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CHECK IT OUT!

Many young people have been convinced that they are worthless and not very special. Suicide is the second leading cause of death among teens. Low self worth is even common among young children. Why is this happening? It's a shame that kids have not been told what God says about them or they don't believe it. They have listened to the messages on TV, movies, and music and they are unaware of what the Word of God says about them. The Bible is very clear about how God feels about kids. Jesus said that the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to "such as these" (Luke 18:16). In today's Bible Story, the Children of Israel are crying out to God for help because they were in bondage in Egypt. He heard their cry and raised up Moses to deliver them out of slavery. The fact is: the Children of Israel were special to God and He cared about what they were going through. In the same way, He sees us and knows our situation. The Bible says He even thinks about us! We're on His mind! It's so wonderful to know that as little as we are, we are special to God.



MAIN FOCUS

GOD MADE ME SPECIAL

MAIN POINT

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MAIN WORD

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Psalm 139:17

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ORDER OF SERVICE

COUNTDOWN VIDEO

5 min. Video

INTRO VIDEO

Major Jake and Sgt. Lips

PHRAZE CRAZE

*GOD LOVES US AND WE
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WORD DROP

Psalm 139:17

SPATULA THEATER

"The Children of Israel"

SERMON

"God's Special People"

TIME BLASTER SKIT

"Moses"

TIC TAC TOE

Review Game

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Illustrated Sermon

"God's Special People" Exodus 3:7-10

Supplies Needed:

Baby Doll, something very special to you (heirloom, antique, picture, etc.) play sand, red construction paper, binoculars

Preparation:

Cut red construction paper into the shape of a heart.

Did you know that you are very special to God? I know it's kinda hard to believe that a God as big as ours actually cares about us, but it's true! He does care! He actually knows you very well. He knows everything about you because He's the One who made you!

(Bring out baby doll) The Bible says that God knew you before you were even born (Jeremiah 1:5). In Psalms it says that He formed you in your mother's womb (Psalms 139:13). He was the One who decided what color hair you would have and what color your eyes would be and everything about you. He made you different and unique. There's no one else like you in all the world! God thinks you are very special and He loves you very much.

Do you have something that is very special to you? Maybe it's a baseball card, or the blankie you had when you were very little, something that was given to you by someone you love very much, or a special picture. I have a _____ *(find something that is special to you to show the kids)*. It is so special to me because _____ *(explain why it is special to you.)* I am very careful with this because I don't want anything to happen to it. That's how God was with the Children of Israel. You see, they were slaves in Egypt. They were treated badly, they were beaten and God heard them crying out to Him. God knew how they were mistreated, so He raised up Moses to deliver them, to rescue them from their slavery. God spoke to Moses from a burning bush. He told Moses that He was going to use him to rescue the Israelites. He would not have done that if he didn't care about us.

There are three things we can be sure of about God:

- 1. GOD LOVES YOU**— The Bible says in John 3:16, that God loved us so much that he gave His only Son! His only Son! Now that's a lot of love! You are so special to God that he was willing to let His only Son die a terrible death on a cross, so that your sins could be forgiven. He was thinking about YOU when He allowed His son to die. You are special to Him and He loves you very much. *(Bring out heart)* I have this heart. What does a big red heart like this mean? *(Allow for response)*. Love! Did you know that God's heart beats for you. The Bible says in 1 John 4:8 that God is



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Love. That’s who He is. He’s been loving us from the beginning of time and He will keep on loving us. There is nothing we can do to earn His love. He just gives it to us and it’s up to us to receive it.

- 2. GOD THINKS ABOUT US—** *(Bring out the sand)* The Bible says that He thinks about us so much that we would not be able to count all His thoughts (Psalms 139:17). His thoughts toward us are more than the sand (Psalms 139:18) *(let the sand run through your fingers)*. We are actually on God’s mind! Isn’t that so cool? When we go through hard times and we feel so sad, God is actually thinking about us. The Israelites were on His mind, that’s why He delivered them from their bondage. He thought about how bad they were being treated so He decided to rescue them from the bondage of Pharaoh.
- 3. GOD SEES US—** *(Bring out binoculars)* Not only does God love us and think about us, but He also sees us. He sees all the times you cry. Listen to what Exodus 3:7 says, *The Lord said, “I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering.* The Israelites cried out in desperation and God saw their suffering and it moved Him to do something about it. You may not think you are very important, but God does. He sees everything you’re going through. You’re not alone. He sees what goes on at home; at school. He wants to help you. The Bible also says in Psalm 34:18 that He is close to the brokenhearted.


Closing / Altar Time

Boys and girls, you must realize that God loves you very much and you are so special to Him. So special, that He gave his Son for you. The greatest thing you could ever do is receive God’s love, by asking Jesus to be the Lord and Savior of your life.



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TIME BLASTER SKIT



(The Time Blaster Skit can be used with a puppet or a live person. You can set the skit up as if you are bringing the character back from Bible times.)

SAMPLE

“Hi, I’m Moses, but you can call me ‘Mo’. God has just used me to lead the Children of Israel right out of Egypt! God really loves these people. They were treated really bad by the Egyptians and they cried out to the Lord for help and He heard their cry. That’s where I come in. God told me that He had a special plan for my life. I didn’t really know that God cared. I especially didn’t know that he had a plan for my life, but He did! One day, I was out watching the sheep and I saw the most amazing thing! It was a bush that was on fire but it was wasn’t burning up! As I got closer to it, I heard God’s voice speaking to me from the bush. He began to explain how He was going to use me to do great things. I really couldn’t believe it. I didn’t think highly of myself, you know. But God did. Out of all the people in the world, he chose me! I mean, I’m not a good public speaker; I get nervous in front of people. Anyway, God kept telling me that I was the man he wanted to use and that the Israelites were special to Him. He wanted to get them out of Egypt and bring them to the promised land. Pretty cool huh? Well, I’ve got to go up the mountain to meet God. He and I keep in touch up there. See ya later.

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Review Questions

1. Who was keeping the Children of Israel in bondage?
Answer: The Egyptians
2. Who did God raise up to lead the people out of Egypt?
Answer: Moses
3. In the Bible story, how did God reveal Himself to Moses?
Answer: In a burning bush
4. The first thing we learned about God today is He _____ us.
Answer: Loves
5. Where is Today's Main Word found?
Answer: Psalm 139:17
6. The second thing we learned about God today is He _____ about us.
Answer: Thinks
7. The third thing we learned about God today is He _____ us.
Answer: Sees
8. Because of His love, what did God give for us?
Answer: His Son Jesus
9. According to the Bible, how numerous are God's thoughts toward us?
Answer: More than the sand
10. Does God see us when we are hurting and sad?
Answer: Yes