



## Opening Devotion

### **Object Lesson:**

God created us each uniquely special. He designed us for His purpose.

### **Supplies:**

Toolbox filled with normal tools for building a house plus extra tools such as a whisk, fabric pins.....

*It is good to have random objects that the kids might struggle to link to building a house.*

### **Bible Verse:**

Psalm 139:13-14: "For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well."

### **Demonstrate:**

Pull out tools from the tool box and ask the kids to explain how it is useful in building a house. *Eg. Hammer – putting nails into the wall, Tape Measure – to have everything accurate*

Once all the regular tools have been brought out, keep going with the 'extra' tools. As you go, see if they can explain how each tool is useful for building a house. They may need a hand to think out of the box. *Eg. Whisk- making lunch for the builders, Pins- needed for making the curtains and other furnishing...*

### **Teach:**

Some of these tools seem a bit strange to be used for building a house, right? But when we found a tool we did not think would work, we actually found that it had a very special purpose after all.

This is just like people. God has specially made each and everyone of us, and the bible tells us this especially in Psalm 139:13-14.

"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well."

This means that no matter how different we are, God has specially designed us and we all made for His purpose.

The toolbox also showed us that one tool by itself doesn't make the house. You need all sorts of tools to get the job done. God has made us to be together with other people, to be in community, to be different and yet fit together. God really does have a wonderful plan for us all!