

MADE TO CREATE

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



2. YOU CAN BE CONFIDENT [LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Prepared "Confident" Activity Page, prepared toilet paper tubes, level surface, heavy flat objects, decorating supplies

WHAT YOU DO:

- Practice the object lesson ahead of time so that you'll be confident (pun intended) when leading the kids.
- Lead kids to gather around you.
- Set the "God Loves Me" toilet paper tube vertically on a level, smooth surface. Show kids the heavy objects.
- Ask them how many books/items they think the tube can hold—One? Two? Three? More?
- Carefully balance the objects on top of the tube, adding one at a time.
- Emphasize that when we know that God loves us, we can be CONFIDENT to do and try things that seem hard.
- Set out the cards from the "Confident" Activity Page.
 - We can be confident to stand up to bullies.
 - We can be confident to try new things—like tying our shoes.
 - We can be confident to make new friends.
 - We can be confident to make the wise choice even when others aren't!
- Give each kid a paper roll segment.
- Set out the decorating supplies and invite kids to decorate their strips to make bracelets.
- Encourage kids to wear their bracelets as reminders that **you can be confident because God loves you.**

WHAT YOU SAY:

"When you know that God loves you (*read the words on the tube, pointing to each one*), you can be CONFIDENT to do things that seem hard: You can be confident to stand up to bullies (*show the picture*). You can be confident to try new things—like tying your shoes (*show the picture*). You can be confident to make new friends (*show the picture*). And you can be confident to make the wise choice (*show the picture*)—even when others aren't. **You can be CONFIDENT because God loves you!**

[Make It Personal] (Tell kids about a time when knowing that God loves you helped you be confident, whether it was confidence to be kind to someone, to try something hard, or even to lead a small group!)

"How can YOU be confident because God loves you? (*Pause and give kids time to think—there's a lot of brain work happening in the silence! If kids are still stuck for ideas, ask prompting questions: Can you be confident to make a new friend? Can you be confident to listen to your teacher even when others aren't? etc.*)

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

You Say

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

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

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

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.

(2. YOU CAN BE CONFIDENT, CONTINUED)

“So, remember that **you can be confident because God loves you**. In fact, God loves you SO MUCH that He GAVE His one and only Son so that WHOEVER BELIEVES in Him will LIVE FOREVER! It’s okay if you don’t understand everything now. But if you’d like to talk with someone about what it means to believe in Jesus and follow Him, you can talk with me, another leader, your mom or dad, or someone you know who follows Jesus. Just remember that **you can be confident because God loves you!**”

Note: Depending on what you know about your kids, it might be a good idea to simply “plant the seeds” and have a conversation about salvation, without explicitly leading kids to take a step of faith. If a child’s parents are already believers, they may want to be present for the moment their child accepts Jesus. Use your judgment and your knowledge of your kids’ home lives when having this conversation.



**Stand up
to bullies**



**Try new
things**



**Make new
friends**



**Make the
wise choice**

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

STORY

WORSHIP

GROUPS

HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO IMAGINE

an activity that promotes empathy and facilitates concrete application through role-play and reenactment



* 1. BIG LOVE, BIG STORY

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Big Love, Big Story" Activity Pages, stapler, hand sanitizer, markers

WHAT YOU DO:

- Give every kid one pump of hand sanitizer.
- Give each kid a "Big Love, Big Story" Activity Page.
- Instruct kids to fold their paper like a book and staple it.
- Set out markers for your group to share.
- Encourage kids to pair up and work together to complete the inside pages of their books.
- Instruct the kids to decorate their books and draw themselves on the cover.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Nicodemus was really smart and knew a lot about God, but what he didn't know was how to have a relationship with God. The night Nicodemus came to visit Jesus, he learned that when we decide to follow Jesus, we get to have a relationship with Him.

"When Jesus talked with Nicodemus, Jesus used some words that can be confusing. He said that we need to be 'born again.' What that means is just like when you are a baby, you are brand new. You start something new. When we choose to follow Jesus, we are born again. We get a fresh start with God. We start a brand-new relationship with Jesus that will last forever.

"You know what else happens when you decide to follow Jesus? You become a part of God's story, just like this little book we made! You're born again, you start a new relationship with God, and you get to live knowing **you can be confident because God loves you.**"

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Print the following two pages double-sided. Fold like a book. Provide one for each kid.

"Big Love, Big Story" Activity Page

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When Nicodemus grew really curious about Jesus, what did he do?

When did Nicodemus do what he did?

What did Nicodemus find out?

