

WE ARE ALL WONDERS

Made by the God of wonders

This four part series is based on themes raised in the novel *'Wonder'* (PALACIO, 2012). It is suitable to be used in a Kids Church or Kids Club. Each lesson is designed to run for approximately **45 minutes**.

The lessons have been designed to be used in conjunction with the story of Auggie in *'Wonder'* (PALACIO, 2012) OR apart from it. If the children in your group are not familiar with the story, simply skip over any boxed text.

Week 1 : wonderfully included

*A body is made up of many parts, and each of them has its own use.
That's how it is with us. There are many of us, but we each are part
of the body of Christ, as well as part of one another.*

ROMANS 12:4-5 (CEV)

Jesus looks deeper than the outside appearance of a person. He sees who a person really is. He sees the things that make us special. He sees the qualities that make us unique and rare. He also sees the reasons for the bad decisions that we sometimes make. Most importantly, he makes a choice. He makes a choice to love and include us as we are. He sees that no matter who we are, we are all wonders.

Week 2: wonderfully alike

*So God created humans to be like himself;
he made men and women.*

GENESIS 1:27 (CEV)

Often when we look at each other we see differences. We see differences in the way that we look, the way that we act and the way that we think. It can be difficult at times to see what we have in common with another person. When God looks at us he sees something that we all have in common. We are all made in his image. This quality of God-likeness that we have within us is the quality that makes us wonderfully alike. It is this quality, above everything else, which makes us wonders.



Week 3: wonderfully unique

A body isn't really a body, unless there is more than one part.

1 CORINTHIANS 12:19 (CEV)

We are all alike because we are all made in the likeness of God – we are all part of his body. But a body isn't really a body, unless there is more than one part. God has made us alike and, at the same time, he has made us unique. It is our uniqueness that makes us able to do different things well. When we all live and work together, celebrating our wonderful differences, we all win.

Week 4: wonderfully loved

God loves you and has chosen you as his own special people.

So be gentle, kind, humble, meek, and patient

COLOSSIANS 3:12 (CEV)

God has chosen each one of us to be his. He has made us like him and he has made us unique. We get to make choices too. We can choose to love others just as Jesus loves us. We can choose to be kind.

References

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