

## August 2nd

### PREPARATION

Series: WEIRD 1

Big Idea: Make a difference (stir a giant pot) with your different (go crazy - do your own motions)

Bible Table Verse:

Romans 12:6 (NLT) "God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well."

Key Point: God is weird, so weird is good

Bible Reference:

Numbers 22:21-38 | Donkey Talk

You Need:

-Group Guide  
-Bible

Win By:

-Having fun  
-Connecting spiritually and socially with your Family  
-Answer questions too, do not just ask them of your child(ren).

## GROUP FLOW

1. Play ZTV (10 min.)
2. Discussion Time (15 min.)
3. Closing (2-3 min.)

### 1. Play ZTV

A. Watch This Weekend's ZTV as a family: Go to [GFCZone.TV](http://GFCZone.TV)

### 2. Discussion Time

1. **ICEBREAKER GAME:** Stand up for (A) or Sit Down for (B)  
Optional: Whoever gets the most right wins a prize (Example prizes: choose their own dessert, later bedtime, etc.)
  1. **Sunsets on Mars are what color?** (A) Red (B) Blue (**Correct**)
  2. **Did Balaam think the donkey was acting weird or did the donkey think Balaam was acting weird?** (A) Balaam thought the Donkey was acting weird (**Correct**) (B) The donkey thought Balaam was acting weird
  3. **Why did God send the Angel to block Balaam from traveling?** (A) To remind Balaam of what God said (**Correct**) (B) To protect Balaam from talking donkeys
2. **What's the weirdest thing you've seen or heard this summer?**  
Open ended. Parents, please answer this question as well.
3. **What was the weirdest thing you remember from today's ZTV?**  
Open ended.
4. **ACTIVITY BREAK: Spot the Difference:** Break up into pairs. With your backs to each other, change one thing about yourself (Like your hair, jewelry, socks' height, etc.) Turn around and try to guess what is different about your partner.
5. **Read Numbers 22:28** "Then the Lord opened the donkey's mouth, and it said to Balaam, "What have I done to you to make you beat me these three times?" The Lord made the donkey speak to get Balaam's attention. What is something out of the ordinary that has happened recently to make you **take a second look or thought at your actions?** Open ended.  
Example: Covid quarantine has given us more time to think about what habits we would like to keep or change.
6. **Why do you think being weird or different is a good thing?** Open ended. Being different can be a great conversation starter, a great way to meet new friends, and a way we can lean on God because he knows what it is like to be different, too..
7. **How is God different from us?** Examples: God is 3 in 1: Father, Son, Holy Spirit. He is All Powerful, He can be everywhere at once.

### 3. Closing

A. **Prayer:** Take **Prayer Requests**. Pray out loud with your family, **Thank you God that you are weird. We ask that you keep using differences to get our eyes and ears to see and hear what you have to say every day.**

B. **Big Idea:** Give the cue for you all to do it at the same time (ie. 1, 2, 3)  
Make A Difference, With Your Difference!

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### Picnic Questions

1. What do you want to get better at?
2. What was your favorite part of last school year?
3. Do you think dreams are important? Why or why not?
4. What are your 3 hopes for this school year?
5. What are 2 dreams you have for your future?
6. What is 1 hope you have for the world?
7. Extra Activity (Need paper and pen): Write a letter to yourself that you will open before next school year, or another designated time. What changes do you hope to see, what would you want your future self to remember about life right now?

## FAMILY FUN IDEAS

Family Activities that Celebrate Differences  
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1. **Play the Movement Chain Game:** The first person begins by performing a movement (jumping in place, doing a TikTok dance move or anything else). The next person has to perform that movement and add on one of their own, forming the movement chain. Then next person must do the two original movements and add on one of their own. You continue this until the movement chain is broken (someone forgets a move) and that person is out. The last person standing wins!
2. **Obstacle Course:** Use pillows, baskets and furniture for an indoor or an outdoor obstacle course. Have your kids come up with different legs of each obstacle course and put it all together. For extra fun, add a time challenge to it.
3. **Cabbage Color Experiment:** This activity is a fun way for kids to learn about how plants absorb water. All you need is some cabbage leaves, water, four different food colorings and a few jars. First, add some water to each jar. Then add a different colored food dye to each jar, about 10 drops per jar to make sure the water is nice and vibrant. Then add a separate cabbage leaf or flower to each jar. Leave them overnight and see the different results you will get in the morning.
4. **Make your own movie or movie script:** Depending on software, kids can create a movie using pictures, their own footage, or cartoons. Try the Magisto Magical video making app or iMovie. Or have them write down their own plot and script to a movie they can make at a later time.
5. **Use Shaving Cream to Make a Marbled Painting:** Mix some food coloring into shaving cream. Use a toothpick and paintbrush to swirl the shaving cream until they create a pattern they love. Lay a thick piece of white paper on the swirled design and lightly press to make sure all the edges and corners are exposed to the color. Do not shift the paper. Lift the paper off carefully and use a straightedge to scrape off the shaving cream. Let the masterpiece dry and enjoy each unique creation.
6. **Go for a picnic:** Pack some sandwiches, fruit, and cookies before laying it all out on a Big Blanket. Bring this list of **questions** to dream with your children for the new school year (see left panel) while you eat. Then bring a ball or Frisbee to toss.