



GLOSSARY

ASK: Ask a question that will help them to think about how this information makes a difference in the life.

SHARE: Talk about your own experience as a disciple of Jesus.

EXPLAIN: This is a piece of information that will help to explain the topic.

What Makes Me Special (Gifts, Talents and Personality)

'You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb. Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex. Your workmanship is marvellous - how well I know it.'
Psalms 139:13-14 (NLT)

Chat

- SHARE:** The most special thing I have ever created is...
- ASK:** What is the most special thing you have ever made?
- EXPLAIN:** You are special. God created you. The Bible tells us that God put you together inside your mother. (Psalm 139:13-14)
- ASK:** I wonder why it is important for us to know that God created us?
- ASK:** How many hairs do you think you have on your head?
- EXPLAIN:** Jesus said that God knows the answer! He knows every little detail about you. He knows about you because you are important to him. (Luke 12)
- SHARE:** When I think about how well God knows me, I feel...
- ASK:** What else do you think God knows about you?
- EXPLAIN:** The word 'unique' means 'one of a kind'. Something that is unique is very special because it is different from everything else. It is rare and precious.

- ASK: What special gifts has God given to you? What are some of the things you can do really well?
- ASK: Which of these things can you do? Draw a smiley face next to them or colour in the box.

I can run fast		I'm good with numbers	
I'm excellent at drawing		I can speak more than one language	
I can build super lego models		I can do tricks on my skateboard	
I'm great at sports		I can ride a bike without falling off	
I'm good at pretending to be someone else		I can do beautiful dancing	
I'm an excellent reader		I'm a 'super star' singer	
I can stand on one foot		I can do cool tricks	
I can figure out tricky problems		I can play a musical instrument	
I am good with animals		I am a great story teller	
I am good at playing games		I can write well	
I can cook yummy food		I can _____	

EXPLAIN: As we grow older we find out more and more about the gifts God has given us and how we can use them.

SHARE: Some of the things I can do that make me unique are...

EXPLAIN: We can use our unique gifts to do things for God and other people.

ASK: Can you think of a way that you use (or could use) your special gifts for God or other people?

EXPLAIN: The way we look and the things we can do make us special. Our personality and character also help to make us unique.

ASK: Which of these describe who you are: (draw a smiley face next to them)

I am kind		I always tell the truth	
I am good at sharing		I do what I say I will do	
I often make people laugh		I always obey	
I am a great helper		I always do my best	
I keep trying when things are hard		I am playful	
I am a hard worker		I have lots of good ideas	
I am good at making new friends		I usually stay calm	
I am very creative		I like to try new things	
I like to keep things tidy		I often ask lots of questions	
I like to care for people		I am brave	
I always want to learn		I am a good listener	

ASK: Can you think of any more words to describe who you are?

Activity

Use some playdough or craft supplies or draw a picture together or produce something creative and unique.

Application

When you feel worried remember that you are specially created by God and that he cares for you.

Prayer

What would you like to talk to Jesus about?

What are you happy about?

Is there anything that is making you feel sad?

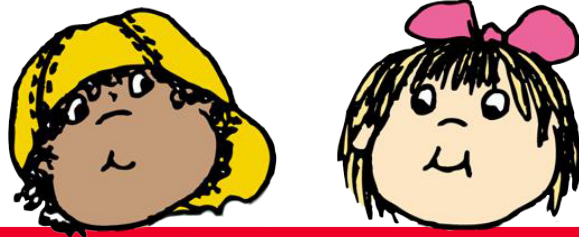
What can you thank Jesus for?

Is there anything you are sorry about?

Is there something you would like Jesus to help you with?

Who would you like to pray for?

Dear God, we know that you have made us each special. You are amazing to be able to do that. Please help me to use all the wonderful things I can do to help others.



Tips for Using Little Chats

As children answer the questions they are voicing their thoughts to God. Remind them that Jesus hears our prayers. You don't need to ask all of the questions each time you use Little Chats but referring to a range each time will help children to learn about the breadth of prayer.

Use the suggested prayer or pray in your own words to model more formal prayer without minimising the importance of the informal prayer.

Remember to be aware of the teachable moments in everyday life, not just when using Little Chats, to have important conversations with children.

This resource provides a guideline for conversations. If children want to discuss things further keep the conversation going for as long as they are still interested.

Don't be afraid to tell a child that you don't know the answers to their questions. In these instance, offer to work together to learn the answer.

Little Chats - What Makes Me Special

Journal

Draw a picture or stick a photo of yourself in the middle of the page.

Around your picture, write words, or draw pictures, to show some of the things that make you special.

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