

New Song Programs Overview

Master Curriculum Overview	You Are Special (YAS)	Be Yourself! (BY!)	You Are Mine (YAM)
Topics	Self-worth and resisting labels	Identity and combating negative peer pressure	Our importance, materialism and proper stewardship
Enduring Understanding (main take-away for end-user)	You are special - unique, important, created for a purpose!	Embrace whom you are uniquely created to be!	You are important, not because of what you have but because of who(se) you are.
Companion book by Max Lucado (bilingual edition)	<u>You Are Special</u>	<u>If Only I Had a Green Nose</u>	<u>You Are Mine</u>
Targeted Grade/Ages*	5 th grade (expanded use to 8-12 year olds)	6 th grade (expanded use to 12-14 year olds)	7 th grade (expanded use to 14-16 year olds)
Lesson Times* (for end-user)	School Day Curriculum (SDC) of 8, 1-hour lessons; Saturday Curriculum (SC) of 4, 2-hour lessons	5, 1.5 hour lessons	5, 1.5 hour lessons and 1-1.5 hours of extended learning
Biblical Resources by New Song (for use in "open" settings)	YAS Companion Bible Study, essay on self worth	BY! Companion Bible Study, essay on self worth	YAM Companion Bible Study, essay on self worth
Implementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All programs work as seed planting with unbelievers. • All programs work as a discipleship tools when in coordination with Bible Study. • YAS is foundational to BY! and YAM but they can be implemented as "stand-alones". • Because of the depth and nature of BY!/YAM, they require more time for lesson exploration and can be less versatile. 		
*Please note that lesson times and age ranges are adaptable			

New Song Programs Biblical Framework

This is basic foundation on which we base all New Song curricula and Bible studies.

- 1) Everyone is special.
- 2) Everyone is special because they are made by God.
- 3) Everyone is special because they are made by God because they are loved by God.
- 4) Everyone is special because they are made by God because they are loved by God so that they can be secure in God.
- 5) Everyone is special because they are made by God because they are loved by God so that through Christ they can be secure in God and share this message with others.

You Are Special (YAS)

Overview

Publisher's Description of You Are Special by Max Lucado:

"Every day Wemmicks do the same thing: either stick gold stars or gray dots on one another. The pretty and talented ones always get stars. Others, though, who can do little or who have chipped paint, get ugly dots. Kids will love seeing how Eli the woodcarver helps Punchinello understand how special he is--dots and all. Parents will appreciate the message this story sends to kids: that regardless of what the world thinks, they are precious in God's sight."

Enduring Understanding:

You are special - unique, important, created for a purpose!

MCG Lesson Objectives with Bible Study Key Scriptures:

Lesson 0

The participant will see the relationship between esteeming God and understanding his/her self-worth as well as hear the salvation message.

Key Scripture: Psalm 96:2

Lesson 1

The participant will state the theme of the book as "you are special".

Key Scripture: 1 John 4:8b

Lesson 2

The participant will define "special."

Key Scripture: Genesis 1:26

Lesson 3

The participant will recognize his/herself and others as special through acknowledging similarities and appreciating differences.

Key Scripture: 1 Samuel 16:7b

Lesson 4

The participant will know they are special by identifying and explaining traits that show that they were made that way.

Key Scripture: Ephesians 2:10

Lesson 5

The participant will explain the symbolism of stars and dots.

Key Scripture: Matthew 7:1

Lesson 6

The participant will understand that it is a choice to accept stars and dots, and that the best choice is to accept neither.

Key Scripture: 2 Corinthians 3:18

Lesson 7

The participant will demonstrate understanding of the importance of sharing the good news of the YAS message by helping others know they are special.

Key Scripture: Romans 10:14

Lesson 8

The participant will celebrate his/her specialness and the specialness of others.

Key Scripture: Romans 12:10

Be Yourself! (BY!)

Overview

Publisher's Description of If Only I Had a Green Nose by Max Lucado:

"Just like Punchinello, we all want to fit in. To be accepted by the crowd. But at times that may mean we either have to look and act like others, or risk being rejected. Punchinello's hard-earned lesson shows us how important it is to be who we were created to be, and why that matters. So let this wonderful tale help you remember two things: that you were made unique for a reason, and that there is one who will always help you be you--wonderfully you."

Enduring Understanding:

Embrace whom you are uniquely created to be.

MCG Lesson Objectives with Bible Study Key Scriptures:

Lesson 1

The participant will read and discuss If Only I Had a Green Nose by Max Lucado, be introduced to the theme of the Be Yourself! program, and learn to recognize their own uniqueness and that of others.

Key Scripture: Psalm 139: 13-16

Lesson 2

The participant will define "peer pressure" and identify types of positive and negative peer pressure.

Key Scripture: Romans 12:2

Lesson 3

The participant will identify reasons he/she might give in to negative pressures as well as become aware of tricks of advertisers.

Key Scripture: 1 John 2:15-17

Lesson 4

The participant will examine the negative consequences of giving in to peer pressure.

Key Scripture: Galatians 6:7

Lesson 5

The participant will practice ways to resist negative peer pressure and personally apply concepts of Be Yourself!

Key Scripture: 1 Corinthians 10:13

Bonus Bible Study Lesson

The participant will explore the difference between being a "Lover of Self" and "Loving Yourself."

Key Scripture: Matthew 22:39

You Are Mine (YAM)

Overview

Publisher's Description You Are Mine by Max Lucado:

"It's a new day in Wemmicksville for the enchanting wooden people, and there's a new problem for the little Wemmick named Punchinello. The Wemmicks compete with each other to collect the most--and the nicest--boxes and balls in order to appear more "important" than others, which means that, once again, there is havoc in the village. And one again, Punchinello is caught in the middle. But in the end, there's a message that kids need and parents will love: God's children are loved because He made them. They do not have to collect "things" to compete for status in His eyes. With the warm illustrations of artist Sergio Martinez, this new sequel to the phenomenal bestseller You Are Special is sure to become a classic in its own right."

Enduring Understanding:

You are important, not because of what you have, but because of who(se) you are.

MCG Lesson Objectives with Bible Study Key Scriptures:

Lesson 0

The Participant will hear a clear presentation of the gospel message.

Essential Question: How is it possible to have a close relationship with God?

Key Scripture: Ephesians 2:1-13

Lesson 1

The participant will be introduced to the theme of the You Are Mine program.

Essential Question: Is wanting wrong?

Key Scripture: Matthew 6:21

Lesson 2

The participant will examine the notion of success and the price he/she is willing to pay to feel important.

Essential Question: When is the cost of success too high?

Key Scripture: Proverbs 11:28

Lesson 3

The participant will determine if their actions reflect their core values.

Essential Question: What defines you?

Key Scripture: Hebrews 10:14

Lesson 4

The participant will explore generosity and its relationship to happiness.

Essential Question: Am I a bucket or a pipe?

Key Scripture: Proverbs 11:24

Lesson 5

The participant will define "stewardship" and examine what it means to properly steward their time, talent and material resources.

Essential Question: What is proper stewardship?

Key Scripture: Psalm 24:1

Extended Learning

The participant will consider the impact of consumerism.

Essential Question: How can I make a difference?

Key Scripture: Ephesians 2:10