of God's family. His Holy Spirit gives them a new heart that wants to obey Him. One day when our bodies die, we will finally go to be with our Creator and be made perfect and sinless like He is. Then, we will live in perfect bodies for eternity with God!

Challenge:

One way we learn to depend on God's promises is memorizing them! Choose one verse from this study to memorize.



Use the stickers to change the pictures below and show how people will treat each other when we are without sin in the presence of God.



I am created to one day be
made perfect with God.

Today, thank God for all that you have learned about how He created you and cares for you. Ask Him to help you love and obey Him until you finally get to be with Him in eternity.

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Junior Level

Created on Purpose

Who are you? Who made you? Why are you here?

You may have been taught that God made you. This is not just a fact. It's a truth that affects your whole life!

Why do you think it's important for us to know that God made us?

Have you ever knitted or watched someone knit a dishcloth or a scarf? Just like yarn can be made into a beautiful blanket or pair of gloves because of the knitter's careful work and design, we are who we are based on God's intentional design of us!

Read these sections of Psalm 139. Use the first column to write what you learn about God in each set of verses. Then, write down why you think that matters for you in the second column.

VERSES	TRUTH ABOUT GOD	WHY IT MATTERS FOR ME
Psalm 139:1-6	God is everywhere and knows everything about me.	God is with me all the time and sees what I do, think, and feel.
Psalm 139:7-12		

Read ^{KEY VERSES} **Psalm 139:13-14**. What do these verses tell you about how God made you?

God carefully, intentionally, and purposefully put you together in your mother's womb. While your mom and dad had to wait to find out your eye color, hair color, gender, personality, and skin tone, God specifically chose each of these for you. God's works are wonderful, and you are one of them.

God has purposefully
created each one of us.

Name some things about your personality or what you look like that God purposefully created.

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This study is all about the truth that you are a wonderful, purposeful work of God. I hope you will learn to embrace this truth and live your life according to it!

Today, thank God for creating you. Ask Him to help you learn much about Him through this study.

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Created to Connect

Have you ever felt incredibly lonely? When?



In the beginning, God created a beautiful world with plants and animals and put Adam in the garden to care for it, yet Adam was alone. Yes, Adam had God, but there was no human companion for him! Despite all the good things God had created and given to Adam, He had one more gift for His beloved creation.

Read **Genesis 2:21–23**. What did God do for Adam?



Although God had declared everything else in His creation “very good,” God pointed out that Adam being alone was “not good!” So God created a woman from Adam’s rib and brought her to him. Adam was overjoyed to have a companion and helper in his work and named her Eve. This passage not only shows us our deep need for human connection, but also the beautiful plan God had from the very beginning for marriage between one man and one woman for life. We have such a good Creator!

Just like Adam, we all have the desire to connect with other people! We find these connections in our families, with our friends, and also in our churches and communities!

Through lovingly building each other up with God’s truth, we develop God-glorifying relationships, specifically with others who have also trusted Jesus for salvation. All believers are part of Christ’s body, the church, which grows stronger as we follow God’s design for our relationships.

God created us
to connect with others.

Read **Romans 12:9-10.**
How should we love others?

Read **KEY VERSES** **Ephesians 4:15-16.**
What is the goal of our relationships
with other believers?

What specific things can you do this week to connect with or love someone in each of these categories?

My family _____

My friends _____

My neighbors _____

My church _____

Today, thank God for creating you with the desire and ability to connect with people. Ask Him to help you follow His design in all your relationships so that He receives the glory.

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Challenge:

Connect with 1 new person at church this week! Look for someone who is all alone or who you haven't talked to very much.

We have learned so much in this study about how God has created us and helps us live in the way He has designed for us! Before we finish our study, let's review what we have learned.

On Day 1, we learned that we are

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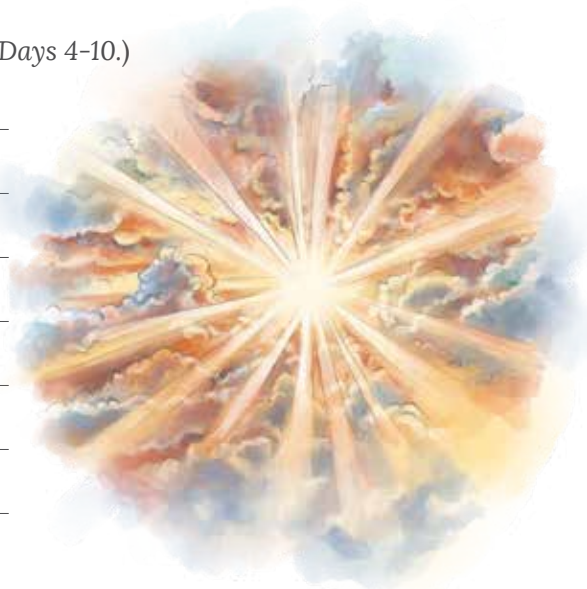
For what **purpose** were you created? (Hint: Review Day 2.)

