

IDENTITY

**KNOWING WHO
GOD MADE YOU
TO BE**



**WEEK
FIVE
K-5TH**

Day 1—Read Genesis 2:18

Imagine you are Adam, the first person ever created. You're surrounded by beauty, far beyond imagination. It's not too hot or too cold and there's plenty of delicious food to eat. You're given the job of tending to this beautiful garden. But it doesn't feel like work, it's fun!

Then God gives you the coolest job of all—naming the animals! You name the elephants, toucans, jellyfish, frogs and all the rest. But none of these amazing creatures are quite right for you. They can't think or feel or talk or love in the way you can. So, God creates a helper, Eve. From the very beginning, God created us to need each other, work together and help each other. That's why big projects are easier to tackle with friends. It isn't good to be alone. God created us to help one another.

Grab a piece of paper and draw an animal of your own creation. Then, ask a friend to help you come up with a creative name! Thank God for the friends He's given you and ask Him to help you be a good friend too knowing that God created you to help others.

Day 2—Read Romans 12:4-5

Do you remember the song "Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes?" Go ahead, you can sing it if you want. You probably learned this song as a preschooler to help you to identify different parts of your body. It's hard to imagine but there really was a time when you didn't know your knee from your elbow.

Just like a body has different parts that do very different things, God has given people different skills and abilities. Whatever job we've been given, we should do it with all our ability. Everyone is important, that's why God made each of us unique and gifted in our own way. Sing the words below to the tune of "Head, Shoulder, Knees and Toes." Grab a friend or sibling to help you create some fun motions too:

One body, many parts, many parts.

Head and shoulders, knees and toes, knees and toes.

(Repeat)

Altogether is more fun, made by to God work as one.

Your eyes and ears and mouth and nose.

One body, many parts, many parts.

Head and shoulders, knees and toes, knees and toes.

Day 3—Read Hebrews 10:24

Lifting something heavy. Planting a garden. Building a fort. Playing catch. Or tag. Or hide and go seek. In the space below, list some other things that are easier or more FUN with friends:

There are some things that are easier and way more fun with friends! This week, we're taking a look at how God created you to work with others. And today's verse gives us a great big clue about how to do this.

Did you catch the "stir each other up" part? What happens when you stir two things together? It becomes one new even better combination. When we "stir" or motivate each other in love, we can do more good together.

Think about the unique way God made you. Do you like to draw or paint or create? Do you like to sing or perform? Do you like to plan or organize? Now, think of one way you can use your unique abilities to love and to stir up or motivate others to do good too. Now pick one friend and follow through by encouraging them in the unique way that only you can.

Day 4—Read 1 Peter 3:8

Let's talk about coral! While it might look like a rock or a plant, it's actually an animal. Each piece of coral that you see is made of hundreds, possibly thousands, of individual coral called polyps (POL-ips). These polyps all mass together pulling the calcium from seawater to produce that recognizable rocky appearance. Coral also provides shelter to hundreds—sometimes thousands—of sea creatures. It's a safe place for fish to lay their eggs, even acting as a sort of nurse for the babies of larger fish until they are big enough to swim on their own.

Studying coral helps us understand the idea of unity or cooperation—working together as one. It's what Peter is talking about when he asks us to "agree with one another, to be kind and humble and understanding and to love one another." Because when we stick together, we can get way more done. Just like God created those individual polyps to work together, God created you to work with others.

Write out the words of today's verse on an index card. Put it in your lunchbox or backpack. When you're at school tomorrow, read the verse and ask God to help you be kind, understanding and loving toward others in cooperation and unity.

You may just be one "polyp," but you're pretty powerful when you work with others. For more inspiration, see pages 120 and 121 in "How Great Is Our God" by Louie Giglio.

