

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION  
15 MINUTES

## MADE TO CREATE

an activity that explores ideas through the process of drawing, building, designing, and problem-solving



## 2. OPENING ACTIVITY

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Index cards, markers or pencils

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Gather kids in a circle.
- Give each kid six index cards.
- Instruct them to write an object on two cards, an action word on two cards and a descriptive word on two cards.
- Shuffle the cards and lay them face down in the center of the group.
- Instruct kids to each pick four cards.
- Guide kids to tell a story incorporating the words on the cards they selected.
- Ask for a volunteer to start the story and then let the next kid add the next sentence.
- After they use a word, tell them to pick another card.
- Challenge the group to use as many cards as they can in telling the story.
- When time is up, end the story by saying, "The End."

## TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

**You Say**

God So Loved the World  
John 3:16  
(supporting: John 3:1-21)

## TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

**How does Jesus matter in your life?**

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

"You did a great job using the words to tell one crazy story, a story I thought would never end. **[Transition] Let's head to Large Group to hear a story without an end . . . a truly never-ending story.**"

## TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

**You can be confident because God loves you.**

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

## MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

**I remain confident of this:  
I will see the goodness of the  
Lord in the land of the living.**  
Psalm 27:13, NIV

## MONTHLY LIFE APP

**Confidence—Learning to see  
yourself the way God sees you**

## BASIC TRUTH

**I can trust God no matter what.**

### MADE TO PLAY

an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and/or working as a group



## 1. TAKE A SNAPSHOT [LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** No supplies needed

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Instruct kids to sit on the floor.
- Ask a series of “yes or no” questions. If kids think the answer is yes, they stand up; if they think the answer is no, they remain seated.
- Before revealing the answers, ask:
  - How confident are you in your answer?
  - Instruct kids to give a thumbs up if they are confident or a thumbs down if they are not confident in their answer.
  - They can also give a “neutral” thumb if they’re sort of in the middle between confident or not confident.
- Start by asking questions about yourself.
  - Be sure to ask questions kids can answer with confidence, such as, “Am I wearing shoes?” or “Do I have a pet elephant?”
  - Then ask other questions that kids may not be sure about, “Do I like to read?” or “Do I have a green bike?”
- Allow kids to ask questions to the group about themselves and see how confident the group is in answering the question.
- Potential wrap-up questions:
  - Why were you confident in some of your answers and not in others? To prompt kids, use their responses to the questions.
    - For example: Why were you confident I was wearing shoes? Why weren’t you confident I have a green bike?
  - To have confidence is to know that something is true. What are ways we know things are true?

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PRELUDE

SOCIAL

STORY

WORSHIP

GROUPS

HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT  
25 MINUTES

### MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that creates space  
for personal processing  
and application



## 5. MAKE IT PERSONAL WITH PRAYER [PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Bibles, (Optional) butcher paper from  
the Bible Story Extension Activity

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Review John 3:16 using your hand. Use the following as a guide for discussion:
  - Point to your thumb—the thumb represents you. All of us sin or disobey God and our sin separates us from God because He’s perfect.
  - Point to your index finger—but God loves all of us so much
  - Point to your middle finger—that He gave us Jesus
  - Point to your ring finger—and when we believe in Jesus
  - Point to your pinky finger—and trust Jesus is the way to be with God
  - Make a fist hiding your thumb with your fingers—you will never be separated from God and you can be with Him now and forever.
  - Allow kids time to practice reviewing John 3:16 using their hand to prompt them.
- Close in prayer.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

“God, Your goodness is in everything You created! And when You created us in Your image, You declared us to be very good. God, we want to see ourselves the way You see us. Help us to remember that You love us and You gave us Jesus so when we believe in Him we can live now and forever with You. God, help us to keep in tune with You so we can reflect Your love to others. In Jesus’ name we pray! Amen.”

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