

BIBLE STORY FOLLOW-UP
KIDS
August 16, 2020 - Week 3

Bottom Line: God created you for a purpose.	Basic Truth: I can trust God no matter what.	Memory Verse: LORD, you are great. You are really worthy of praise. No one can completely understand how great you are. <i>Psalm</i> <i>145:3 (NirV)</i>
Life App: Creativity  Imagining what you could do because you're made in God's image		
Today's Story: "This is Me" (Esther) • <i>Esther</i>		

ACTIVITY

Who Can Help?

What You Need: Index cards / pieces of paper / sticky notes and markers (or anything to write with)

What You Do:

- Ask kids to brainstorm words that describe themselves or people they know.

(For example: funny, kind, athletic, musical, artistic, encouraging, good listener, organized, writer, storyteller, actor, builder, teacher, nature lover, patient, or animal lover.)
- As kids give examples, write each one on a separate index card. Ideally, you want at least 15-20 examples.
- After you finish making the cards, lay them face up in the center of the circle.
- As you read a scenario from the list below, instruct kids to mentally select a card that describes someone who could help in the scenario.

- Let kids know there will probably be several possible answers for each scenario.
- Take turns asking kids to share which description they chose and why they chose it. Ask how someone who has that characteristic could help in the given situation.
- **Scenarios:**
 - The jump ropes used for gym class are a tangled mess. Who can help?
 - It's time for the Christmas pageant. The director needs help with creating the set and the costumes. Who can help?
 - A kid on the soccer team struggles with getting the ball to where it's supposed to go. Who can help? *(The obvious answer is someone athletic, but someone who is encouraging or a good teacher could also help.)*
 - The local animal shelter needs someone to care for the animals and walk the dogs. Who can help?
 - There's a bake sale to raise money for the youth group's mission trip. Who can help?
 - Two friends are in a fight. Who can help them work out their differences?
 - The teacher has left the room, and the class is getting crazy. Who can help everybody calm down and follow the rules?
 - Somebody on the playground fell, and their hand is bleeding. Who can help?
 - *If there is an outreach or service organization that your church supports, is there an opportunity for kids to use their talents to serve that organization? If so, create a scenario incorporating the organization.*

What You Say:

“Figuring out your purpose can take some time. Esther didn't know her purpose as queen right away, but it eventually became clear to her. Recognizing what you like to do and what you are good at can help you discover God's purpose for you. Maybe, you're a good listener and you see an opportunity to listen to a friend who is sad and needs to talk. If you're funny and a great storyteller, you might see opportunities to

make people around you smile. **[Bottom Line] God created you for a purpose.** Keeping your eyes open for problems that you have the skills or ideas to solve can help find your purpose. Being aware of the people around you who may need the kind of help you can offer can help you figure out your purpose.”

This is a great opportunity to share what you see in your kids, and encourage them in that way. Maybe, you notice they always have a kind word or a great attitude or is always polite. Does one of your kids makes people laugh? Who is always ready to participate in the games and activities?

Make it Personal

Share about a time you used a skill or talent you have to help others.