



## Theme: Uniquely made

Book: **Elmer** by David McKee

### 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 God, thank you for these awesome children and carers. We thank you that they have been wonderfully made. Amen

### Inspiration ...

#### Biblical References:

##### Genesis 1:27

So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

##### Psalms 139:14

I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made...

#### • SNACK TIME

Make a fruit rainbow  
strawberries, orange, pineapple,  
green grapes (cut), blueberries.  
Smarties

#### • SONGS

Use musical instruments

Nellie the elephant  
Sing a rainbow

#### Additional resources:

A re-telling of the story on Youtube

<https://youtu.be/Rp7S1drKzEk>

Elephant sheet

### Theme Introduction:

Elmer didn't like being different, so Elmer tried to change himself to fit in with everyone else. But when the rain came his true colours came through and he couldn't hide from anyone anymore.

Being OK with being different is something all adults and children can take onboard. Every parent wants their children to be accepted and affirmed socially, but also wants to allow their children to be who they are and not to be judged for that.

We know as Christians that we are made in God's image, that we are all unique and we are loved no matter what.

### Theme exploration:

We are all made in God's image, we are unique. This means that there is no one else just like us. When God creates something, it is not by chance, but planned. God's creations are precious and that means us. We are very precious in God's sight exactly as we are. There is no need for us to change.

### Free play suggestion:

#### Link with book:

- Stick some elephants on to lollipop sticks – have one Elmer. Encourage children to use the elephants to retell the story.
- Provide toy animals for the children to play with.



- I wonder what sound the animals make.
- I wonder what similarities there are between the animals.
- I wonder what differences there are between the animals.

### Craft ideas:

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- Elephant mosaic. Print out the template attached and then cut out small squares of coloured paper or tissue paper. Stick the squares on to create a multicoloured patchwork elephant.



I wonder which is your favourite colour and why.

- Fingerprint and Handprints. Encourage children and adults to make finger prints and handprints on paper. Explain that no two are the same. Everyone's finger prints are different.



I wonder what similarities there are between different fingerprints.



### Faith in action:

Sit in a circle with your family. Look at your fingerprints – did you know they are all different. Tell your family members one thing you like about them - that only they are or can do.