

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



Why did you write *Enjoying God My Creator!*?

We are parents and leaders in children's ministry who want our children and the children we teach to learn to relate to God in a personal way. Like you, we don't want our kids to simply know about God and recite facts or doctrine (though that's important!). We want them to enjoy a relationship with God. We believe that learning to enjoy God while young will connect children's hearts to God and establish a foundation of love and trust.

This activity guide was designed to help children enjoy and delight in God their Creator by teaching the way children learn best—through play, activity, and FUN—while still teaching solid biblical truth! We wanted a resource that will equip parents, teachers, and other adults to teach children about God the Creator in an active, meaningful way. Play is the work of childhood, and these activities harness the power of imagination with the power of God's Word. Our ultimate goal is helping children know, enjoy, and respond to God, their Creator.



What age is this written for?

The activities in this guide are designed for 3-11-year-olds. Most can be easily adapted for other ages or taught to a multi-age group.

We designed activities with our own preschoolers in mind, so if you have preschoolers, they can join right in! Preschoolers love to touch, move, explore, and wonder. These are the main components of most of the activities.

Older kids love to lead. These years are a great time to help them develop skills while they continue to learn about God. If you have older children or teens, they can help you with the research or prep for activities. Suggestions are also given on ways to adapt activities so they challenge older children.



How are the activities organized?

There are four themes developed in this guide. They are:

God Made Everything

God Made Me

God Knows Best

Why Was I Created?

These themes are the "big ideas" that you and your children will explore together as you learn to enjoy God, our Creator.

Each theme is further divided into topics that explore the theme in more depth. There are 4 – 6 topics per theme. The topics are key biblical truths that support and expound on the theme. Every activity will teach the main theme and at least one of the topics.

Each theme also has a "foundational" category of activities. These activities include a key phrase, key verse, verse game, song suggestions, etc. These foundational activities can be taught alongside any of the topics. They can be done at any time, and can even be repeated several times to support the overall theme.



Can I simply read these activities as they're written to my children?

Yes! We tried to make these as simple to use as possible. Children respond more to how you say something than what you actually say. While it's important to speak truth, your enthusiasm and love for what you are saying will be the most meaningful to your children long-term. Model awe, wonder, admiration, and love towards God the Creator, and your children will easily follow in your footsteps.



Can I see demonstrations of any activities?

Yes! Check out the *Kids Enjoying Jesus* YouTube channel where you can find video demonstrations and explanations of many activities.




How much time will it take to prepare these activities?

All of the activities in this guide are low prep. Each activity uses materials commonly found in the average household (which keeps it low cost too!). Every activity uses this general format:

- **Prepare**—this tells you what you need to gather or prepare to successfully complete the activity.
- **Say**—This includes suggested things for you to say and Bible verses to read.
- **Do**—The instructions to have the most FUN with the activity.
- **Ideas**—some activities have extra ideas to make the activity accommodate older children or larger groups.

You can take a few minutes to plan which activities you want to do, gather the materials listed in the “prepare” section, pray, and then get started!

You can save even MORE time and effort by buying the digital printable pack! This pack contains **every single printable** you need to teach these activities, plus some extra bonus activities too! This “time saver” symbol within an activity  indicates a printable resource.

You can purchase the printable pack file at www.FindingRhythmsEnjoyingLife.com and www.KidsEnjoyingJesus.com.



What supplies will I need to do these activities?

A materials list is available in the printable pack of every supply needed for every activity so you can see it at a glance. Here are some supplies that are used repeatedly that you’ll want to have on hand:

- Bag or container to put activity cards in
- Pencils and pens
- Paper
- Crayons, colored pencils, etc.



Do I need to do every activity?

In short ... no! Each activity stands alone, so you can pick and choose what will work for your group. You don’t have to do them all or even do them in the order they’re written! There’s no need to check off boxes or feel like you have to accomplish the whole leader’s guide in order to successfully help your children enjoy God as their Creator. You’ll want to choose activities based on the following:

- **Ages**—are you teaching a preschool class? Choose activities that are high involvement, aren’t reading-based (or adapt for non-readers), and are fairly short. If you have a mix of ages, consider how you can involve both the very young and the older kids.
- **Abilities**—Are the children very active? How long is their attention span? Can they read? Do they like being outdoors? You can pick activities according to what the children can do or what they like.
- **Setting**—Are you using this for family devotions or for children’s church? Do you have one

child or twenty? Are you teaching inside or outside? There is enough variety in these activities to have something for everyone, but considering your teaching setting will help you choose activities.



