



Week 3 Preschool 8:30/11:00

INVITATION

We invite you to pause, listen, and shift your gaze toward the Father ...

LESSON AT A GLANCE

WONDER TRUTH: God's Love Is Faithful

SCRIPTURE: [Psalm 103](#); [136](#)

WORD OF WONDER: [From Psalm 139:14](#)

With the deployment of the James Webb Space Telescope, humans have seen farther into the past than ever before. In unmatched clarity, we observe glimpses of galaxies and star clusters more ancient and numerous than our minds had grasped. The early images are simply dripping with distant galaxies, each one containing untold billions of stars, and many of these points of light show a corner of the universe so distant that it has taken longer than we can fathom for the photons to even reach our instruments.

This spectrum of radiation traversed incomprehensible reaches to meet ... us.

If alive today, the writer of [Psalm 136](#) would observe this and say that the Lord prepared a universe of unfathomed enormity, that His faithful love continues forever.

The God who coils galaxies is not too important to love and care for people. As the psalmist also claims, God redeemed Israel from slavery and gave Israel a new story. I invite you to read [Psalm 136](#), and perhaps you can think of how God did this for you. How has God's mighty hand and powerful arm reshaped your story? Consider finding an image of God's creation, one which leaves you awestruck, as you pray.

In my prayers, I ask, "Could the God who created a universe remain patient with me?" The created universe proclaims, "God has shown limitless patience, limitless vision, and limitless attention." "And," I ask, "will God be faithful to me in the challenges ahead?" The psalmist answers, "Always. Always. Always."

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Play Stations

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: [God's Love Endures Forever Coloring Sheet](#) (1 per kid)

Play Station: God's Love Endures Forever Coloring Sheet

Set up: Ahead of time, print a copy of the coloring sheet for each kid and set out coloring utensils.

Play: Let the kids color. The kids can also turn the sheets over and draw hearts or put heart-shaped stickers on the back.

Curiosity Activity: Hoops of Praise

SUPPLIES: piece of rope or string (any length), large plastic hoop

Hold up the rope or string and the hoop. **Can you find the beginning and end of the string?** Allow the kids to point to the two ends of the string. **Can you find the beginning and end of the hoop?** Allow the kids to look at the hoop; prompt them to recognize that there is no beginning or end.

There is no beginning or end to this hoop! It goes on and on, which can remind us of God's love. The Bible says God's faithful love endures forever! It doesn't stop, no matter what. We can praise God because His love is faithful, and His love lasts forever. Let's play a game with this hoop to help us get curious about God's faithful love.

Let the kids take turns rolling the hoop on its side to see who can roll it the farthest. You can let them take turns rolling it to the other side of the room or holding it still for another kid to run through. Each time they roll the hoop, encourage them all to shout, "God's faithful love endures forever!"

Make It Inclusive: Some kids may not be able to roll the hoop. If they can't, you can let them take turns climbing through it or tossing it (like a frisbee) across the room. If you allow kids to toss the hoop, just make sure to designate how and where to toss it, so no one gets hurt.

This hoop reminds us that God's love never stops. God's love is faithful. We can always count on God's love! We can praise God today for His love! Today we'll learn more about how God's faithful love endures forever.

Word of Wonder

SUPPLIES: Bible, paper (1 sheet per kid), coloring utensils

WORD OF WONDER

How God made me is amazing and wonderful.

—from Psalm 139:14

Our Word of Wonder for the Wonderfully Made series is from **Psalm 139:14**. Let's practice saying the Word of Wonder together. Open a Bible to **Psalm 139:14** and practice the verse with the kids.



We're learning today about God's faithful love that goes on forever. One way He shows His love is by what He created. God made the world and everything in it—including us! He loves you so much with His forever love. We're going to create a person out of play dough.

Give each kid a piece of paper and encourage them to draw a person. While they are drawing have them repeat the verse many times.

Let's look at our creations. Wow! Your creations are great! God made you special, just how He wanted you. God created you and everything in the world. He is strong and powerful, and He loves you. God made you to be amazing and wonderful! God's big story today reminds us that we can praise God as Creator. We can thank Him for making us.

Encourage the kids to do the motions and say the verse with you.

- **HOW GOD**—Point up with both hands.
- **MADE ME**—Point to yourself with two thumbs.
- **IS AMAZING**—Put one arm out to your side for each word.
- **AND WONDERFUL**—Burst both arms up and out to the sides at the same time.
- **FROM PSALM 139:14**—Hold your hands open in front of you, as if holding a book.

Gather kids to discuss these questions:

- **What's amazing and wonderful about how God made you?**
- **Why do you think God made us?** (If kids need help, offer ideas such as: God loves us; God wants to be close with us; God is creative, kind, loving.)

Circle Time: Never-Ending Circle Review

SUPPLIES: large plastic hoop

Gather the kids in a circle and set out a large plastic hoop.

In God's big story, we learned about how God's love goes on and on forever, which is kind of like this hoop. Does it have a beginning or end? No! It goes on and on. God's faithful love goes on forever too! Let's play a game with this hoop and talk more about God's love and how we can praise Him.

Pass the hoop around the circle by having each kid climb or jump through the hoop. Stop the hoop at various times; when you stop, the kid inside the hoop will answer a question.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- **What book of the Bible did we hear from today?** (*Psalms*)
- **Our story told us that God is kind. How has God been kind to you?**
- **Our story told us that God is good. How has God been good to you?**
- **How much do you think God loves you? How does this make you feel?**
- **David wrote Psalm 103 to share that God is loving and wonderful. How can you share God's wonderful love with others?**
- **Which part of creation can you praise God for making?**
- **What does it mean that God's love is faithful?** (*Faithful means we can trust and count on it.*)

When I look at you, I see wonderful masterpieces created by God. Let's thank God for all the good work He did in creating us. Let's pray and thank God for His never-ending, faithful love.

Invite kids to share prayer requests and praises and to pray for each other. Some kids may not be comfortable praying out loud. That's OK! Encourage them to pray silently and thank God for His love. God hears all our prayers!

Prayer and Blessing

After the kids finish their activity, pray with them, thanking God for His amazing love.

God, Your love is faithful. You are faithful in all ways, at all times, to all people. Help us love You with our whole hearts. Help us see You in our lives and help us reflect Your love to others. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Encourage the kids to hold their hands out in front of them, with palms up, as if their hands are open to receive something. Tell them to listen and receive the blessing as you speak it over them.

Blessing: God loves you, and nothing can take that love away. Now and forever, feel safe in that love. Let it sink deeply into your heart and be with you every day, no matter what. God's love is faithful—forever and always.

Closing Activity: Hoop Toss

SUPPLIES: large plastic hoop, small balls

We're learning today that God's love is faithful, and we can thank Him for everything He has done. We should say, "Thank You, God!" When we learn about God's love, we can also share that love with other people.

We can be thankful to God. We can trust God and thank Him because His love is faithful. The hoop reminds us of how God's love never ends. Let's play a game with the hoop and remember God's faithful love.

Lay the large plastic hoop on the ground (or have someone hold it parallel with the floor). Let the kids stand a few feet away and toss small balls into the hoop. Each time they get one in or through the hoop, encourage them to shout, "God's faithful love endures forever!"

Remember, God's love endures forever. That means it never ends. We can celebrate God's love every day.