



LEFT OUT: Believing My Story Is for God's Glory

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REMEMBER

Lord, you are my portion and my cup of blessing; you hold my future. The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance. — Psalm 16:5-6

READ

Read 1 Corinthians 12:27. Have you ever wondered why God made everyone a little differently? When you look at other people, it may feel like God left something out when He created you. The Bible tells us that we are all like different parts of one body. If your whole body was made up of just legs, how would you hug someone? If your whole body was only eyes, how could you taste ice cream? In the same way, God uses all kinds of people who follow Jesus—people with different backgrounds, bodies, abilities, strengths, and weaknesses—to make up His big family. He calls this family the body of Christ. God made us different on purpose! The things that you may feel are broken in you, God knew, foresaw, and planned to use in a special way to make His family better. Because we are all different, we can work together to tell people about how God gives us everything we need. When you feel sad about how God made you, you can tell Him! You can even ask Him to help you be thankful for the ways you're different. No matter your story, God can use it for His glory!

ASK

- 1. What are some differences between you and your family or friends?
- 2. The Bible says that followers of Jesus are all like different parts of one body. In your own words, what does that mean?
- 3. Read Psalm 139:14. What does it mean that people are created wondrously?
- 4. Why do you think God gives us boundaries? (See Psalm 16:5-6.)
- 5. If someone told you that they were sad about the way God made them, what could you say to them?