Is there a gospel presentation?

Yes! Before children can fully treat God as their Creator, they need to know him as Savior. Each theme has an activity that points to the gospel in some way. The printable pack includes a full-color object lesson called “The Gospel Robot” that can be used at any point as you work through this activity guide. You may want to present the object lesson first to introduce the children to the gospel message. Or, you may feel led to use it in the middle, or even at the end. It’s crucial to introduce children to God the Creator’s salvation plan at some point. You know your children best, so use it as God leads you.



Are there helps for leading a discussion?

An excellent way to help children make connections with biblical content and deepen their walk with God is through having discussions. Asking questions is one of the best ways to gauge what children are learning and thinking. One of the goals of this book is to help draw children’s hearts closer to God. Talking with and listening to them can help you direct their hearts towards a deeper relationship with God. It’s important to create an environment where children feel comfortable talking and sharing.

Many of the activities in this guide lend themselves well to a discussion either during or after the activity. Each theme has “Discussion Starters” in the “foundational” activities’ category. These discussion starters can be used by themselves, or in conjunction with any other activity.

The “Respond” sections in some activities contain questions or a natural way to respond to God. You could also allow time to answer questions children have about the topic, or about God.



Can I extend these activities?

This activity guide is based on the content of the 4-week devotional book called *God is My Creator!* It is a great resource for a child’s individual study or for more in-depth teaching in a group setting. The devotional book is written at a 3rd grade reading level and is ideal for children to do on their own as they establish a daily time with God. Its goal is to help children relate to God as Creator and then respond to him from their hearts.

A free digital leader’s guide is available to help you engage in conversation around the content. This devotional is available for purchase as a digital file at www.FindingRhythmsEnjoyingLife.com or www.KidsEnjoyingJesus.com. A print version is also available on Amazon.



How can I use this in my homeschool?

This activity guide works well as a homeschool Bible curriculum. You could choose one or two activities to do each day, choosing the ones that suit your homeschool the best. The activities can be done as an entire family. The accompanying devotional book (see “Can I extend these activities?” question) can also be used daily for older children.



How can I use this for family devotions?

These activities can help you carry out Deuteronomy 6:4-9 as you look for ways to point out what creation teaches about God and ways God enjoys and sustains it each day. This can be a great way to really enrich your family time - either as a specific devotion time or as scattered activities during your week. Most of the activities can be completed in 15 minutes or less, which makes them easy to use. You could choose one activity per devotional time. The activities are interactive and fun, which makes

them perfect for a family to do together and convey that enjoying God is fun. Most activities have a corresponding Bible verse or way to respond to God. Additionally, you can learn a song, Key Phrase or verse together as a family.



How can I use this in my church? (Sunday School, children's church, weeknight programs, etc.)

This activity guide was intentionally designed to be very versatile. Because each activity stands alone, you may choose what would work best for your class. Each activity has an estimate for how long it will take. So, if you have 20 minutes, you may want to pick two or three activities. If you have an hour, you'd probably want to pick five or six activities, including the Key Phrase and Key Verse for that theme to add depth to your teaching. You may want to pick activities within the same theme and topic for the class to give continuity to your teaching. See the sample schedules in the appendix for ideas on how to best plan your time!



How many weeks of teaching can I fill with these activities?

This activity guide could easily take you through eight weeks of content. If your class meets once a week, you could spend two weeks on each theme. There are enough activities for you to use one a day (such as for family devotions or homeschool). You may take more or less time—it all depends on how many activities you choose to use and how much time you want to fill.



Is there a sample schedule I can see?

Yes! In the appendix there are sample schedules (and corresponding blank schedules) for the following:

- 20-minute class—Elementary
- 60-minute class—Preschool
- Use at home (family devotions, homeschool)

The samples show how to take the content and divide it up depending on your setting.