What makes every single human being valuable and precious?
(Check out Day 3 for a reminder!)

We all bear _____.

You were created to . . . (Hint: Review Days 4-10.)

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Match each verse with the truth about God it teaches you.

Matthew 6:30 •

- God requires that we act justly, show kindness, and walk humbly with Him.

Psalms 18:19 •

- God sent Jesus to rescue us from our sin because He loves us.

Ephesians 2:4-7 •

- God shows tender care for us by providing for our needs.

Hebrews 13:5-8 •

- God is faithful in all He does and never changes.

Micah 6:8 •

- God delights in us, His precious creations.

Now, let's take a look at one more passage before we close our study.

Read  **1 John 3:1-3**. What has God promised us in the future?

Though right now we struggle against sin in ourselves and all around us in this world, we will not always stay that way! As children of God's love, our hearts have been changed by the Holy Spirit living inside us. One day when our bodies die, we will finally go to be with our Creator and be made perfect and sinless like He is. Then, we will live in perfect bodies for eternity with God!

As God's children, we look forward to **glory** and a perfect relationship with God, our Creator.

Today, thank God for all that you have learned about how He created you and cares for you. Ask Him to help you love and obey Him until you finally get to be with Him in eternity.

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Glory:
when we finally
are made perfect
and live with
God forever
in heaven

Challenge:

One way we learn to depend on God's promises is memorizing them! Choose one verse or passage from this study to memorize and remember for the future.

Youth Level

Created on Purpose

Who are you? Who made you? Why are you here?

Ever since I was a tiny three-year-old reciting back the answers of the catechism my parents taught me, I've known that "God made me." Maybe you know this too, and if so, that's good! However, this is not just a truth to teach little kids and then move on from. This is one of the most important truths you can understand.



Why do you think it's important for us to know that God made us?

Have you ever knitted or watched someone knit a dishcloth or a scarf? It's delicate and intricate work. Knitting takes careful attention and skill to form the stitches, create straight rows, and eventually turns into a beautiful pair of gloves or blanket to keep you warm. Just like a blanket or gloves become what they are through a creator's intentional design, we are who we are based on God's intentional design of us!

Read each set of verses from Psalm 139. Use the first column to record what you learn about God in each set of verses. Then, write down why you think that matters for you in the second column. The first one is done for you!

VERSES	TRUTH ABOUT GOD	WHY IT MATTERS FOR ME
<i>Psalm 139:1-6</i>	<i>God is everywhere and knows everything about me.</i>	<i>God is with me all the time and sees what I do, think, and feel.</i>
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<i>Psalm 139:19-22</i>		
<i>Psalm 139:23-24</i>		

We will return to parts of this psalm several times in this study! For now, I want you to understand one particular part of the psalm that will help us as we move forward.

God has *purposefully created* each one of us.

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Have you ever been completely alone for more than a day? Believe it or not, there are people who go out into the wilderness all on their own—without any people or pets—to try and win a competition and the prize money that comes with it. Though concerns about finding food and water, staying warm, and building a shelter are all things these people have to contend with, the hardest thing for many of them is the lack of human connection and extreme loneliness.

When have you felt incredibly lonely? Why?



In the beginning, God created a beautiful world with plants and animals and put Adam in the garden to care for it, yet Adam was alone. Yes, Adam had God, but there was no human companion for him! Despite all the good things God had created and given to Adam, He had one more gift for His beloved creation.

Read *Genesis 2:21-25*. What did God do for Adam?

Although God had declared everything else in His creation “very good,” God pointed out that Adam being alone was “not good!” This passage not only shows us our deep need for human connection, but also the beautiful plan God had from the very beginning for marriage between one man and one woman for life. We have such a good Creator!

Just like Adam and Eve, we all have the desire to connect with other people! These connections are not just found in marriage, though marriage is a wonderful gift. We find these connections in our families, with our friends, and also in our churches and communities! Though these relationships are wonderful and needed, they can still be hard. Because of misunderstandings, personal preferences, and sometimes even sin, we don’t always connect the right way with others. So what is God’s plan for these relationships we desire to have?

Read  **VERSES** *Ephesians 4:15-16*. What is the goal for our relationships with believers?

If you are a believer, you are a valuable part of Christ's body and are able to use your relationships with others to draw them closer to Christ. Encouraging and building each other up in this way creates connection and unity. This unity reflects the unity and peace we can have with God when we believe in Jesus for salvation.

God created us
with the desire and
ability to *connect* with others.

What specific things can you do this week to follow God's plan in the relationships listed below?

My family _____

My friends _____

My neighbors _____

My church _____

Today, thank God for creating you with the desire and ability to connect with people. Ask Him to help you follow His design in all your relationships to glorify Him.

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Read *Romans 12:9-21*.
List 5 of the instructions for relationships given.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Are there any instructions in this passage that you are not following in your relationships right now? Circle them above.

Challenge:

Connect with 1 new person at church this week! Look for someone who is all alone or who you haven't talked to very much before.

