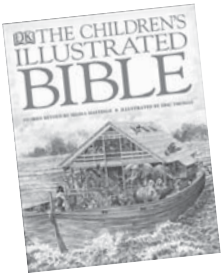


Second Sunday after Epiphany

Racial Justice Day



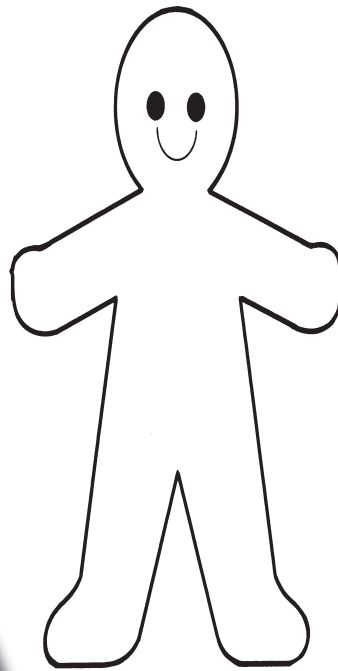
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The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said, "Follow me and be my disciple." Then Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the person whom Moses and the prophets wrote about: Jesus, son of Joseph from Nazareth!" But Nathanael scoffed, "Can any good come out of Nazareth?" Philip answered, "Come and see for yourself."

—John 1:43–46 adapted

Jesus-Wonderfully Made

Read John 1:43–46 about Jesus calling the disciples to follow him. Discuss what Nathanael said about Jesus, "Can any good come out of Nazareth? Discuss: Do we have negative feelings about people of a special group, from a certain place, or of a different religion or culture that is different from us? Challenge kids to think of criticisms we make of other people, and have them "pop up" with their idea when you say, "Can any good come out of _____? Kids would answer with phrases such as: "the farm" or "the city" or "red hair" or "curly hair" or "hockey players" or anything. Afterward, discuss: the psalmist praised God for being wonderfully made. We are all wonderfully made and each is unique, wonderful, and exceptional.



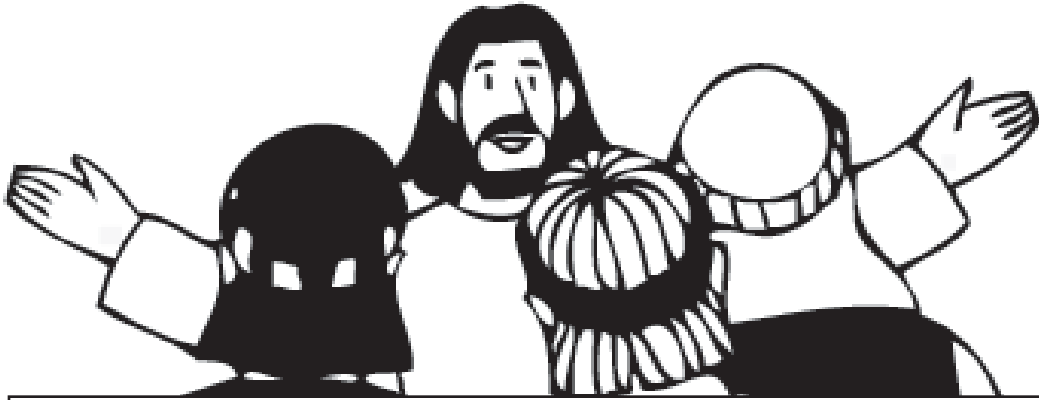
Wonderfully Made Cookie Factory

Read Doctrine and Covenants 10:3a–4a and Psalm 139:14. Discuss: What does it mean to be wonderfully made? Why does God say to search for wisdom and you'll be rich?

Set up a factory line for kids to make people as wonderfully made as God made them. Bring to class premade people-shaped cookies. Food colorings of blue, green, pink, orange, and yellow can be mixed into dough before baking, or can be painted on later to make people of all colors. Set up a factory line, placing decorating materials along it. Each kid will be assigned to one material that will add one feature to each cookie as it travels down the factory line. Features include hair, eyes, mouth, nose, clothing, glasses, hearing aids, crutches—whatever.

Discuss: We made wonderful cookies by working together. What do they have that are similar to live people? We did our best to create wonderfully made cookies just as God did in creating us. Indeed, we are wonderfully made! Praise God!

[God] I praise you, for I am
fearfully and wonderfully made.
—Psalm 139:14 NRSV



Lord, you have searched me and know me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you know my thoughts from far away. Even before I speak a word, you know it completely. You surround me and comfort me. Knowing that you love me is too wonderful for me. You formed my inside parts and knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am wonderfully made.

—*Psalm 139:1–13 adapted*

Some Things about Me

Which one of these pair of sentences describe you? Only choose one!

I would rather read, or I would rather run fast.

I would rather set the table, or I would rather sing.

I would rather be a good friend, or I would rather watch TV.

I would rather jump rope, or I would rather care for my pet.

I would rather fix something, or I would rather do math.

I would rather share feelings, or I would rather make music.



Draw a picture of your favorite thing to do.