

## Everyone is Special

**Passage:** Genesis 1

**Theme:** Christians believe that God made each person special.

**Resources:** Memory stick with song words and music; CD with music on; Laptop (check cable); Projector (check 2 cables); Extension lead; Schools team t-shirts (3 spare); Spare scripts. Inflatable elephant; inflatable Shark; inflatable Globe; inflatable fish; Balloon pump; Black sheet; Giant Bible (with script in); 4 paper birds (inc. 2 spare); plastic ivy, Water pistol; spare water for pistol; woollen sheep head; 7 names with clothes pegs attached (Darling, Handsome, Smelly, Bad at football, Ugly, Not my friend). inc. 'special' name badge. Music stand for names.

**Person 1** - Introduction, Person 1, Questions

**Person 2** - Person 2, Prayer & Close

**Person 3** - Narrator, Talk

[BEFORE ASSEMBLY - Set up props between persons 1 and 2 on table/chair. 1: globe, water pistol, plastic ivy, fish, bird, elephant. 2: black sheet, plastic ivy, shark, bird, sheep. Putting them in order will help.]

### **Introduction:**

Hello everyone, we are so pleased to be back with you again! We are

\_\_\_\_\_ (insert church/organisation name), I am \_\_\_\_\_, and this is \_\_\_\_\_ (introduce rest of the team).

I wonder if you can have a think about some of the names that you get called... Some of them are good names. [Stick up darling. Stick up handsome.] What are some nice names

that people have called you? [Ask] They are really nice names, but sometimes people call us names that aren't so good... Maybe someone has called you ugly [Put up the label], or smelly [Put up], or bad at football [put up], or told you that you're not their friend [put up].

I have been called some nice names and some not very nice names, but in our story from the Bible, we hear right at the beginning of the world, what God called people...

### Story/Drama:

[Person 1 explains that when they say 'Good' put one thumb up, when they say 'Very good', put two thumbs up. When they say, 'Light', throw up both hands up in the middle and lower them in quarter circle left and right. Try it out. Persons 1 and 2 join in each time.]

Narrator: In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

*[Person 1 pretends to finish blowing up the globe and throw it to Person 2]*

Narrator: God said, "Let there be **light**," and there was **light**. God saw that the **light** was good [**THUMB UP**], and he separated the **light** from the darkness.

God called the **light** "day,"

Narrator: And the darkness he called "night."

*[Person 2 throw sheet over Person 1 who pretends to stumble around]*

Narrator: And God said, "Let the water [*Person 1 squirts Person 2 with water and puts pistol between them. Person 2 dries themselves looking shocked*] come together, and let ground appear." And it was so. God called the dry ground "land," and the water [*Person 2 grabs pistol, squirts with water. Person 1*

*dries themselves looking shocked*] he called “seas.” And God saw that it was good. *[THUMB UP]*

Then God said, “Let the land produce plants and trees.

*[Persons 1 and 2 drape ivy over themselves]*

The land produced plants and trees. And God saw that it was good. *[THUMB UP]*

Narrator: And God said, “Let the water be filled with life...

*[Person 1 pulls out fish which swims gently across the front. After a moment, Person 2 pulls out their shark and chases the fish]*

Narrator: And let birds fly above the earth.” So God created the great sea creatures, and every bird. *[Person 1 & 2 throw paper birds]* And God saw that it was good. *[THUMB UP]*

And God said, “Let there be animals...” And it was so. *[Person 1 walks slowly across the front with the elephant - could even squirt the narrator! Person 2 with sheep head on sees elephant and runs away baaing].* And God saw that it was good. *[THUMB UP]*

Narrator: Then God said, “Let us make people who will be like us.”

So God created people like himself.

*[Person 1 and 2 stand proudly at the front]*

God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. *[2 THUMBS UP]*

## Talk:

Something that is special to me is \_\_\_\_\_(insert something special to you). Maybe what's special to you is your brother, sister, or a pet, or your favourite toy. What is special to you? [Ask] Well, Christians believe that God made each person special.

In the story we heard from right at the start of the Bible, we find that Christians believe that God made the earth:

He made light, and he saw that it was... [Ask] Good! [Hold up your thumb]

He made water and land, and he saw that it was... [Ask] Good! [THUMB UP]

He made plants and trees, and he saw that it was... [Ask] Good! [THUMB UP]

He made sea creatures, birds, animals, and he saw that it was... [Ask] Good! [THUMB UP]

But then the Bible says that God made people, who would be like him! All of those things like sharks and elephants and seas were good, but when God looked at all that he had made, including people like you and me, he said that it was... [Ask] VERY good! [Hold up two thumbs] The Bible says that God made people to be like him - very good! [2 THUMBS UP] So, Christians believe that God made each person special.

Sometimes people say mean things about us which might make us really sad [Pin one of mean labels on you] [Thumb down]. Maybe you did miss that goal in football, or someone says they don't like your hair, maybe you can't ride a bike. Whatever anyone says about you, [take off mean label] Christians believe that God made each person special. [Pin 'Special' label on you]

Sometimes we feel like saying mean things to other people. Maybe someone won't share with us, or they annoy us, or they are different to us. Well, we can remember the story we heard from the Bible today about how people were made by God to be like him - very

good [two thumbs up]. Christians believe that God made each person special, and maybe we could say kind words instead.

**Song:** God's love is big

[Introduce actions and get the children to stand up quietly, ready to join in]

### Questions:

I'm going to ask you some questions now so you can show me how well you have been listening:

1. What are some of the things that we heard in the Bible story that Christians believe that God made? [Heavens, earth, light, darkness, earth, sea/water, sea creatures (fish, shark!), birds, animals (elephant, sheep), people!]
2. When God saw people, he saw that all he had made was, what? [Very good]
3. What do Christians believe that we can learn from today's Bible story? [Christians believe that God made each person special]

### Prayer:

To finish our assembly, I am going to say a short prayer for us all. So, if you can please close your eyes so you aren't distracted and if you agree with my prayer, you can join in with "Amen" want to make it your prayer, you can say amen at the end with me....

Dear God, thank you so much for \_\_\_\_\_ (*insert school name*). Thank you that we have learnt from this story that Christians believe that you made each of us special. I pray that you would bless every child and every member of staff in this school. **Amen.**

### Close:

Thank you for having us today and we will see you again soon.