

“Let the Children Come”

Lessons and Activities for Vocational Awareness

GRADE: PRE-K to Kindergarten

God Made Me Special
and has a Plan for Me

Pre-School – Kindergarten Vocation Activities

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Teacher's Note: God made each of us. He made us all different. He gave us all different gifts and talents, but we all are called to be with Christ, to follow Him in holiness and eventually be with Him in heaven.

Objectives: Students will have a basic understanding that:

All of us are created by God.

We are all very special in God's eyes.

We are all very different.

It is important to understand that God loves every one of us no matter what we look like or how different we are.

God will always be watching over us and protecting us.

God continues to ask us to use our gifts and talents to serve the Lord and one another.

Materials:

Construction paper (card stock if available)

Crayons

Scissors

Colored Yarn/String

Activity 1:

Divide the students into two groups. Have them form an inner circle and an outer circle. Have the inner group face outward and the outer group face inward towards the center. Ask the children to take a look at their own hands and remember what they see. Have them hold their hands up as if they were trying to reach the stars with both hands.

Now have them turn and face another student in the other circle. (If not even numbered students, teacher participates). Have them put their hand up against the student's hand and compare size, shape, fingernails, color, etc. Now have the outside circle move one person to the right (inner circle does not move) and compare hands again. Keep moving until everyone from the inner circle has compared hands with everyone in the outer circle.

Ask them if all the students have the same size hands; the same length of fingernails; the same color; the same finger length, etc. Remind them that God created all of us and that each one of us is unique – no two people are alike.

Have them return to their seats. On a piece of construction paper, have them draw the outline of their hand. Taking their time; have them draw a picture of their face in the palm of the hand. While they are doing that, with the help of room aides or other helpers, ask them what they like to do or why they think that they are special and write that on each finger.

Talk to the children about each child's hand, their gifts and talents. Be sure to emphasize how some may know their gifts now but God has many surprises in store for them and they may find many more gifts and talents as they grow older.

Cut out the hands (depending on level, either do it for them or they can do it) and put them around the room, hanging them on a colorful piece of yarn, to remind the students how together they make a beautiful design in this world.

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Activity 1

Discussion:

Each person is unique and special

No two hands are the same

Each of us has special gifts that God has given to us.

“Many hands make for light work”; have students talk about times at home or in school where this is true. When we all share our gifts and talents, everyone has what they need and the work gets done.

Think about ways you can use your hands to help other people and spread the love of Jesus.



Sample of what the hand may look like

Activity 2: Hand-out the coloring page “The Heavenly Father has a Plan for Me”; let the children color it in. Talk about how special God has made each one of us by giving us our parents and loving us so much he brought us into the world. Talk about how at Baptism they became even more special when they became a Child of God. Close by singing the I AM SPECIAL song with them.

Activity 2

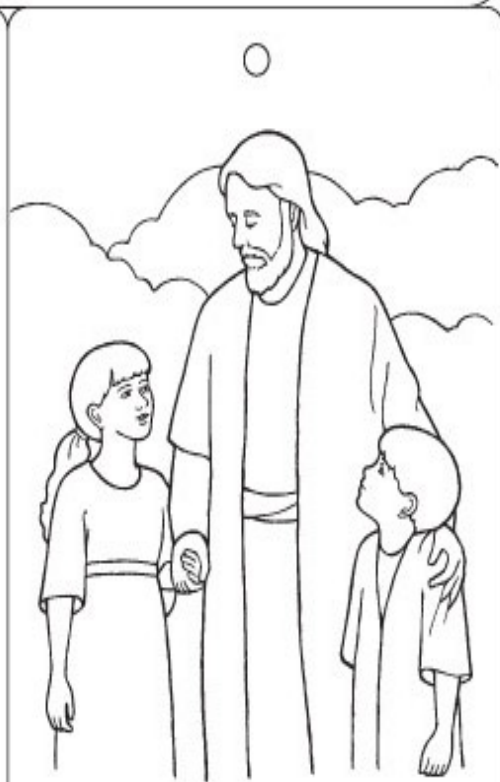
God, our Father, Has a Plan for Me



I am a child of God, and
he has sent me here.



Has given me an earthly
home, with parents kind
and dear.



Teach me all that I must
do to live with him
someday.

Pre-School – Kindergarten Vocation Activities (continued)

I AM SPECIAL (sing to the tune of *Frère Jacques*)

I am special (point to yourself)

I am special

Don't you see? (make binoculars with your fingers)

Don't you see?

Someone very special (hands out to the side, palms up)

Someone very special

'Cause God (point to heaven) made me (point to yourself)

God made me!

I am special (point to yourself)

I am special

I can pray (fold hands in prayer)

I can pray

To do what Jesus asks me (both hands reaching up to the sky)

To do what Jesus asks me

Every day (left hand down to side)

Every day (right hand down to side)

Closing Prayer:

Form a circle. The teacher and each child takes turns saying:

"Thank You, God, for making me (*name*), special. After everyone has a turn, the teacher shares with the class what God said about them in Isaiah 43:4:

"You are precious in My eyes and glorious...because I have made you."