

Faith Adventures for Children Together

*Committed to URC Children Together:
enabling everyone to grow more like Jesus
together in the home, church and beyond.*

Experience

For this story we recommend using the Contemporary English Bible

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+139%3A+13-16&version=CEV>

Where can I find the story online?

Under fives: Psalm 139 reflection animation by Kidswise

<https://youtu.be/AsB24oSbpyM?si=S3gXwRhIrQLhkkBu>

Over fives: Psalm 139 Lego version by CodeCUK [https://youtu.be/7eQ7D-](https://youtu.be/7eQ7D-A00Bw?si=9gVurFyiXjEK7H1n)

[A00Bw?si=9gVurFyiXjEK7H1n](https://youtu.be/7eQ7D-A00Bw?si=9gVurFyiXjEK7H1n)

Songs to support the story

Under fives: Fearfully and wonderfully made by Doug Horley

https://youtu.be/_LIptOaP_Po?si=aAAgeuCVSmhb5ILX

Five to eevens: You know me by Hillsong Kids [https://youtu.be/d6jbHDmsz_k?si=lk99-](https://youtu.be/d6jbHDmsz_k?si=lk99-FlfWQpSSxxn)

[FlfWQpSSxxn](https://youtu.be/d6jbHDmsz_k?si=lk99-FlfWQpSSxxn)

Explore

Ideas and activities to explore this week's Bible passage together

Modern parables

Jesus used stories to help people understand the things of God, even though they weren't necessarily overtly Christian stories. Lots of children's books can be used in a similar way as a conversation starter on the week's theme. Examples are shared here but you may think of others too.

Dandylion by Lizzie Finlay

https://youtu.be/sHSZCSjRdAQ?si=yMvb9gvyUgs_87Jh

Elmer by David McKee,

<https://youtu.be/TUepS9yGANQ?si=TAYmmO-Gd8d1HM7L>

Tyrannosaurus Drip by Julia Donaldson

<https://youtu.be/tfvv9GLmaUM?si=OvKopS9sLCZIJvuB>

Talking together: How might we talk about the story together?

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Responding together

Here are some suggested crafts and activities, and there is a colouring sheet at the end of this resource. You could also use small play toys and/or have a basket of resources available so children can choose their own way to respond. <https://urc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/FACT-how-to-sheet.pdf> .

With an online group, plan whether to deliver any resources in advance or how you will encourage them to use what they've got to hand in their response.

However you do it, it is good for the adults to engage in the response too, and all chat together.

Self portraits with 'all about me' statements.

As the layers are added, the shape of the jelly baby changes and becomes less defined, but when we cut it in two, we can still see the baby at the heart of the sweet. We can have many layers to us, but God always see who we really are (without cutting us in half!)

Everyday with Jesus – Walking the Way

What could we do this week to carry on what we've learned? Maybe members of the group could come up with a suggestion. If not, get them to choose from these two challenges:

- What do you think God would say to you about what God most loves about you? Spend a bit of time saying it to yourself.
 - What do you think God would say to your friend about what God loves most about them? Try and find an opportunity to tell them what it is and praise them for being a special and wonderful person.
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We hope you enjoyed exploring **Psalm 139** with us.

Please let us know what you liked or what you would find useful by emailing lorrainewebb@urc.org.uk

Why not have a look at next week's resource on **Galatians 3:27-29**







