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**ONE**  
SUMMER 2021

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## MADE TO PLAY

an activity that encourages preschoolers to follow guidelines while having fun and learning new concepts

### TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Creation  
**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."  
**PSALM 93:4 , NIrV**

### KEY QUESTION

Who can help you change the world around you?

### BOTTOM LINE

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### BASIC TRUTH

God made me.



## 1. CREATION BASKET

**WHAT YOU NEED:** large basket, several plush animals, baby doll

### WHAT YOU DO:

*During the Activity:*

- Place all of the animals and the doll in the basket.
- Gather the children around the basket.
- Guide the children to take turns picking one item from the basket.
- Each time a child picks an item from the basket, name it together.
- End by telling the children that God made them.

### WHAT YOU SAY:

*Before the Activity:*

"Hey friends! Come sit with me. I have a basket filled with things God made!"

*During the Activity:*

"Our Bible story was about how God made everything! Let's look in this basket and see some of the things God made. [Name of child], pick one thing from our basket. *(Pause as the child holds the item for everyone to see.)* Hmm . . . what is this? *(Pause.)* Yes! This is an [elephant]. God made [elephants]! Thank you, [name of child]! Now, [name of another child], pick one thing from our basket . . . *(continue saying this with each child and the item they choose.)*

*When a child chooses the baby doll:*

"We know what this is! This is a . . . BABY! God made people, and He made them to do important things. That means God made [name of child] and God made [name of child] and God made *(say this with each child's name!)*"

*After the Activity:*

"God made people, and He made us to do important things. When we do what God made us to do, we can change the world around us. So, when I ask you, **who can help you change the world around you**, I want you to say, **God can help me change the world around me**. Let's try it! **Who can help you change the world around you? God can help me change the world around me. Yay! God can help me change the world around me!"**



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## 2. MEMORY VERSE WITH MOTIONS

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Memory Verse Sticker" Activity Page,  
Avery #5294 or equivalent

### WHAT YOU DO:

*Before the Activity:*

- Copy the "Memory Verse Sticker" on Avery #5294 label paper—one per child.
- Say the Memory Verse and do the following motions in front of the children.

"'Lord, you are (*point up*) more powerful than (*muscle arms*) the roar of the ocean. (*Hands by mouth.*) You are stronger than (*muscle arms*) the waves of the sea,' (*Arms make waves.*) Psalm 93:4, NIV." (*Open hands like a book.*)

*During the Activity:*

- Say the verse again with the motions and invite the children to do it with you.
- Repeat several times.
- Give each child a sticker with the Memory Verse to place on their shirt.

### WHAT YOU SAY:

*Before the Activity:*

"Let's learn our Memory Verse for this week! I'll say it first. Watch me! 'Lord, you are (*point up*) more powerful than (*muscle arms*) the roar of the ocean. (*Hands by mouth.*) You are stronger than (*muscle arms*) the waves of the sea,' (*Arms make waves.*) Psalm 93:4, NIV." (*Open hands like a book.*)

*During the Activity:*

"Now, let's say it with the motions together. Are you ready? 'Lord, you are (*point up*) more powerful than (*muscle arms*) the roar of the ocean. (*Hands by mouth.*) You are stronger than (*muscle arms*) the waves of the sea,' (*Arms make waves.*) Psalm 93:4, NIV." (*Open hands like a book.*)

"I have this sticker here with the Memory Verse on it! You can put it on your shirt to take home as a reminder. You can teach the motions and the verse to your family."

*After the Activity:*

"Our Memory Verse reminds us that God is more powerful than the ocean and stronger than the waves of the sea. Remember, God made the mighty ocean! And He made you to do important things that can change the world around you! **Who can help you change the world around you? God can help me change the world around me.**"



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## 3. GOD MADE ME

**WHAT YOU NEED:** locker mirror, plastic tub or small blow-up pool, blue paper shreds

### WHAT YOU DO:

*Before the Activity:*

- Attach the locker mirror to the inside bottom of the tub or small pool.

- Place a layer of blue shreds on top of the mirror.

*During the Activity:*

- Help each child push the blue shreds aside so they can see themselves.

### WHAT YOU SAY:

*Before the Activity:*

"Friends, come look at this little pool!"

*During the Activity:*

"What is this pool full of? (Pause.) Yes, it's blue paper. It sort of looks like water waves! I wonder if we can push the pretend water to the side. Look inside the tub. Do you see you? Where are you? (Push some paper shreds aside.) There you are. (Let the paper shreds fall back.) Where did you go? There you are. I see you!"

*After the Activity:*

"That was so much fun looking at ourselves in the mirror. Tell me. Who made you? Yes, God made you, and God made me! He made us to do important things like loving others and helping. And when we do, we can change the world! **Who can help you change the world around you? God can help me change the world around me.**"



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## 4. MAKE SOME WAVES

**WHAT YOU NEED:** gallon-size zip-top bags, blue hair gel, heavy duty tape, foam fish

### WHAT YOU DO:

*Before the Activity:*

- Fill each bag half full with the gel.
- Place the foam fish inside the bags.
- Seal the bags and secure them with the tape.
- Place the bags on a table or the floor and tape all four sides down to secure them in place.

*During the Activity:*

- Have children gather around the plastic bags—three children to a bag.
- Invite the children to move the gel to make big waves.

### WHAT YOU SAY:

*During the Activity:*

"Today we heard all about who made the waves in the ocean. Who made them? (Pause.) Yes! God made the waves, and God made us too! Let's see if we can make some pretend waves in this bag. Use your hands to move the water super-fast and make some big waves." (Demonstrate.)

*After the Activity:*

"WOW! You made super-big waves! Remind me, who made the ocean full of waves? (Pause.) God did! And who made you? (Pause.) God did! He made you to do important things. He made YOU to change the world! **Who can help you change the world around you? God can help me change the world around me.**"



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### SUPPLEMENTAL RESOURCES

**First Look Pinterest Page**

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