

## READ MATTHEW 5:16

## DAY 4

Have you ever heard of a lemming? It's a kind of rodent that lives in the Arctic tundra. Look up a picture of one; they're pretty cute!

The funny thing is, lemmings tend to act as a pack—so much so that they'll even follow each other off a cliff. That's right! They'll jump into the ocean together to try to find a new habitat.

The thing is, all of us want to fit in. We want to be part of the crowd. And that's not a bad thing, necessarily. But it *can* be a bad thing if it causes you to stop being YOU. If you have to try to be someone you're not in order to fit in, that should be a big warning sign. You don't want to end up like a lemming!

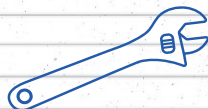
Spoiler Alert: *Everyone* feels the pressure to be part of the crowd. But it's no fun to be just like everyone else. Our differences make life interesting.

Besides that, there's an even bigger reason why you should be confident being you. As a believer in Jesus, you have the opportunity to shine a light with the good things you do. Other people will be curious about why you act differently (in the best possible way!). You can tell them it's because of the difference Jesus has made in your life.

Be confident shining *your* unique, one-of-a-kind, brilliant light!

### THINK ABOUT IT:

1. Do you ever worry about what other people think of you? In what kind of situations does that happen?
2. Do you feel like you can really be yourself in your group of friends?
3. What are some ways you think you can "shine your light" to point people toward Jesus?



# UNIQUENESS

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so you can make a difference.

## READ 1 SAMUEL 17:34-36

## DAY 1

David vs. Goliath is one of the most famous stories in the Bible for a reason—David went up against a giant because he knew God would help him win. And that's exactly how it (and Goliath) went down!

But there's something else hidden in this incredible account that you can read in 1 Samuel 17. It turns out that David and Goliath is also a story about uniqueness. Uniqueness is *discovering who God made you to be so you can make a difference*.

Read the paragraph again from verses 34-36. David had some pretty gnarly real-life experience dealing with lions and bears that tried to attack his sheep. Can you even imagine running after a lion or a bear to get your sheep back? David could! And he knew God would give him that same kind of strength to go up against Goliath.

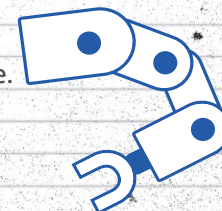
The heavy armor might work for Saul, but it wasn't right for David. Instead, David went with what he knew: five smooth stones from the river, and his sling. And the rest is history.

God made David to be *David*—just like He made you to be *you*. David had the confidence to fight Goliath because he already knew how to fight off ferocious animals. But at the same time, David knew he had to fight the giant *his* way (not covered in clunky armor).

Ask God to help you learn what makes you totally unique.

### THINK ABOUT IT:

1. What makes you unique?
2. Why do you think God made you that way?
3. Have you ever tried to be someone you're not? Why do you think that's so hard not to do?



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## READ EPHESIANS 2:10

## DAY 2

Below, write your first and last name—going down (not across).

Tonight, ask your family if you can have 10 minutes of their time to help you with something. Ask them to fill in a word that describes you, for every letter of your name. (They can work together to fill in all the blanks.) Just tell them it's for your GodTime!

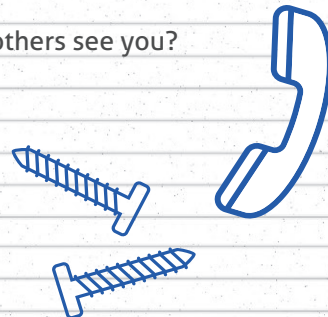
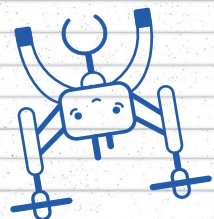
**HELLO MY NAME IS...**

OK, now check out your list. There are so many great qualities that make you YOU! Like the verse says, YOU are God's creation. You might not always feel like you're special, but you are! And this list is proof of it.

Thank God for making you a totally unique individual.

### THINK ABOUT IT:

1. Did you expect to see most of the words on your list? Which ones?
2. Which words surprised you? Why?
3. How does it make you feel to see the way others see you?



## READ MATTHEW 10:29-31

## DAY 3

It's easy to think, "No one really knows me." OR "No one understands the REAL me."

We get labeled all the time. People might think they know what we're like, but really they only know a tiny piece of us. And you're way more complex and way more wonderful than other people realize at first glance.

On the other hand,

God knows ALL about you.

Look at what Jesus said in this verse: that He knows how many hairs are on your head! That's just crazy!

**FUN FACT: IT'S SOMETHING LIKE 100,000. BY THE WAY. MAYBE YOU'VE GOT 101,246. BUT THE ONLY ONE WHO REALLY KNOWS FOR SURE IS THE ONE WHO MADE YOU!**

The point is God knows every detail about you, inside and out. He loves you so much and He knows just how unique you are. You can go to Him anytime and tell Him what's really going on, because He knows you better than you know yourself! And this verse is proof that not only does He *know* you—He *cares* about you deeply.

Don't be afraid to share with God what's going on with you on the inside.

### THINK ABOUT IT:

1. How does it help to know that God knows exactly what you're going through—whether it's good or bad?
2. Who are some safe people in your life who know you best?
3. Why do you think it's hard to sometimes share the REAL you?

