



Theme: You are uniquely made

'Elmer' by David McKee.
This book has been a favourite story since it was published in 1989. Elmer, a patchwork elephant loved to make the jungle animals laugh. Elmer learnt that it is OK to be different.

Biblical Reference:

Jeremiah 1:5

*'Before I formed you in the womb,
I knew you...'*

Next month's book is:

'Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs'
by Ian Whybrow.

Theme exploration:

In the first book of the Bible called Genesis, it says: 'So God created mankind in His own image, in the image of God (Genesis 1:27). We are all made in God's image and yet we are all unique and special. A lovely passage in the Bible (Psalm 139:14) says 'I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made: your works are wonderful...' When God creates something, it is not by chance, but planned. God's creations are precious and that means us. We are precious in God's sight exactly as we are.

As a family this month you could:

- Draw or paint a picture which shows the differences between your family members – talk about what makes each one of you special?
- Go on a walk, and see how many different flowers you can count. How wonderful are they?
- Make a snowflake by folding a piece of paper into quarters and snip at it with scissors – compare the differences between each one and see how unique each one is.

Inspiration ...

If you do not have this book, you could borrow it from the library or watch a re-telling of the story on YouTube.

<https://youtu.be/Rp7S1drKzEk>

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We believe in the power of prayer

A prayer for you to pray for your family:

Loving God, thank You for this/these awesome child/ren. We thank You that they have been wonderfully made. Amen.

A prayer we commit to pray for you as parents:

Gracious God, help these parents to make the right decisions enabling them to be the best parents that they can be. Help them to know that they too are uniquely made and loved by You. Amen.