

Snowflake Devotional Object Lesson

What You'll Need

Cut two or three different snowflakes to show as part of the lesson OR bring the materials to cut the snowflakes in front of your students. *(The children will love watching you fold and cut them and then unfold and reveal them, so if you have the time, consider doing it with them watching. Along the right edge of this page, you'll find some cutting patterns to get you started.)*

You will need:

- 2 or 3 paper circles
- A pair of scissors
- Something to catch your paper scraps
- A picture of a winter scene
- Enough circles and scissors for children to make snowflakes of their own *(Depending on their age, they can trace and cut the circles out themselves.)*

Bookmark Psalm 139:13–16 in your Bible so you can find it quickly.

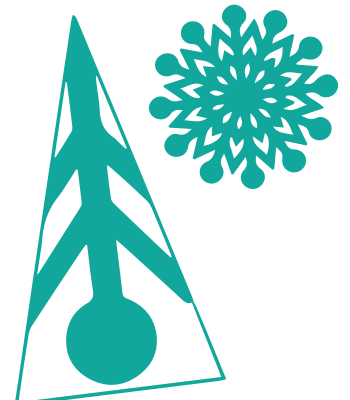
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Hi, everyone! I am so glad you are here today. I want to show you something really fun. Do you know how to make a snowflake out of paper? It is really very easy. Watch me do it, and then at the end of the lesson, you will get supplies to make some of your own.

(Show students how to fold the circle in half, in half again, and in half again. Show them how to cut random shapes around the edges. After all the cutting is complete, unfold and reveal the result. Do this two or three times.)

(Then say:) Look at these snowflakes. Are any of them the same? No, they are all different, aren't they? Did you know that real snowflakes are all different too? Look at this picture of the snow. *(Show your winter scene picture.)* Think about it. Snowflakes are so tiny. In just this one snowfall, there are more snowflakes than anyone could ever count, and yet, all of them are different! We have such an amazing and creative God! He makes every snowflake, and each one is unique.

What else has God made that is unique? Yes, each one of you! Look around you. Is there anyone just like you? Each one of our bodies is made up of all the same parts— eyes, ears, nose, mouth, head, hands, feet— but there is no one in the world exactly like YOU. Even if there is someone who looks like you, no one is exactly like you on the inside. Every person that God has made is completely different and so very special! God is a master Artist and he carefully creates each person in a very different and special way.



Let's look at Psalm 139. (*Open your Bible and read verses 13–16 with your students. Then say:*) God himself made you. He formed your body. He chose your hair color, your eye color, the shape of your nose, the size of your feet, the color of your skin and every other part of you. He made you with very special care. He thinks you are wonderful and beautiful or handsome! God also gave you your own individual personality and all of your gifts and talents. There is no one just like you. You are God's own one-of-a-kind creation!

Because God made you, he loves you! He thinks you are terrific! Nothing you do will ever change his love for you.

However, there is one problem. You and I are sinners. That sin separates us from God. We need help to get rid of our sins. That is why on that very first Christmas, long ago, God showed us his love by sending his Son, Jesus, down to earth. Jesus came to be our Savior. He came to take away our sins by dying on the cross and rising from the dead.

Jesus came to be our Savior. He saves us from sin and death. His death brings forgiveness and life to us. Everyone who receives the gift of forgiveness that Jesus gives is reconnected to God and will get to live forever with him.

Prayer: Dear God, thank you for sending your love down to earth that first Christmas. Thank you for sending Jesus to take away my sins so that I can be with you forever. Thank you for making me special and unique. Help me to be thankful for the way you made me, and help me to share your love with all the other wonderful people you have created. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

I want to give each of you a *Love Came Down* book (Item #LCD23SC). I pray that it will remind you of that first Christmas night when love came down—when God sent his Son, Jesus, as a baby so that he could be our Savior! (*Distribute the books and the snowflake supplies for children to make their own snowflakes at your venue or at home.*)



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