

I PRAISE YOU BECAUSE I AM *fearfully & wonderfully made*

CHANGING  HEARTS

Materials Needed: Smart Phone with family photos ready to display, Bible

Message

Welcome to the children's message today. I'm so happy to see you in church worshipping God, praising His name, and learning from His Word, the Bible. Let's start our time together with God's Word.

Read Bible Verse: *I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Your works are wonderful, I know that full well.*

—Psalm 139:14 NIV

What a great verse! Let's learn it together. It would help if those in the pews would do it with us. (Teach chant, then repeat several times.)

I praise God – clap, clap, clap
Because I am – clap, clap, clap
Fearfully –clap
And wonderfully made – clap, clap

You are wonderfully made! That's what God says about you and you and you and everyone! (Point when speaking.) What does *Wonderfully Made* mean? Let's think about it this way.

This is my cell phone. I use it to talk to people, text people and find out information. I also have several pictures on my phone. (Show a few pictures.) This is my [insert names/relationships here.]

Let's turn around and look at the congregation for a minute. (Speak to congregation.) Raise your hand if you have photos of people you love on your phone. Raise your hand if you show these photos on your phone to other people. Wow! Look at all those hands!

(Ask the children.) Why do you think all those people show their pictures of their kids and grandkids to other people? (Listen to several answers.)

Your parents, grandparents and other people in your lives show pictures of you to others because they know you are wonderfully made. They love you and want to show this love to the world. This is exactly how God feels about you. God created you and God knows you are wonderfully made. He loves you very much and God saves you. God, however, does not need to carry around a phone to show us off to everyone. Listen to this verse in the Bible.

Bible verse: *I have engraved you [written your name] on the palms of my hands.*

— Isaiah 49:16 NIV

How amazing is that? Every time God sees His hands, God sees you! You are wonderfully made! You belong to God. He made you and He loves you. Let's all say the *Wonderfully Made* chant again.

I praise you – clap, clap, clap
Because I am – clap, clap, clap
Fearfully –clap
And wonderfully made – clap, clap

Prayer: Dear God, thank You for making us wonderful. We know You love us and save us. You have written our names on the palms of Your hands. We praise You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.