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Read: 1 Timothy 4:12





Kid President

With the help of an adult, look up YouTube "Kid President". Choose a video to watch and see how even kids can do some pretty amazing things. Talk with someone in your house about what you watched and think of something you can do to make a difference.

Know that God can use you to make a difference.



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Difference Maker

Think back to yesterday and how you thought about something you can do to make a difference. Now, think of what you can do right now to make a difference in your home! Can you help your parent with dinner, entertain your younger siblings, create a picture for your teacher? Now, stop thinking and start doing!

Look for ways that you can make a difference right where you are.



God made me to make a difference.



Good Example

Look up this week's Bible verse: 1 Timothy 4:12. Read it aloud a few times and then think: If you believe in Jesus, you get to tell others about Him and be an example of what believers should do! Just because you are young does not mean that you don't get to do big things! Telling others about Jesus, showing love and kindness and being a friend are great ways to reflect Jesus to others!

Ask God to show you how to be a good example to those around you.

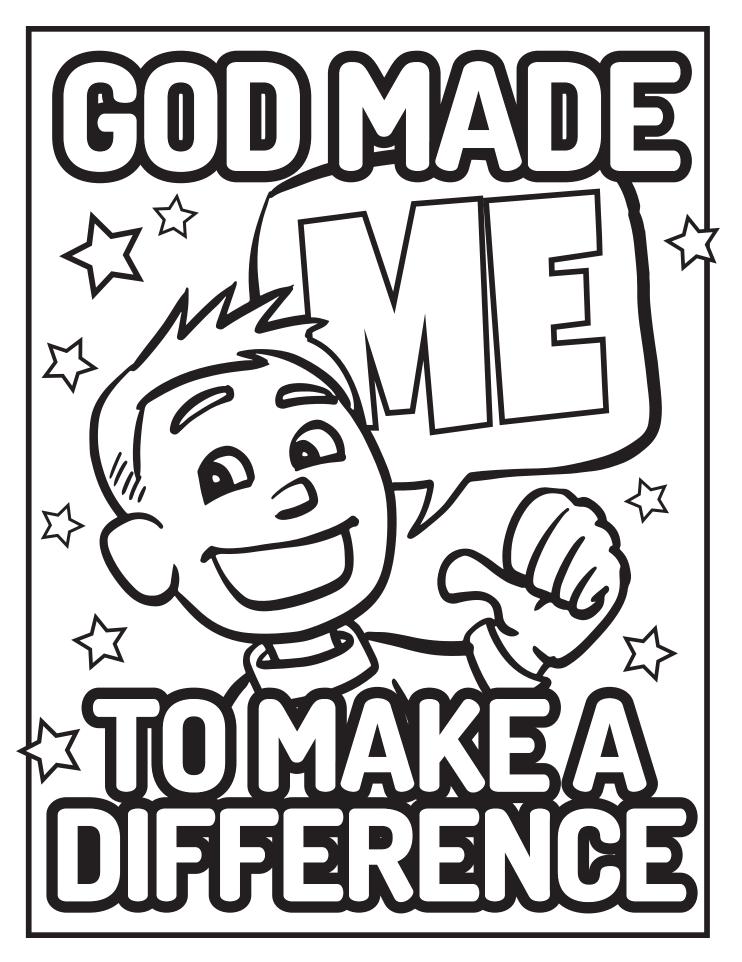


Making a Difference

God can use you no matter how old you are, where you live, or what you know. Being young means that you have a long time to make a difference. Ask God to help you start making a difference now!

"Dear God, I pray that today I can start making a difference. I am young but you have made me to do big things. I pray that you can help me know and see what I can do to help those around me. I love you, God. Amen"

Thank God for giving you the time to do big things for Him.





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DAY 1

Read Hebrews 13:16

God made you wonderfully on purpose to help others know about and follow Jesus. He doesn't expect you to do this perfectly but He does want you to try. When you choose to "do good" to others, you can make a difference right where you are, right now.

Grab a piece of paper. Fold it in half, then in half again, then in half again and then in half one more time. Open the page to reveal sixteen boxes. Inside each box, write one way you could "do good" to make a difference this week. As you complete each one, draw a big check mark across that box. Can you complete your "do good" list by the end of the week?