Fill in the blanks:

God I _____

God 9 _____

_____ believes

lives _____

You can be confident because

_____ .

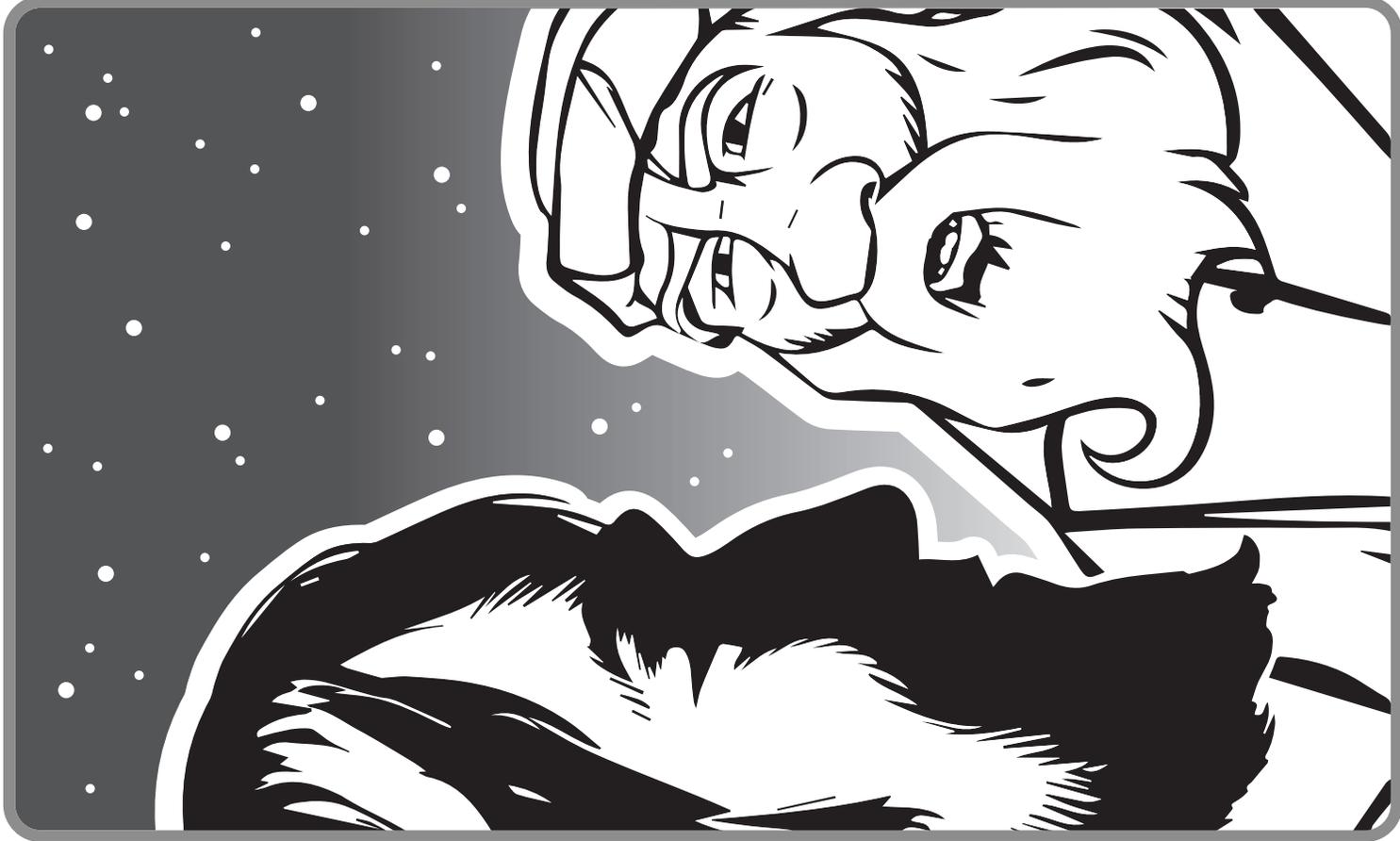
Look up John 3:16 and write it below.

BIG LOVE



Draw yourself here!

BIG STORY





**SHERWOOD
KIDS**

VBS

DAY
ONE
JUNE 2021

SMALL GROUP
CRAFTS

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

"God so loved the World"

John 3:16

(supporting: John 3:1-21)

4TH - 5TH GRADE NOTE:

THERE ARE NO CRAFTS FOR 4TH - 5TH GRADE DAY ONE.

THANK YOU FOR SERVING!

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LIFE APPLICATION

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