

I AM CRAFTED

BOTTOM LINE:

We are God's favorite creation

KEY PASSAGE:

Psalm 139:13-18, Fearfully and Wonderfully Made

MEMORY VERSE:

"Every house is built by someone. But God is the builder of everything." - Hebrews 3:4 (NirV)

SUMMARY:

God made the universe and everything in it. His favorite creation is us – the Bible says that we are fearfully and wonderfully made. Even before we were "on the grid" God knew us and loved us.

OBJECT LESSON

ITEMS NEEDED:

A completed plastic model, or a completed craft project

Bring in a plastic model you have assembled, or a craft you have made. Something that came off the shelf at a craft store or Hobby Lobby that you yourself or someone close to you made. Show it off to the kids. Tell them anything you remember about how it was made.

The cool thing about a project like this is the pride we take once it's done. We can put it on a shelf and say, "I made that. My hands

crafted that.” It is not another decoration bought preassembled and painted. It is special because I made it on my own.

All of us are special in God’s eyes because we were crafted by His hands. He knew who we were and what we would become before we were even born. We are God’s creation, and He is not done creating yet. He wants all of us to let Him craft us in the image of Jesus.

You were crafted by God, and He loves you. Let Him continue the good work He has begun in you!

INTRO:

Minecraft became one of the most popular games for kids and adults specifically because it tapped into our imaginations. Minecraft is not a maze or a puzzle or a scrolling adventure game. It’s a building game. In Minecraft we adopt a character that we use to build whatever it is we can dream up. Once you learn the tools and rules of the game, you can build almost anything – and I do mean ANYthing.

Minecraft players have recreated some of the greatest architectural creations in the history of mankind including the Taj Mahal and the Empire State Building. They have reconstructed ancient cities, using their imaginations to envision the glory days of Athens and Rome. They have even used their imaginations to build spaceships like the Starship Enterprise and the Battlestar Galactica! In Minecraft you are only limited by time and imagination. You are in control, and when you finish a new creation, you can screenshot it and share it with the world

Our series title, “I’m Crafted,” is more than just a play on the name of the video game. It is a reminder that we, too, were created by an imaginative and powerful God. While we can use the building blocks of the video game world to build things, only God has the power to make our world and everything in it from nothing. God made our world, and then He made us. We were crafted by His hands, and as God’s favorite creation, He wants to continue crafting us in His image

READ PSALM 139:13-18

MAIN POINT:

David wrote this Psalm thousands of years ago, long before the invention of ultrasound allowed us to see an infant forming in the womb. Before we were born, God saw us in that hidden place. He shaped us. He made us. He crafted us for a special purpose.

The Bible tells us we are God’s most precious creation. It tells us He is not done with us yet. God wants to continue crafting us in His image, so we can grow closer to Jesus and be a witness to God’s goodness. How amazing is it that we can say we were crafted by God!

MEMORY VERSE:

Hebrews 3:4

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Read Psalm 139:13-18

Who does the writer say crafted us?

What does he say about us before we were born?

How does it feel knowing God made you?

What else does this passage say about us and God?

Do you believe God has a plan for you?

CLOSE IN PRAYER

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