



WEEK 4

PREK-1ST LESSON GUIDE

REVEALED

BIG IDEA

God made me to do great things.

THE BIBLE

The Faithful Servant: Matthew 25:14-30

WELCOME TIME

ACTIVITY | Hidden Pictures

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Print out worksheets of easy, hidden pictures and ask the kids to work independently or as a group to find all of the hidden pictures.*
- **How many hidden animals did all of you find?** Sometimes, you have to look really carefully to find hidden objects! They can really be tricky.

ACTIVITY | Hidden Talents Charades

- **What are some talents people have?**
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Ask the kids to take turns coming to the front to play charades. Whisper something for them to act out for the group (such as swimming, cooking, basketball, singing, drawing, running, etc.). Be prepared to give suggestions for how to act it out. Have the rest of the group try to guess what the action is.*

TEACHING TIME

MUSIC | Worship Time

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Ask the kids to sing along (and dance!) to:*
- "[What a Mighty God We Serve](#)" by Listener Kids

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- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Instruct the kids to point to themselves every time you say "you" or "your."*



REVEALED | WEEK 4 PRESCHOOL LESSON

- God made all of **you** to be really great at all kinds of different stuff. God made each and every one of **you** to have **your** own unique gifts and talents, and with all of those gifts and interests and abilities and talents, God wants **you** to do amazing things! That's right, God made **you** to do great things.
- Let's all yell it as loud as we can: **God made me to do great things!**

VIDEO | Revealed, Episode 4

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Play this week's preschool [teaching video](#).

BIBLE STORY | Matthew 25:14-30

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Retell the Bible story from Matthew 25:14-30 from the perspective of the third servant. Make sure you say things such as, "Hmph. The boss only gave me one bag of gold! That's not fair!" or "Can you believe it? My boss got mad at me! All I did was protect his money!"
- **What did the first two workers do with the boss' money?** They went and made more money!
- **What did the last worker do?** He was scared to lose it so he hid it in the ground.
- **Who was the boss happy with?** The boss was so happy with the workers who helped him make more money. He was angry at the worker who didn't do anything at all.
- God doesn't give us bags of money, but God gives us talents and abilities that make all of us special!
- Maybe God made you really strong or really fast. God made some of you to be good at art, and others in sports or in music. God wants us to do great things with those gifts!
 - **TODDLER HACK:** Before service, seal some coins between a large sheet of contact paper and the table-top. Show the kids how to rub their fingers against the contact paper to feel the textures of the coins. As the kids play, tell the Bible story.

ACTIVITY | Grow Your Talents

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** (This is a modified version of "Pin the Tail on the Donkey.") On a poster board, draw a money bag, and paste five fake coins inside. Put some double-sided (or rolled) tape or glue dots behind some additional fake coins, and ask the kids to take turns, with eyes closed, and try to place their coin inside the money bag. Play until the kids are able to successfully put five more coins inside.
- **Look how we worked together to fill this money bag!**
 - **TODDLER HACK:** You can do this activity easily with toddlers—just let them keep their eyes open! Another activity you can do here is to make a coin shaker. Help toddlers put a variety of coins into an empty water bottle and then shake the bottle to make a loud noise! Talk about wonderful things you can do with what God gives us!



PRAYER

- Dear God, thank You for all of the special gifts You give to us. Thank You for making us good at so many things. Help us to use those things to help people know You better.

DISCUSSION TIME

SNACK | Buried Treasure

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Before the kids arrive, crush some graham crackers or Oreos to make cookie crumb "sand" or "dirt." Put a piece of fruit or treat in the bottom of a small cup and cover it with the crumbs. Give the kids spoons to eat their snack with.*
- This cup has a buried treasure in it. When you are done with your snack, you will find a (piece of fruit or treat) at the bottom of your cup!
- The special gifts God gives us are like treasure because we can do great things with our gifts!
- **God made me to do great things.**

ACTIVITY | Circle Time

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Ask the kids to join you in a circle. Tell them to go around the circle telling their neighbor something good they see in them. For example, they can say, "You are good at soccer," "You are a good friend," etc.*
- It takes all kinds of people to share Jesus with others! You can use your special gifts to tell others about Jesus.
- **Does God want us to bury our money and our good abilities?** No, God wants us to use our money and our good abilities to help people learn about Jesus.
- **Why don't we want to be like the man in the Bible story who hid the money in the ground?** Because God wants us to share our gifts and talents with other people.
- **What happens if we don't share our gifts with others?** Our friends may not get to learn about Jesus.

