

Scripture Passage: Psalm 139:13-16

Memory Verse: Psalm 139:14

Theme Song: Wonderful

Big Idea: You were wonderfully made by a wonderful God.

READ

Read Psalm 139:13-16 aloud to your family. If your kids can read, consider having one of them read or letting them take turns reading.

Psalm 139:13-16

- ¹³ For you created my inmost being;
 you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- ¹⁴ I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
 your works are wonderful,
 I know that full well.
- ¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you
 when I was made in the secret place,
 when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.
- ¹⁶ Your eyes saw my unformed body;
 all the days ordained for me were written in your book
 before one of them came to be.

SING

Play "Wonderful" from the *Doorpost Songs: This Is Love* album and sing together. If you have small children, find a toy instrument and let them bang away! If needed, print copies of the lyric sheet for your family.

MEMORIZE

Pick a section of the verses to memorize as a family. Use the suggestions below or choose your own. Use the long version for older children and the short version for preschoolers.

Long Version (Psalm 139:14)

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Short Version (Psalm 139:14)

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LEARN

Read the Big Idea and short devotional aloud to your family. If you have time, use the discussion questions at the end of the devotional.

What's the Big Idea?

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Family Devotional

Who is the most famous painter you can think of?

Okay, so art history might not be your strong suit. (Not too many people are art history buffs.) Here are a few names you might recognize: Michelangelo, Leonardo da Vinci, van Gogh, Picasso, Pollock. Paintings by these artists sell for hundreds of millions of dollars. Some are never sold because they are literally priceless.

Now, imagine you found a dusty old painting in your attic that was signed, "Picasso." Everyone would want to see the painting! It would be a huge story on the news! People would offer you large sums of money to purchase the painting!

Why? Because of the name of the artist. Simply knowing that Picasso created the painting would make it incredibly valuable.

What about you? Who created you? The Bible says in Genesis 1:27 that God created you "in his own image." In other words, he signed his name to the beautiful piece of art that is you. Ephesians 2:10 says you are God's "handiwork," as if he has you on display with the very best of his creations. And Psalm 139 confirms it; you are "fearfully and wonderfully made." ("Fearfully" is the Bible's way of saying that you are awesome! You are such an amazing creation that people are in awe of God, your Creator.)

And how does the author of Psalm 139 know that he is "wonderfully made?" He writes in verse 14, "Your works are wonderful, I know that full well." In other words, he has looked around the world that God created, searched the stars that God hung in place, seen the amazing creatures that fill God's world, and witnessed the pinnacle of God's creation that is humanity. It's all wonderful! Picasso may have painted a few duds in his time, but God has never created anything that is less than wonderful.

So if you're ever tempted to think you're not so great, if you ever feel like you're not worth much, if you ever feel like there's nothing special about you, remember the one who created you, who wove you together. You bear

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TALK

Talk about what you have learned as a family. Use the questions below or ask some of your own.

1. What are some of the wonderful things God created?
2. Not only did God create you, he also created your family, your friends, your enemies, and billions of people you've never even met. He created everyone! So how should we treat people who are God's creation, just like us?
3. If you are one of God's wonderful creations, how do you think God feels about you?

PRAY

Pray together. Here are some ideas:

- Thank God for his incredible creation. Thank him that each person in your family is a precious and special creation of his.
- Ask God to help us love others, since everyone is one of his creations.
- Thank God that, because he made us, he also loves us with an amazing, wonderful love!