

Kindergarten: Lesson 17

You are Special

Lesson Objective:

This lesson helps children understand that people are a special part of God's creation, and that each person matters to God. Catechists should help the children understand that they are special, not because of what they do, but because of who they are . . . daughters and sons of God. This, in turn, affects the way they should treat each other.

Learning Outcomes: Students will ...

- Recognize that all people are made in the image and likeness of God (Gen 1:26; CCC 1702)
- Recognize that each person is special (CCC 1703)
- Identify ways that people show they care for each other (Phil 2:1-4)

Materials Needed:

- Prayer space items, Bibles, pencils, crayons, Copies: One of the opening activities (optional), This Little Light of Mine Follow Up Activity, God Made you Special, Self-Portrait of You, Made in God's Image Activity
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As Students Enter Class:

- As students wait for class to begin, you may like to have an activity from one of the links below. Each link has several choices.
- [God Made Me Printables](#)
- [God Made Me Worksheet Set](#)

Beginning of Class:

- Gather around your prayer space and pray a traditional Catholic prayer you have been working on.

Lesson Order	Implementation Ideas
Lesson 17 Video	<p>This video is 1:49 in length.</p> <p>Highlights: Last time we learned that family is important, and it can be modeled after the Holy Family (Jesus, Mary, and Joseph). The Holy Family gives us the example of how we love each other and share God’s love.</p> <p>Each person is a very special part of God’s creation. God loves you for who you are, not because of anything you do.</p> <p>Genesis 1:26 says that God says humans will be created like us. This means you are made in the image and likeness of God. We all have traits that are unique and wonderful.</p> <p>To be a disciple means that everyone should live like the Holy Family, because to show love for God is to love one another also.</p>
You are Special Song	<p>This video is 2:39 in length.</p> <p>The words appear on the screen while the song is sung.</p> <p>DISCUSS: What is special about you? If you could thank God for one thing about the way you are, what would it be?</p>
This Little Light of Mine Song	<p>This video is 3:31 in length.</p> <p>It is the popular song we all know. A light bulb walks around the town. Encourage students to get up and walk around your classroom and sing, in an organized manner, such as a circle.</p> <p>If you would like to do a follow up activity, click on the link below to access:</p> <p>This little light of mine follow up activity</p>
Psalm 139 Meditation	This video is 2:45 in length.

Encourage students to look at the pictures of Jesus in each slide and make a mental note what He is doing. Then provide sharing time when the video is done.

Highlights: Here are the first few lines of Psalm 139:

You have searched me, Lord, and you know me.
You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive
my thoughts from afar.

You discern my going out and my lying
down; you are familiar with all my ways.

Before a word is on my tongue
you, Lord, know it completely.

The entire Psalm is read and appears on the screen. Encourage students to quiet their minds and listen; perhaps dim the lights to help calm them down, so they can spend just a few minutes practicing how to meditate. Sometimes taking a few deep breaths also helps students calm down and focus.

If you would like, students can make an entry in their prayer journals, based on Psalm 139.

If students have a difficult time sitting quietly for this length of time, feel free to stop the video at any point you need.

Guided Meditation: Use Your Gifts to Serve

This video is 2:00 in length.

Highlights: When you use your gifts from God, you can serve Him by serving others. When you pray for other people, you serve God.

The video guides students to think about ways different people can serve God.

	<p>DISCUSS: What did they hear and see in the video? How do others serve God? How can you serve God?</p>
God Made You Special	<p>This activity is fun, and students can make it colorful. They will need help printing the words. Or you and your aide write down what the students say.</p> <p>Consider keeping this to post on a Church Bulletin Board.</p>
Self Portrait of You	<p>Students simply draw a picture of mainly their faces and color the rest of the picture.</p>
Made in God's Image	<p>Students are directed to draw a picture of someone and list the traits that make them like God.</p> <p>You can brainstorm a list of adjectives that students suggest, such as kind, helpful, prayerful, etc... That way students can write down the words they want to use to describe the person they drew.</p>
Closing Prayer	<p>Gather around your prayer space and model a prayer of thanksgiving, thanking God for one or two special gifts that you have. Encourage all your students to thank God similarly.</p>