ACTIVITY | Talent Show

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Give the kids time to pull out any kind of costume and props out of a prop box. Give each kid time to perform one of the talents they have, or a made-up talent. Leaders can do this, too! The sillier, the better!*
- You are all so creative! You were able to come up with some really awesome talents for our talent show.
- Maybe you don't know what your special talent is quite yet, but it's important you try new things to see what you are really good at!
- This week try to think of some things you are good at and why God picked you to have that special talent!
- **Are you really good at hopping?** Yes, you are good at hopping.
- **Are you really good at singing?** Yes, you are good at singing.
- **Can you hop and sing for Jesus?** Yes, you can!
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MEMORY VERSE | Jeremiah 33:3

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Ask the kids to pick an easy song or tune they know (such as *Mary Had a Little Lamb*, *It's a Small World*, or even the chorus of a pop song!) and set today's memory verse to that melody! Don't worry too much if the words don't fit perfectly into the rhythm – that's part of the fun! Sing your newly created song a few times with the kids.

CALL TO ME AND I WILL ANSWER YOU AND TELL YOU GREAT AND
UNSEARCHABLE THINGS YOU DO NOT KNOW. JEREMIAH 33:3

PLAY TIME

While you're waiting for parents to pick up their kids . . .

ACTIVITY | Coloring Page

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Give every kid a coloring page, plus markers or crayons. As they color, remind them of all the special characteristics you see in each of them!

ACTIVITY | Coin Toss

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Place buckets or cups in a line. Give each kid three oversized, play coins to toss into the cups.
 - **TODDLER HACK:** Replace this activity with the following: Get some empty purses and wallets and put play paper money inside of them. As the kids discover the money inside, tell them the Bible story. Talk about how we give money as offering to say thank you to God, and how we can use money to buy things to help other people.

ACTIVITY | Find Buried Treasure

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Before the kids arrive, bury some special sticker sheets or bead necklaces in dried beans or rice for the kids to dig around in.
- You found a treasure! Treasure is no fun if it is buried away and hidden.
- God wants us to share the treasures that have been given to us.
- **God made me to do great things.**



WEEK 4

2nd-5th GRADE LESSON GUIDE

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BIG IDEA

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THE BIBLE

The Faithful Servant: Matthew 25:14-30;
(Ephesians 2:10)

LARGE GROUP TIME

WHAT? *What are we talking about today?*

ACTIVITY | Magic Eye

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Start with some Magic Eye books or images (you can find them in your library, a bookstore, or online). Work together or break into smaller groups and practice looking for the hidden pictures in the Magic Eye images.*
- **So, was it easy to find the hidden picture?** *It's okay if you don't see it right away or even at all! Some of the pictures are really hard to see, and everyone's eyes see images differently.*
- In this month's series, "Revealed," we have been learning that Jesus tells stories that have hidden meanings – a meaning that is super important for all of us to understand.
 - **PRETEEN HACK:** *If possible, purchase and download the app "[Hidden Folks](#)". Then spend a few minutes playing the game, looking for the hidden objects in this interactive, animated game. Discuss how easy or difficult this was to do. You could even read them the "[Background](#)" of the game, and point out how a variety of people used their different skills and abilities to create the game. Ask: "How is the variety of people and talents who make this game possible, similar to the variety of people in the church and the work God has for us to do?"*

ACTIVITY | Amazing Hidden Talents

- Lots of people have all kinds of hidden talents. Look at what these kids can do!
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Show [this video](#) of kids with amazing sports talents.*
- **To you, which one of these talents was the coolest?**



QUESTION | Your Hidden Talents

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Encourage a discussion about some interesting skills your kids may have (e.g., tongue rolling, wiggling ears, doing a cartwheel, whistling, etc.).*
- God also gives us unique gifts. **What are some of your hidden talents? Can you show or describe it to us?**
- Look at how many different and unique talents we have here! What a creative God we have!

THE BIG IDEA | God made me to do great things.

- God made each and every one of you to have your own unique gifts, abilities, interests, and talents, and God wants you to do amazing things with them because God made you to do great things.
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Tell kids to go around giving everyone in the room a high five or fist bump while saying, "Hey! God made you to do great things!"*

SO WHAT? Why does it matter to God and to us?

VIDEO | Revealed, Episode 4

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Play this week's [teaching video](#).*

BIBLE STORY | Matthew 25:14-30

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Tell the Bible story from the perspective of the third servant. Ask for three kid volunteers. Designate one kid to be the "boss," two kids to be "worker 1" and "worker 2," and yourself as "worker 3." Have the "boss" give each of the "workers" five, two, and one pouch(es) of coins for workers 1, 2, and 3, respectively. Ask the workers to scatter around a designated area where you should have already hidden five more pouches for worker 1 and two more pouches for worker 2. Ask them to return to "center stage" with their extra money pouches. [Make sure you are narrating the story from the third servant's point of view. Such as, "Hmph. The boss only gave me one bag of gold! That's not fair!" or "Can you believe it? My boss got mad at me! All I did was protect his money!"]*
- Let's go over this story again. So, two of the workers took the money they were taking care of and they went and earned more money with it. This made the boss super happy! But the third worker was afraid he might lose the boss's money, so he took it and buried it to keep it safe. **Was the boss happy with that worker?** No! The boss was seriously angry! He trusted the worker with something great, and the servant didn't do anything worthwhile with it.
- What does this mean for us? God hasn't given us bags of cash, but God *has* given us all kinds of abilities, interests, gifts, and unique characteristics that make us who we are. Maybe God made you really kind and understanding. Maybe God made you to be a good listener. Maybe God made you really strong or really fast. God made some of you to be interested in art, and others in sports or in gaming. God doesn't want you to hide any of these things – God wants you to use those talents to do great things! That's how God made you!



