



MARCH THEME

MADE

**Discover Who You're
Meant to Be**

BIBLE STORY

**1 Timothy 4:12 (Acts 14—17;
1 Timothy 4:14; 1 Corinthians 4:17;
1 Corinthians 16:10)**
Dare You to Move | Timothy

BOTTOM LINE

God made me to make a difference

MEMORY VERSE

"How you made me is amazing and wonderful. I praise you for that. What you have done is wonderful. I know that very well."
Psalm 139:14, NIV

LIFE APP

Individuality | Discovering who you are meant to be

BASIC TRUTH

I should treat others the way I want to be treated

FOR LEADERS ONLY

GOD VIEW: the connection between **INDIVIDUALITY** and God's character, as shown through God's big story.

Key Question: How can you make a difference right now? As families are learning more about themselves and how God created them with gifts, skills, and talents, they may wonder how they can use those to make an impact in their world. We hope families will understand that they can make a huge difference right now.

In week three, we look at some of what Paul wrote to Timothy in **1 Timothy 4:12**. Although Timothy was a gifted leader, he was young. Paul reminds Timothy that he should stay faithful to the task God gave him. Even in his youth, Timothy was able to lead the church and point people to Jesus.

Bottom Line: God made me to make a difference. As we discover more about our individuality, we can begin to realize that God created us for a purpose. God can use our strengths to help others and show them what it means to follow Jesus. Through Timothy's story, we hope that families start to understand the purpose God has for them.

SOCIAL: PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION

Welcome kids and spend time engaging in conversation and catching up. Get ready to experience today's story.

Before kids arrive, **PRAY** for each group member by name. Ask God to help you show the kids that they can serve others. Pray that God will lay it on their hearts to serve the people in their lives with the tools they already have been given. Help them to see that they don't have to wait until they are adults to make a difference in someone else's life. They can start today!

•• EARLY ARRIVER IDEA

Made to Connect | An activity that invites kids to share with others and build on their understanding

What You Need: Dice

What You Do:

- Welcome the kids as they arrive.
- This week you'll lead a new "get to know you game" to discover the things that make each of us individuals.
- Let kids take turns rolling the die and then answering the question that corresponds to the number they roll from the list below.
 - One | Favorite animal
 - Two | Favorite book
 - Three | Favorite color



- Four | Favorite candy
- Five | Favorite movie or TV show
- Six | Favorite season
- Let each child share why that choice is their favorite!
- If time allows let everyone roll again. If they roll the same number as before, they should list their 2nd favorite of that thing.

•• UNIQUELY MADE

Made to Explore | An activity that extends learning through hands on experimentation and discovery

What You Need: Large craft sticks, markers

What You Do:

- Hand out a large craft stick to each group member. Set out the markers where everybody can share them.
- Instruct the kids to decorate their stick any way they choose. They can draw designs or geometric patterns. They can draw a face on it. They can write out a Bible verse. The stick is like a blank canvas, so encourage them to let their creativity shine through.
- As they're working, go around the circle and let the kids share a high (*a great thing that happened*) and a low (*a not-so-great thing that happened*) from this past week. Make sure you share as well.

What You Say: "Your sticks are beautiful and will make a great bookmark to use in your Bible! I love how each of your creations are completely your own. Your individuality shines through. God sure showed creativity when God made each of you, too! And God made you different from everyone else for a reason. **[Transition] Today in Sunday CM worship/WoW family worship, we'll learn/we learned why we have been uniquely made by God."**

[Sunday Leaders: Lead your group to the Family Room for Children's Ministry worship. Wednesday Leaders: Continue with the study.]

GROUPS: CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT

Create a safe place to connect and learn how the Bible story applies to real life experiences, through interactive activities and discussion questions.

•• MADE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE [Talk about God | Bible Story Review]

Made to Create | An activity that explores spiritual ideas through the process of drawing, building, and designing

What You Need: "Made to Make a Difference" activity pages, markers

What You Do:

- Talk about Timothy and what kids learned about him in worship today:
 - Who was Timothy? (*A follower of Jesus who came to know about him through the teachings of Paul in Lystra*)
 - What did he do? (*He became the leader of the church in Ephesus at a young age; He followed God, faithfully preaching to others about Jesus.*)
 - How did Timothy make a difference? (*He was faithful to tell others about Jesus.*)
- Give each kid a "Made to Make a Difference" activity page.
- Select a volunteer to read the verse in the center of the page aloud. Talk about who said these words (*Paul*) to Timothy and why he said them. (*To encourage Timothy that he could lead, no matter his age.*)
- Tell kids to write down words or phrases that describe them on the "Made to Make a Difference" activity page. They can include their



likes, things they're good at, things they like to do in their free time, talents or skills they have, etc. Encourage them to create a sort of "All About Me" page around the verse.

- Encourage kids share a few of things they've written down and talk about how one of the things they shared could lead to making a difference in the world around them.

What You Say: "You guys are so creative! I love reading what you've written. It is true that **[Bottom Line] God made me to make a difference.** God made you to make a difference, too. If you're great at soccer, maybe you could gather some friends in your neighborhood for a game and include the new kid that doesn't know anyone. If you love to bake, maybe you could bake some cookies for a friend who is sad. There are SO many ways you could choose to make a difference. Remember, God made you special, and God loves you. But God wants you to use all those wonderful, amazing, unique things to make a difference and to help others see that God made and loves them too. Even though Timothy was young, he still used the things he knew and the skills he had to tell others about Jesus."

[Make It Personal] *(Tell the kids something about yourself that makes you an individual that you have used to make a difference. Maybe you love computers and you've helped someone else fix something on their computer; or because you love kids, you to show up each week to lead your crazy small group!)*

•• **WHAT CAN ONE DO** [Live for God | Application Activity]

Made to Imagine | An activity that promotes empathy and facilitates biblical application through role-play and reenactment

What You Need: "Make a Difference Scenarios" activity cards

What You Do:

- Set the scenario cards face down in the center of your area.
- Let the kids take turns selecting a card to read aloud to the group.
- Then let the him/her act out how one person could make a difference in that scenario.
- Allow the others to give commentary as the kid is acting it out to make sure they understand what he/she is portraying.
- Repeat, allowing as many kids as possible to draw a card and act out the scenario.

What You Say: "I LOVED your ideas and your acting skills! One person really can make a difference. In fact, sometimes all it takes is ONE person standing up for what's right, choosing to do the wise thing, or deciding to treat someone the way they want to be treated. Sometimes it might not seem like you could change things for the better, but you can! God made you special for a reason. Keep reminding yourself: **[Bottom Line] God made me to make a difference.**"

•• **MEMORY VERSE SPIN** [Hear From God | Memory Verse Review]

Made to Move | An activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body

What You Need: Bible

What You Do:

- Ask for a volunteer to look up Psalm 139:14 and read it to your group. Remind them that opening to the center of their Bibles should help them find the book of Psalms.
- Have the kids stand and circle up. Choose the kid with the closest birthday to stand in the center of the circle.
- Call out a number between one and five. The kid in the center will spin around that number of times as the group stands still. When he stops, he points to the kid he's facing.
- That kid must repeat this month's memory verse. He may ask the group for help.
- When he finishes the verse, let him switch places with the kid in the center.
- Repeat until each kid has the chance to recite the verse.
- To make subsequent rounds even more fun, instruct the kids in the circle to rotate as well.

