

My Purpose

Missional Message: God has a plan and purpose for my life.

Missional Challenge:

"For you created my inmost being: you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made." – Psalm 139:13–14a

What is needed:

- Bible
- paper
- markers or pencils
- sculpture, needlework, quilt, and/or other hand-crafted item to use as an illustration

Making it Real

(Show a sample of a sculpture or something that has been crafted by hand.)

The person who made this item spent lots of time making it. Have you ever made something special, maybe as a gift for your mother or father? You take care to make something just the way you want it to be.

Let me share with you what the Bible says in Psalm 139:13–14 about how God made us. *(Read that scripture)*

God made each of us when we were inside our mothers. This passage tells us that God created each of us just the way. He wanted us to be. Each person is uniquely made by God. He created us with a plan and purpose for our lives.

Look at your hands. Your hands were created to do lots of things. Think about the things you do with your hands: clap, wave, touch, grab, and make things such as the things I showed you. God created your hands to do all those things and much more. Not only did God create your hands with a purpose in mind. He designed every part of you to use those parts. He gave you to honor Him. God wants us to use all that He has created in us to worship Him by ministering to others.

Prayer

God, thank You for creating us for a purpose.

Making it Stick

Have children trace one of their hands. In each finger traced, have them write something special about how God made them. In the palm, write out "I am wonderfully made." Then have the children share their pictures. Take time to point out specific ways that each child was created as a person like no one else to honor and serve God in his or her own special way.

Making it Personal

Memorize Psalm 139:1-4.

This week, read the verse each night and think about how God has made you for a purpose. List on a sheet of paper the ways that God could use you, and hang the paper where you can see it each day.

Making it Home

Make a family poster with individual handprints. On each handprint, write a way that person can serve God.