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## **Social: Setting the Tone for the Experience (9:00, 10:15, 11:30)**

### **Character Trait Roulette**

- Small slips of paper or index cards cut in half
- Lunch Sack
- Pens

## **Bible: Communicating God's Truth in Engaging Ways (9:15, 10:30, 11:45)**

- Bible Presentation in Large Group

## **Prayer (9:50, 11:05, 12:20)**

- Bible

## **Dismiss (10:00, 11:15, 12:30)**

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## **Social: Providing Time for Fun Interaction (Small Groups, 15 minutes)**

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

*Before kids arrive, pray for each regular attendee by name. Pray for those who might visit your group for the first time. Thank God for how uniquely He made each one of your few and that no two of them are exactly alike. Pray that kids would embrace who they are and who God made them to be, so He can use them to do what He planned for them to do.*

### **Character Trait Roulette**

**What You Need:** Small slips of paper, pens and a brown lunch sack

#### **What You Do:**

- As kids arrive, work to come up with a list of several different character traits a person might have. Emphasize that you are going to stick with positive things. *Tip: Put in your own ideas—like being adventurous, empathetic, passionate or generous—when there's a significant slow down or lull of their ideas.*
- Get the students help to write each of the traits on its own slip of paper and then fold it in half twice before putting it into the bag.
- Encourage them to take turns drawing out one character trait from the bag in front of everyone else.
- They read it and announce who in the group most possesses that thing. (You're fair game, too!)
- Challenge them to also give an example or tell a story that explains why they picked that person as having that character trait.
- Tell them to try to include everyone in the group before the game is done and the slips are all read, so each person gets something positive said about them at least once.

#### **What You Say:**

"This month we are talking about uniqueness. Each week we will have at least one activity to try and discover more about who God made you to be so you can make a difference in the world. I can't wait to learn more about each of you. **[Transition] For now, let's go to Large Group and learn about a guy who was looked down on because he was young, but he surprised everyone! His God showed up for him big time.**"

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

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## Bible: Communicating God's Truth in Engaging Ways (Large Group, 35 minutes)

### GETTING READY

#### 1. Opener/Closer

##### What You Need:

- Host
- Dog mask on headband
- iPad®
- Chalk paint pens
- 2 pieces of Plexiglas® (poster sized)
- 2 flower "crowns"

#### 2. Bible Truth

##### What You Need:

- Historyteller
- 252 Movie

#### 3. Worship

##### What You Need:

- Power Praise Team

##### *Music and Sound Effects (SFX):*

- "Rock This Planet"
- "Look at Me"
- "Close"

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## **Bible: Communicating God's Truth in Engaging Ways (Large Group, 35 minutes)**

Engage kids' hearts through a dynamic and interactive Bible Truth, worship, and prayer experience in a Large Group setting.

**CG: Welcome Slide**

**CG: Gadgets and Gizmos Slide**

*Host enters. He's wearing dog mask on headband prop.  
He's obscuring his face with an iPad and talking to himself.*

### **Opener**

**HOST:** "Yes, this is definitely going on my story as my OOTD—Outfit of the Day, for those of you not in the know. Why, I look so fly I might even save this to my memories to preserve for all future generations! Let's just flip this to the outward-facing camera to get a room shot.

*Freeze, as if seeing kids on the screen.*

"Wait a minute. Oh, my!

*Pull down the iPad to reveal your face.*

"I'm so sorry about that, everyone! Welcome to The Base! I'm [Host's name], and if you guys don't mind I'm going to get a quick group shot here.

*Turn around and hold the tablet up to get a selfie with the entire room of kids in the pic.*

"Perfect! Hey, before we get any further into our Sunday fun, let's get the Power Praise team in here to lead us in today's praise and worship."

*Power Praise enters as Host joins the audience.*

### **Worship**

**POWER PRAISE:** "Hello, hello. Everyone stand to your feet. Let's make our praises loud this morning. Let's use how God has wired us to tell others about Jesus! Sing out this song with us.

**SFX: "Rock This Planet"**

"Yeah, when we choose to go God's way it shows in our everyday life. I hope that every time someone looks at the actions and words of believers, that they see God working in their lives and all around them."

