

Theme: Precious in his sight

Book: **Norman the Slug** by Sue Hendra

Theme Introduction:

God values us very much we are all precious in his sight. We are his masterpieces; made in his image and called to live out our God-given identity as his sons and daughters. The Bible tells us time and time again that we're priceless to God, yet it's easy to lose sight of just how much we're loved. The world does not teach children or their parents that they are precious: self-worth is something lots of people struggle with.

A child with a healthy attitude about themselves and their abilities will feel capable of tackling life's challenges. A good self-image will lead to good mental health, social happiness, and academic and professional success.

Theme exploration:

'Norman the Slug with the Silly Shell' by Sue Hendra is all about Norman who is a slug, but really wants to be a snail – if only he had a shell! Norman compares himself to others and wants to be like them. God saw all that He had made, and it was good – that includes us. God loves us just the way we are.

Poor Norman never seems to be happy with who he is. This is not how God sees us. We are precious in God's sight and He loves us just as we are.

Free play suggestion:

Link with book:

- Dressing up clothes
- A tough tray with sand/rice so that the children can create trails with their fingers or vehicles.




I wonder who you would like to be.
I wonder what shapes you can make in the sand/rice.

Craft ideas:

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- Make a playdough slug, provide items that the children can put on the back of their slug to turn it into a snail. e.g. bottle tops
- Design Norman a shell. Print out the slug sheet, provide different materials that the children can stick on his back to make a shell.

I wonder what you are going to use to make the shell on Normans back. 

Faith in action: Thank someone this week for something that they do, or are, that makes you smile.

Reflection on last week's faith in action, with the families.

What was last week's action?

How did that make you feel?

Why did that make a difference?



Prayer time

Loving Father, help these children to know that they are unique and precious in your sight. Amen.

Inspiration ...

Biblical References:

Matthew 6:30

If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you - you of little faith?

• SNACK TIME

Mini ring doughnuts


• SONGS

Use musical instruments

Round and round the garden

Rain, rain go away

Additional resources:

A re-telling of the story on Youtube
 <https://youtu.be/z4BcBtKHaO8>

- Information sheet for parents on self-worth.
- Slug sheet.