



I'M SPECIAL

PREPARATION

- + Service Sheet outline or slide presentation with songs, prayers...
- + Mirror for Bible Reading/Thought
- + 'I Like' Collage:
 - ▶ paper
 - ▶ pens
 - ▶ glue
 - ▶ cut-out pictures from magazines/catalogues/ printed from the internet, of things that children like – eg pets, flowers, toys, family pictures, food...
- + 'I am Special' Mirror:
 - ▶ coloured card cut into a mirror shape
 - ▶ silver paper or tin foil cut slightly smaller than the card
 - ▶ jewels or stickers
 - ▶ glue
 - ▶ craft stick
 - ▶ sticky tape
- + A variety of musical instruments

INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND

God has created us all to be unique and special – no two people are completely the same. We all look different and do things differently. We all have special abilities and unique characteristics and personalities. Even though we may look like some of our family members, or have the same interests as some of our friends, we are not exactly the same as anyone else – even if we are twins!

There is much in our world that would seek to negate our uniqueness and self-worth and often people say or do things that make us feel anything but special. It is so important to a child's wellbeing that we celebrate how amazing they are and to help them understand that they are special to God as well as to their family and friends.



WELCOME

Welcome Song – select from the Song Bank

BIBLE READING/THOUGHT

Have a mirror available and get the children to look at their reflections. Talk about how we are all different – colour of hair, eyes, facial features etc. Get the children to look at their hands and explain that, even though they may have the same colour hair or eyes as someone else, their fingerprints are totally unique to them!

Explain that God has created each one of us and that we are very special because there is no one else like us in the whole world!

‘For you made the parts inside me. You put me together inside my mother... Your works are great and my soul knows it very well.’

PSALM 139:13-14 *NLV*



THEME SONG

'I'm So Special'

Tune: 'Twinkle, Twinkle'

I'm so special, can't you see?
 There is no one else like me!
 God has made me just this way,
 And he loves me every day.
 I'm so special, can't you see?
 There is no one else like me!



PRAYER

Dear God

Thank you that you made me very special. (*thumbs up*)

I can clap my hands, (*clap, clap*)

I can stamp my feet, (*stamp, stamp*)

and I can shout hooray (*shout 'Hooray!'*)

because I am amazing! (*thumbs up*)

There is no one in the whole wide world (*big circle*) who is the same as me!

Amen.

ACTIVITY/GAMES

1. 'I Like' Collage

- ▶ Write the child's name in the middle of the paper.
- ▶ Let them stick on pictures of things they like. The pictures are pre-cut from magazines: dogs, cats, flowers, family pictures, hot dogs...

2. 'I'm Special' Mirror

- ▶ Stick the silver paper or tin foil on to the mirror-shaped card and write 'I'm Special' at the top.
- ▶ Decorate the edge with craft jewels or stickers.
- ▶ Add a craft stick for the handle.



3. Rhyme: 'I'm Glad I'm Me'

No one looks the way I do.
 I have noticed that is true!
 No one walks the way I walk.
 No one talks the way I talk.
 No one plays the way I play.
 No one says the things I say.
 I am special! I am ME!
 There's no one else I'd rather be!

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4. For other ideas see: www.pinterest.com/AFMYorkshire/i-am-special-craft-ideas

INSTRUMENT SONGS

Select from the Song Bank

ADDITIONAL SONGS

🎵 SoF 236 'I'm special'

🎵 SoF 208 'If I were a butterfly'

CLOSING

Closing Song or Prayer - select from resources