**SFX: "Look at Me"**

"Yeah, we will stand strong knowing God's promises are always true. He never changes. Let's sing one more song."

**CG: "Close"**

"Awesome job everyone! Have a wonderful summer week and we will see you next Sunday."

*Power Praise team exits as Host retakes the stage still holding the iPad.*

**HOST:** "So, you're probably wondering what I'm doing wandering around with my iPad, huh? Well, I just figured I'd put my favorite app to use on my favorite gadget! Last month we looked at tons of gadgets that don't require any sort of electrical input, but THIS month we're looking at gizmos, which do! Gizmos usually include plugs, motherboards, circuits—you know, all those wiry-looking things you see around the house. And more than that, we have an all-new Life App! Yep, and here it is!

**CG: Uniqueness Slide**

"Uniqueness is discovering who God made you to be so you can make a difference. Awesome! Well, now that we've got that covered . . .

*Scratch your nose and remember your dog disguise.*

"Oh, right! I forgot I was wearing these! There's a simple explanation, really. I use the Snapchat dog filter SO much that I figured I'd just skip the middleman and put the filter straight on my face, making all my photos PUPPY perfect. In fact, that gives me a pretty good idea for a game. Anybody want to play?

*Select two Small Group Leaders and two kids to come to the stage.*

"So what we've got here are two models (*reference the two SGLs*) and two Snapchat design execs (*reference the two kids*). We're going to pair off a model and a designer each into teams of two, and they're going to create a totally new, totally unique filter to impress me, the Snapchat brand manager, or they're FIRED. Haha, I'm just kidding, of course. (*Suddenly serious*) But you'll be on thin ice, and there are rumors of downsizing soon. Anyway, we're going to have the models take a seat and hold this Plexiglas right in front of their faces so our designers can work on their filters and see how they'll look in the app.

*Hand out Plexiglas and paint pens.*

“Once they’re done, we’ll show off their work! Sound good to everyone? Then let us commence to commencing!

**SFX: Upbeat game music**

*Allow 30 seconds or so for designers to draw. End it sooner if kids finish quickly. Kids should be coloring on the glass while the glass is held right up to the adult’s face so it looks like the adult is “wearing” the filter.*

“And time! Let’s see what we’ve got here!

*Host shows off designs one at a time to allow the crowd to react to both.*

“Wow! Well, as the CEO of brand development and integration, I have to say both of these designs are AMAZING! As a commendation, I’m going to gift you each with my second favorite filter: the flower crown!

*Host places a flower crown on each contestant’s head.*

“All of our volunteers can have a seat. But let’s give a round of applause for our designers and models, because that was fantastic! Let’s keep it going as we welcome [Historyteller’s name] to the stage!”

*Host exits as Historyteller enters.*

### **SETTING UP THE BIBLE TRUTH**

**HISTORYTELLER:** “Good morning, guys! How is everyone doing today? *(Pause for response.)* I’m not sure you are always aware of this, but we are all unique. Look at the person next to you. Do they look just like you? *(Pause for response.)* Nope. Look at the person sitting on the other side of you. Do you have the exact same talents? Nope! Although it’s not always obvious, we are all different, and that’s exactly how God made us! He did that on purpose. For the rest of this month, we get the chance to look at a few people in the Bible whom God used to make a difference in the world. And God did that with the unique way He made each one of them.

“We kick it off this morning with someone most of you will know very well: David. He’s most well known for his battle with a huge giant. Anyone remember that giant’s name? *(Pause for response.)* That’s right! Goliath. And that’s exactly the Bible Truth we’re taking a closer look at today. [Tech’s Name] would you please roll today’s film for us so we can dive right in?”

**CG: 252 Movie**

### **WRAPPING UP THE BIBLE TRUTH**

**HISTORYTELLER:** “David had done what no other trained and seasoned Israelite soldier was willing to do: battle a giant. The weight of the entire Israelite nation was on David’s shoulders. If David had lost, the Philistines would have won the battle. The effects of a loss could have been disastrous. However, David did not seem unnerved by the pressure.