ACTIVITY | God's Bag of Greatness

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Provide a big stack of old magazines and/or catalogs. Give each kid a brown paper lunch bag with "God made me to do great things!" written on it. The kids can dig through the magazines for pictures and words that represent stuff they're good at and/or that they love. They should gather these up and put them in their bag. (Some kids may need some encouragement or help, and your team should be on the lookout for kids who aren't feeling great or who are struggling in some way with the activity. Remind them of how great they are and help them think of ways to represent their gifts.)
- A little later, we are going to share with each other about all the things we put in our greatness bags. For now, think about this: **Does it matter how many things we put in our bags? Why or why not?**
 - **PRETEEN HACK:** When you have finished with this activity, take a few minutes to brainstorm with your preteens on how the talents and abilities in their bags might be used to help people know about Jesus, or help others grow in their faith. When students are done, show them how some of these ideas have direct connections with ministry opportunities in your church right now and how other ideas could even lead to creating a new ministry! Ask things like: "Out of all the talents and abilities you have that you thought about today, which one are you most likely to use to help the church grow? What might that look like? What's your next step to moving that from an idea to an action?"
 - **SPECIAL NEEDS HACK:** Have our friends with special needs make a comment about what they find are talents their peers have. Have their peers reciprocate. Create an atmosphere of encouragement as they do this activity.

SCRIPTURE | Ephesians 2:10

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Read Ephesians 2:10.
- This verse is basically today's Big Idea!—God made us to do great things! The first part—"We are God's handiwork" means God made us. We are no accident. **Have you ever not liked something about yourself?** It's normal to feel that way, but I hope this cheers you up: God made each of us exactly the way we are, and God is super happy with how we turned out!
- The "to do great things" part of our Big Idea also shows up in Ephesians 2:10: "...to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." God wants us to do great things and that is why God has made us who we are!

NOW WHAT? What does God want us to do about it?

REFLECTION | Something Great

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Ask the kids to close their eyes for about one minute and think about something great they want to do in their lives right now or in the future (it's basically a reworded "What do you want to be when you grow up?" question). Then, have them think about how that great thing can be used for God!



- Not only does God want us to do great things, God wants us to do some specific great things that help other people get to know about God. Doing great things doesn't have to mean something big and heroic. It could mean choosing to be kind to someone at school who most people are mean to. Or maybe God made you great at soccer because God wants you to be an amazing teammate who is a great example for all the other kids on the team. And maybe someday someone will ask you why you are such a great teammate and you can tell them you're just trying to love your teammates the way God loves them.

ACTIVITY | The Great Scatter Plot

- Let's share with everyone the things we were just reflecting on!
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Hang large pieces of paper around the room and write a heading on each of them. Use headings like: "I can do something great through..." (1) Sports (2) Music or Dance (3) Drawing or Making Things (4) Computer or Video Games (5) Math (6) Cooking or Baking (7) Something Unique (if anyone selects this option, ask them if they would like to share/demonstrate). Give each kid a sticker (or more than one), and have them put the sticker on the paper where they think their talents would be best used for God.*
- Let's look around. **Which things does it look like most people are going to do?** Do you think this will please God, having us all use those gifts God gave us to do great things? I think so, too.
 - **SPECIAL NEEDS HACK:** *An alternative activity can be to bring out sensory boxes and hide items/toys that represent what we've learned today (e.g., money or coins, musical instrument, ball, etc.).*

PRAYER

- Dear God, please help each one of us discover the gifts You gave us when You created us and show us how to use them to do great things. We want to use our greatness to show Your love to other people.

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SMALL GROUP TIME



DISCUSSION

- What did the master (or boss) in today's story want his workers to do with the coins he gave to them?
- What did the master say to the first two workers?
- Why was the boss angry that the third worker buried his coins?
- Re-read Ephesians 2:10. What are some "good works" you can do this week?
- What did God give us that is represented by the bags of gold?
- Do you ever feel like God didn't give you enough special abilities? What are some you might want?
- How can you grow the talents you do have?

ACTIVITY | My Greatness

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Have kids share what they put in their greatness bags. Discuss why they chose the images they did. How has God made them uniquely to do great things? Can they think of ways their gifts might be used to do great things for God?*
- It doesn't matter how many things you have in your bag. The important thing to remember is that, just like how no two bags are exactly the same, no two people are exactly the same! But the one thing we all have in common is **God made us to do great things!**

GOD MADE ME TO DO GREAT THINGS!

