

MAIN POINT:

God is the Author: I Will Choose Him

MEMORY VERSE:

"The Lord your God is God. He is the faithful God." Deuteronomy 7:9a

BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

God is a creative God. He made the entire world and included some pretty funny, amazing and incredible things! God created everything, including me. God placed the first people He created, Adam and Eve in a beautiful garden. He told them they could eat from every tree but one. Adam and Eve disobeyed God and so they had to leave the garden so that they would not live forever in their sin. But God didn't want to be separated from His creation forever. He wants a relationship with each one of us. So He made a plan to send His Son Jesus to pay the price for sin once and for all. Jesus came as a rescuer and anyone who follows Him will be able to have a forever relationship with God.

WATCH IT

Find the lesson video on our website: <https://cchurch.ca/childrens-online>

DO IT → PENCIL TOPPER

Supplies:

- Chenille wire (1 per child)
- Pony beads (3 per child)
- Pencil (1 per child)

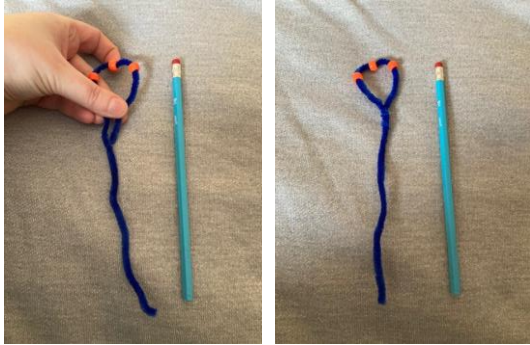
Activity Instructions:

- Have children thread the beads onto their chenille wire. Keep the beads on the top half of the wire.



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- Bend the end to touch the halfway point on the wire and twist the wires together. You should now have a circle with the beads on it.



- Grasp the wire at the place where you twisted it together. Hold it up to the eraser end of the pencil. Twist the remaining end of the wire around the pencil.



- Spread the beads so that you have one centred on the circle, and one on either side. Push the centre bead down so that the circle turns into a heart.



TALK ABOUT IT:

Do this section with your child while they're putting together their craft.

1. **Is there something you always like to be in charge of?** (Picking out what clothes you will wear, being the line leader or helper to pass out supplies at school, explaining the rules of the games when you play with friends.)

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2. **It can be fun to be in charge, and God has given us free will, which means we can make our own choices. We can choose to do things our way, or we can choose to do things God's way. God is the author, so He knows what's best for us, because He made us and He loves us so much. God wants to help us live our lives in the best way. We can do that by making choices to follow Him. When we do that, God is able to write our lives into His big story. Being part of God's story is always an adventure! God and the Bible can always be trusted. Let's brainstorm ways we can follow God this week.** (Be kind to those who are not nice to us, even our siblings! Invite those who might feel left out to join us in a game we're playing. Help our family or neighbours, even before they ask. Read your Bible to get to know God. Turn off music or shows that are not appropriate.)

3. **Is there something that God has been asking you to do that you haven't done yet?** (Allow children to share if they want. Share an age-appropriate example from your own life.) **This week, choose to follow God by doing what He asks. If God hasn't yet asked you to do something, don't worry, He will! We can practice choosing to follow God by listening to our parents, and doing what they ask us to do, right away.**

FAMILY PRAYER:

Dear God, Thank You for making our wonderful world and thank You for being in charge of it. Thank You for sending Jesus so that we can have a relationship with You. We love You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

OFFERING:

Our offering for the months of July to September is going to a partner church in SE Asia to help farmers with micro-farming of chickens and frogs.