

Creation

Bible Story Focus: God made me, and He made me to do important things. • *Genesis 1 and 2*

Memory Verse: "LORD, you are more powerful than the roar of the ocean. You are stronger than the waves of the sea." *Psalms 93:4 (NIRV)*

Key Question: Who can help you change the world around you?

Bottom Line: God can help me change the world around me.

GAMES ROTATION

This rotation is meant to be flexible for your church environment.

You have several options.

- These games are designed in a way that could be used inside or outside.
- For outdoors, you will need a large, open space with secure boundaries.
- For indoors, we suggest an open space that's free of chairs or tables.
- Prepare for as many games as your resources and space allow.

1. Ocean Moves

Made to Move: An activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn

2. Parachute Waves

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3. Things God Made

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What You Need: no supplies needed

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Gather the children in your activity area.

During the Activity:

- Lead them in the following movements related to things found in the ocean!
- Movements:
 - Chomp like a shark or swim like a shark. (Make a fin on your head with your hand.)
 - Dive (or jump) like a dolphin.
 - Snap like a crab.
 - Swim or blow bubbles like a fish.
 - Sing like a humpback whale.
 - Stretch out your arms like a starfish.
 - Wiggle like an octopus.
 - Waddle like a penguin.
 - Bark like a seal.
 - Slither like an eel.

What You Say:

Before the Activity:

"Friends, come over here with me! There are SO many different animals in the ocean. Let's move like these ocean animals."

After the Activity:

"You did a great job listening and moving like ocean animals. That was super fun! Today, we heard a story about WHO made the ocean. Do you remember who made the ocean? (*Pause.*) God made the ocean, and God made you too!

"God made you to do important things that can change the world around you. When I ask, **who can help you change the world around you**, you say, [*Bottom Line*] **God can help me change the world around me. Who can help you change the world around you? [*Bottom Line*] God can help me change the world around me.**"

2. Parachute Waves

Made to Move: An activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn

What You Need: preschool-friendly parachute or a blue, flat bedsheet

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Lay the parachute or sheet out in the activity area.

During the Activity:

- Have the children hold the handles or sides of the parachute/sheet.
- Encourage them to make small waves by gently shaking the parachute/sheet.
- Gradually grow to big waves.
- Have them go back to small waves.
- Have them hold the parachute over their heads and have them sit down, creating a huge wave.

After the Activity:

- Put the parachute/sheet away and out of the activity area.

What You Say:

Before the Activity:

“Hi, friends! We’re going to use our parachute/sheet to create waves! Today in our Bible story, we learned that God made the whole world—including the ocean and waves. Now, it’s our turn to make some waves.”

During the Activity:

“Can everyone grab a handle/side of the parachute/sheet? Great job! Now, let’s make little waves. Now, let’s start to make some bigger waves by shaking it even more. Now, the biggest waves of all! Let’s hold the parachute/sheet way over our heads and now sit down! Wow! That was such a big wave!”

After the Activity:

“Great job, friends! It was so much fun making waves together. God made the ocean and everything in it, and God made you! God made you to do important things that can change the world around you.”

“When I ask, **who can help you change the world around you**, you say, **[Bottom Line] God can help me change the world around me. Who can help you change the world around you? [Bottom Line] God can help me change the world around me.**”

3. Things God Made

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What You Need: "Things God Made" Activity Pages, cardstock, painter's tape

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Copy "Things God Made" on cardstock.
- Tape up the images with the wall tape around the activity area at a child's eye level.
- Spread out the pictures as much as your space allows.

During the Activity:

- Gather the children to stand in the center of your small group area.
- Call out a way to travel from the list below, and something God made from the pictures on the wall.
- Ways to travel:
 - swim
 - hop
 - jump
 - skip
 - run
 - walk
- Children will move to that picture in the manner you've suggested.
- Once everyone arrives at the picture, say the Bottom Line together.
- Encourage the children to head back to the center of the activity area for the next round.

What You Say:

Before the Activity:

"Friends, come stand here with me! Do you see the pictures we've put up around the room? These are all things God made! I'm going to call out something God made AND a way for us to travel to get there. Is everybody listening? If you're listening, put both hands up to your ears like this. (*Cup your hands around the back of your ears.*) Great, here we go!"

During the Activity:

"Let's run to the tree! (*Lead children to the tree.*) Who made trees? Yes! God made trees. And, God made you to do important things that can change the world around you. **Who can help you change the world around you? [Bottom Line] God can help me change the world around me.** Great job. Now let's head back to where we started and play again."

GETTING READY

Here's everything you need to know to get ready for games today.

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What You Need:

- Preschool-friendly parachute or a blue flat bedsheet

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- "Things God Made" Activity Pages
- Cardstock
- Painter's tape

What You Do:

- Copy the "Things God Made" onto cardstock.
- Use the wall tape to tape these images to the wall in your activity area at a child's eye level.
- Space them out on the wall as much as you can.

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