DAY 2

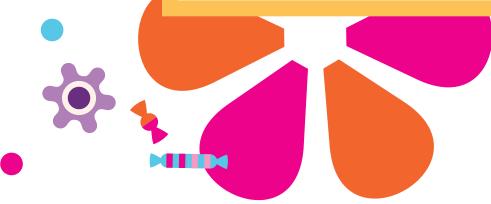
Read 1 Peter 4:10

Do God has given you specific gifts – not gifts that are wrapped up with a bow – but gifts like talents and abilities. He gave you those gifts so that you would use them to make a difference. **The way God made you is so very special.** There are things that you can do that no one else can.

As a kid, you're just beginning to discover the unique and special qualities that make you, you! Maybe your friends and family have started to notice them too.

"Interview" someone who knows you well by asking these questions:

- 1. What do you think I'm good at? What do I love to do?
- **2.** How do you think I could use that gift or ability to make a difference?



DAY 3

Read 1 Timothy 4:12

Today's verse is from a letter Paul wrote to Timothy. Though Timothy was a young man, Paul was impressed by his faith. Paul wrote these words to encourage Timothy to keep going, to keep telling people about Jesus.

Just like Timothy, you are just the right age to start helping others know about Jesus! In fact, you might even be better than some of the adults around you – especially when it comes to helping other kids your age follow Jesus! You are the best person to invite someone your age to church, to tell them your favorite story from the Bible or to notice when they need help (sometimes, even before an adult might notice). So don't worry about your age. Because God can use you to make a difference right now.

- 1. What are some things you are too young to do?
- 2. Does God think you are "too young" to do things for Him? Why or why not?

You can make a difference right now.

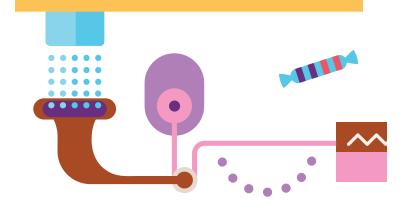
Read Galatians 6:4

DAY 4

In your language arts class at school, have you ever been asked to read two different passages to find their similarities and their differences? This is usually called "compare and contrast."

Comparing stories is a great way to practice your reading. But comparison is not so great when it comes to people! **God wants you to learn to be content with the awesome way He made you.** If you spend all your time wishing you were like someone else, you might miss something awesome God has for you. Because God made you to make a difference right now.

Do you compare yourself to a sibling at home or a friend at school? Write that person's name on a piece of paper. Then pray and thank God for the unique and wonderful way He made them. On the opposite side of the paper, write your name. Pray and thank God for the awesome way He made you and ask Him to show you how to use your unique gifts and abilities to make a difference right now.



Journal

thoughts or share them with a parent. the question below and journal your Spend some time thinking about

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So & So Show. and watch this week's episode of The

feel free to check it out again! Even if you already saw it at church,

2. You learned:

You'd like to know:

A Devotional on Individuality

Day 2

Read 1 Timothy 4:12

Try your hand at interpreting the message behind 1 Timothy 4:12 in American Sign Language. Learn each word listed below through video lessons at www.handspeak.com! Practice the correct hand signs with a friend or parent this week.

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Day 3

Don't

allow

Are you wondering how you can make a difference right now?

If you made the coat of arms last week, grab that. If not, take a minute to think through some of your talents, skills, and resources and write them down. Then look at the coat of arms or your list and pray through it, asking God to help you to use these gifts and experiences you've had to make a difference in the lives of people around you.

to people.

Dear God, You have given me the gift of

Please help me to use that to help

Close your prayer asking God to give you the courage to make a difference

right now!

Day 4

It's great to talk to people who are older than you, or who have been following Jesus longer than you have

But did you ever think about the fact that you are that person for people who are younger than you? Or for friends who maybe haven't been following Jesus as long as you have?

Today you're going to "talk" to others who are younger than you—or who perhaps haven't been following Jesus as long as you have—using the interpretation of 1 Timothy 4:12 in ASL that you learned earlier this week.

Start by teaching them the sign language and the truth of Paul's words. Then share with them something that you see in them—something that makes them able to make a difference in the world. Encourage them to make a difference right now! (And in doing so, you'll be making a difference too!)



Day 5

How can you make a difference right now?

Look back on the prayer you prayed earlier this week. It's time to put feet—or hands, or voice—to those prayers! Pick one of the talents or resources you wrote down or illustrated on your coat of arms and put it into action to serve others.

Maybe you can:

- Volunteer to read to younger kids at school...
- Or perform music at a retirement community...
- Or bake cookies for a friend who's going through a hard time...

Whatever you pick, consider taking a photo and sharing the experience with your small group or other group of friends—not to brag in any way, but to encourage them that they too can make a difference right now!