



DAY  
**ONE**  
SUMMER 2021

SMALL GROUP  
**3-5** YEAR  
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## MADE TO PLAY

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



## 1. MADE TO MATCH

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Memory Match Floor Cards" Activity Pages, cardstock

**WHAT YOU DO:**

*Before the Activity:*

- Make two sets of the "Memory Match Floor Cards" on cardstock.

*During the Activity:*

- Sit with the children and look at the "Memory Match Floor Cards" together.
- When you are done, mix the cards up and lay them face down on the floor.
- Guide the children to take turns turning two cards over at a time as they look for matches.
- Each time a child turns two cards over, read the text on the card to review that part of the Bible story.

*After the Activity:*

- Talk about how God made us, and how God made us to do important things.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

*Before the Activity:*

"I have a fun game for us to play! Come sit with me! Let's start by looking at these pictures together."

*During the Activity:*

(Hold up each card just to identify the pictures.) "Now that we have looked at all of these pictures, we are going to play a game with them! First, I will put all of the cards face down on the floor. When I call your name, I want you to pick two cards and turn them over so everyone can see the pictures. Each time we find two cards that look the same, we will put them together until every picture has a match."

*After the Activity:*

"Wow! God made everything! That means God made you and you and you . . . (point to each child) And when God made you, He made you to do important things, like talk to Him, be kind to others, and love everyone! When we do what God made us to do, God can help us 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.** Here we go! **Who can help you change the world around you? God can help me change the world around me!"**

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Creation  
**GENESIS 1 AND 2**

## MEMORY VERSE

"Lord, you are more powerful  
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waves of the sea."  
**PSALM 93:4 , NIV**

## KEY QUESTION

Who can help you change  
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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 on it 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.'" (*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.'" (*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, God made you to do important things that 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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## 3. THINGS GOD MADE

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Things God Made Dominoes" Activity Page, scissors, cardstock

### WHAT YOU DO:

*Before the Activity:*

- Copy "Things God Made Dominoes" on cardstock—two copies per page.

- Cut along dotted lines.
- Stack dominoes in a pile on the table.

*During the Activity:*

- Gather the children around the dominoes.
- Encourage the children to look at the pictures and match them up.
- Show the children how to lay them end to end, matching up the pictures as you would match up the numbers in a regular game of dominoes.
- Encourage the children to identify the things God made in each picture.

*After the Activity:*

- Gather all the dominoes and set them aside.

### WHAT YOU SAY:

*Before the Activity:*

"Friends, come sit here with me!"

*During the Activity:*

"Have you ever played with dominoes? I have some special dominoes with pictures on them. (*Hold up a domino.*) Oh look, here's a [item God made]. God made [item]. Let's see if we can find its match. (*Sort through the dominoes until you find a matching one.*) Look, here it is! Let's put them end to end like this."

*After the Activity:*

"Look at all these wonderful things God made! Do you know what else God made? Everyone, stick out your thumb and put it to your chest like this. (*Demonstrate*) Yes, God made you, and God made me! God made us to do important things—like loving others and helping. When we do those important things, 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. WATER PLAY

**WHAT YOU NEED:** water table or large, flat plastic bin filled with two inches of water; plastic tablecloth; several plastic boats

*NOTE: Always supervise children around water. As soon as the activity is finished, dump the water out of the table or bin if possible or set the bin out of reach of the children.*

### WHAT YOU DO:

*Before the Activity:*

- Set out the water table on the tablecloth and fill it with water.
- If using the plastic bin, cover the table with the tablecloth and set the bin on top.
  - Fill the plastic bin with an inch or two of water.
- Set the boats in the water.

*During the Activity:*

- Encourage the children to play with the boats in the water!

*After the Activity:*

- Dump out the water, set the boats aside to dry, and move the water table or bin out of reach of the children.

### WHAT YOU SAY:

*Before the Activity:*

"Friends, let's gather around the water table! What do you see? Boats! That's right. Let's play with the boats in the water. Remember friends, let's share the boats so everyone gets a turn. And let's keep our boats and the water inside the water table/bin."

*After the Activity:*

"That was SO fun! Tell me, who made the oceans and lakes that boats can float in? (Pause.) God did! Who made everything? (Pause.) God did! And who made you? (Pause.) God did! God made you to do important things. God 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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## 5. JOURNAL AND PRAYER

**WHAT YOU NEED:** paperclip the "Memory Verse Card" in your Bible at Psalm 93:4; journal; fun-shaped pen

### WHAT YOU SAY:

**SMALL GROUP LEADER (SGL):** "It's small group time! Today we're going to pretend to be an animal that God made. Since God made ALL of the animals, you can

pretend to be any animal you want! You can pretend to be a fish or a bird or a lion or a little, bitty mouse—whatever you want! Does everyone know what animal you want to pretend to be? (Pause.) Okay, animals, follow me!"

*Pretend to be an animal as you lead the children to your small group spot.*

**SGL:** "We made it to our spot, animal friends! Let's sit down and talk about today's Bible story. One, two, three, sit down with me!"

*Open the Bible and lay it in front of the children.*

**SGL:** "Our Bible story today was about how God made people, and God made people to do important things. Do you remember the important jobs God gave Adam and Eve? (Pause.) Yes, Adam named all of the animals, and then Adam and Eve took care of the garden together.

"God made [child's name] and God made [child's name] and God made . . . (say this with each child's name) to do important things too. When we do the important things God made us to do, we can change the world around us.

"That's why when I ask you, **who can help you change the world around you**, you will say, **God can help me change the world around me**. Tell me, who can help you change the world around you?

**CHILDREN AND SGL:** "God can help me change the world around me!"

**SGL:** "God can help us change the world around us, because God is more powerful than the roar of the ocean and stronger than the waves of the sea. It says so right here in the Bible verse we are going to learn together. It says . . .

*Turn the pages of your Bible to the Memory Verse Card.*

**SGL:** "'Lord, you are more powerful than the roar of the ocean. You are stronger than the waves of the sea,' Psalm 93:4, NIV."

*Close the Bible and lay it down.*



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**SGL:** "Let's stand up and say that together with these motions I am going to teach you. Just say what I say and do what I do."

**CHILDREN AND SGL:** "'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*)

*Repeat the verse with the motions a few times.*

**SGL:** "Wow! That was great! (*clap*)

"Now, let's sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God.

*Hold journal and fun-shaped pen.*

**SGL:** "One of the important things God made us to do is be kind. That's why we are going to make a list of ways we can be kind in our prayer journal. Some of the ways we can be kind are smiling at people, sharing what we have, helping others, and saying kind words. When I say your name, tell me one way you can be kind, and I'll write it down.

*Remember to print as you write so the children can recognize their names and the letters.*

**SGL:** "These are wonderful ways we can be kind. Would anyone like to pray before I pray?"

*Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.*

## PRAYER

**SGL:** "Dear God, thank You for making (*name each child*). Thank You for making us to do important things, like being kind to others. Please help us be kind and do things like (*read the list the children made*). We know You can help us change the world around us when we do the things You made us to do. We love You, God. And we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."



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- Journal
- Fun-shaped pen

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Paperclip the "Memory Verse Card" in your Bible at Psalm 93:4.

### SUPPLEMENTAL RESOURCES

**First Look Pinterest Page**

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