“Why? David used how God made him to defeat the giant. The boy shepherd had spent hours upon hours with his sheep practicing his slingshot skills. God built David’s courage with the wild animals that threatened to steal his family’s livestock. In the stillness of nature, David’s faith in God grew. For David, the armor and sword would not have worked as well for David because God prepared him for the battle differently and uniquely.

“But check it out: David’s experience is so inspiring that you might feel compelled to hone your slingshot skills, but that is definitely NOT the point. God didn’t make you to be like David. Because God made you to be like, well, YOU! You’re unique. God made you different. In fact, that is our Bottom Line today.

**CG: Bottom Line Slide**

**[Bottom Line]** “**God made you to be you.** Your quirks and oddities may not make sense right now, but I believe God can use your special characteristics to make a difference in the world around you! I want you to read this month’s Memory Verse with me.”

**CG: Memory Verse Slide**

“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10, NIV”

“You are each handmade, on purpose, for a purpose, by God, Himself. Think about how God made you. Ask Him to reveal to you how those special things can be used for His glory. Because I guarantee you, you are here on purpose and for a purpose, just the way you are and just the way God will continue to shape you as you use those unique characteristics that make you, you. Let’s pray.”

**Pray**

“Dear God, thank You for this Truth of courage and uniqueness. David bravely used how You made him in order to defeat the giant. Help us to realize You wired all of us uniquely. Please help us to seek out ways to make a difference in the world with our special characteristics and talents. We love You and ask all these things in Jesus’ name, amen.”

“If you have an offering or a tithe to give today, go ahead and bring that on up.”

*Host enter, still wearing the dog mask headband, as  
Historyteller exits.*

**Closer**

**HOST:** “For some reason, the Bottom Line keeps rattling around in my head.

**CG: Bottom Line Slide**

**[Bottom Line]** “**God made you to be you.** David is the perfect example of this statement. David was up against some pretty crazy odds—not only was the Philistine army looming, but also they had a literal GIANT on their side. When you’re just a young person, confronting an adult can be scary. But facing someone nine feet tall is CRAZY! However, God wired David and his life experiences to include expert rock flinging with slingshots. God made David to be David, and He made you to be you.

“Sometimes in life we face our own giants like the pressure to be like everyone else, but when you’re staring them down, it helps to remember that God made you unique. You’re totally and completely you, and that’s the best person you can be! No one in the entire universe is like you. No one looks exactly like you. No one has the same talents. No one has the same shared experiences. When you realize your uniqueness, you can find ways to make a difference for God. This means you don’t need to live life trying to be someone else. There is no need to live a life masked through a filter.

*Take off the dog mask headband.*

“God made you to be your own awesome, unique filter. You’re one of a kind. So be the you God made you to be. We will talk more about this next week, and you’ll talk more about all of this in Small Group too! So have fun with your group and have a fantastic week!”

*Dismiss children to their Prayer Groups.*

**CG: Prayer Group Slide**

## **Pray and Dismiss (10 minutes)**

**What You Need:** Bible

### **What You Do:**

- Review today’s Bottom Line: **[Bottom Line] God made you to be you**, and then ask kids to share something they learned today.
- Remind them that God created them with care and love. They were made in His image and have been given the job of doing good with all that He has given them.
- Use the words of Ephesians 2:10 as a wrap-up prayer.
- Read part of the verse and pause to let kids think about the words.
- Encourage everyone to pray silently or to interject their own short prayers as you lead them.

### **What You Say:**

“Dear God, thank you for the promises in Ephesians 2:10 that say: We are God’s creation. (*Encourage kids to thank God for creating them.*) He created us to belong to Christ Jesus. (*Encourage kids to consider whether they know Christ as Savior and believe He died on the cross for them.*) Now we can do good works. (*Encourage kids to ask God to show them ways to serve and love Him this week.*) Long ago God prepared these works for us to do. (*Encourage kids to ask God to lead them in His plan.*) Thank You for making each of us unique individuals who fit into Your perfect plan. We know that part of Your plan was to send Jesus to pay the price for our sins. Thank You for the way You forgive us and use us to make a difference in the lives of others. We love You and it’s in Jesus’ name we pray, amen.”

Pass out Parent CUE cards as adults arrive for pick-up.