On Day 1, we learned that we are *created on* _____

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- God knows us deeply, yet loves us and shows compassion to us.
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- God is good, and every good thing we have comes from Him.
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- God showed His creativity and power in how He created the world and the living things in it.
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Now, let's take a look at one more passage before we close our study.

Read ^{KEY VERSES} *1 John 3:1-3*. What has God promised us in the future?



Though right now we struggle against sin in ourselves and all around us in this world, we are destined for glory! As children of God's love, our hearts have been transformed by the Holy Spirit living inside us. One day when our bodies die, we will finally go to be with our Creator and be made perfect and sinless like He is. Then, we will live in glorified, perfected bodies for eternity with God!

As God's children, we look forward to *glory*
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Thank God for all that you have learned about how He created you and cares for you. Ask Him to help you love and obey Him until you finally get to be with Him in eternity.

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Parent Guide

Created on Purpose

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Why do you think it's important for us to know that God made us?

Read *Psalm 139*. Use the first column to record what you learn about God in each set of verses. Then, write down why you think that matters for you in the second column.

When your children ask you questions like this, it may seem surprising, and you may sometimes wish they hadn't asked. However, it is good for children to ask these questions and get a real answer. Equipping them with solid, biblical answers NOW will help them when they are out of your house and facing the pressures of the world on these issues. If your children ask a question you don't know the answer to, ask them to give you time to learn about it, study it yourself, and come back to them later with an answer. As you give them the information, pray that God uses it to work in their hearts.

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Read ^{KEY VERSES} *Psalm 139:13-14* again. What do these verses tell you about how God made you?

To be fearfully and wonderfully made means that the creation of your body is a miracle of God! Nothing about the way you look, your height, or your specific personality and gifts are an accident. God had all of these planned out for you since before you were ever conceived. God's works are wonderful, and you are one of them.

God has *purposefully created* each one of us.

What characteristics do you have that make you insecure or uncomfortable?

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Why do you think it matters that God intentionally and purposefully created you?

This study is all about the truth that you are a wonderful, purposeful work of God. I hope you will learn to embrace this truth and live your life according to it!

Today, thank God for creating you. Ask Him to help you learn much about Him through this study.

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Scripture: Psalm 139:13-14
Key Truth: God has purposefully created each one of us.

Discussion: How does knowing God created you purposefully change the way you think about yourself? How does it change the way you think about other people?

Have you ever been completely alone for more than a day? Perhaps you have heard of the competitions where people go out into the wilderness all on their own to see who can last the longest. Though concerns about finding food and water, staying warm, and building a shelter are all things these people have to contend with, the hardest thing for many of them is the lack of human connection. Experiencing this extreme loneliness and sadness often compels them to concede the contest, even when all their other needs of food, water, and shelter are not currently an issue.



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God made man in His image by giving us relationships, just as the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit relate to each other in the Trinity. This may be a mind-boggling concept, but it reveals to us who God is and why we so desperately need a relationship with God and others!

Just like Adam and Eve, we all have the desire to connect with other people! These connections are not just found in marriage, though marriage is a wonderful gift. We find these connections in our families, with our friends, and also in our churches and communities!

Read *REVERSES Ephesians 4:15-16*. What is the ultimate goal for our close relationships with believers?



If you are a believer, you are a valuable part of Christ's body and are able to use your relationships with others to draw them closer to Christ. Encouraging and building each other up in this way creates connection and unity. This unity reflects the unity and peace we can have with God when we believe in Jesus for salvation.

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Connect with 1 new person at church this week! Look for someone who is all alone or who you haven't talked to very much before.

Scripture: Ephesians 4:15-16

Key Truth: God created us with the desire and ability to connect with others for the glory of God.

Discussion: What are some relationships you have that help you to be more like Jesus? Who is someone you can connect with this week?

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On Day 1, we learned that we are *created on* _____.

What is one verse you know that shows and supports this truth?



For what purpose were you created?



What makes every single human being valuable and precious?



What aspect of God's character encourages you the most as you seek to live as He created you to do? Why?

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Today, thank God for all that you have learned about how He created you and cares for you. Ask Him to help you love and obey Him until you finally get to be with Him in eternity.

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When your children ask you why someone did something sinful or struggle to understand wrong actions, take the time to remind them of this truth. Encourage them with the knowledge that Christ has already redeemed us from the power of sin, and one day He will come again and make everything right.



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Scripture: 1 John 3:1-3

Key Truth: As God's children, we look forward to glory and a perfect relationship with God, our Creator.

Discussion: What is one area you would like to grow in after having done this study? Why are you thankful for the way God created you?



CREATED

Do you ever wonder **why** you're here? What are you on the earth to do? Do your thoughts and actions matter when there are so many other people in this world?

Welcome to **Created**, a study on **why** God made you and **how** He enables and empowers you to fulfill His purpose for your life! God made you uniquely who you are **on purpose** and for a purpose. I hope you're ready and excited to learn the truth about yourself and the love your Creator has shown for you.

