



# Inspire

## Celebrating His Goodness

### Worship Idea: You are a “GEM”

March 13 is National Jewel Day. Celebrate by wearing your favorite jewels or perhaps make some jewelry, but celebrate the fact that as God’s daughter you are a GEM to Him—you are precious to and treasured by Him.

**G – God Designed.** All of us are designed and shaped by God. [Read Genesis 1:26-27, 2:7.](#) He formed us, shaped us, and created us in His image. We aren’t an accident or mistake. He consciously designed who you are. He loves you and calls you valuable and precious. [Read Isaiah 43:4.](#)

**E – Exclusively and Exquisitely Shaped.** [Read Psalm 139:13-16.](#) Even identical twins, are different. They may look alike, but they are different in thought, words, and personality. Just as no two gems are the same, we are all exclusively designed.

[Read Jeremiah 18:1-4.](#) All of our journeys are unique and different. God doesn’t work the same in each of our lives. God uses different things in our lives, often painful things, to shape us into the exclusive and exquisite gem He has in mind for us.

[Read Isaiah 54:11-12.](#) God is saying to Israel, and to us, “Your afflictions are meant to change you into something beautiful – something valuable to Me.” Out of pain, something beautiful forms. God uses irritants of life, to transform us, for a purpose – to shine His light.

**M – Made to Shine.** In essence, we are all diamonds in the rough. We aren’t beautiful yet, but one day we will be. A diamond starts off as a piece of coal, but with lots of heat and pressure and time, diamond crystals are formed. The diamonds still have to get cleaned and polished before they shine. We cannot see the beauty shining from the jewel until it has been cut and polished. And what a painful process that is, but when the shaping and polishing is over, we have a beautiful and radiant gem. God intended for us to shine. [Read Matthew 5:16, Philippians 2:14-15.](#) Although the polishing process isn’t easy, it has a purpose. Affliction, when allowed to accomplish its work, brings about a people who shine forth the beauty of Christ’s character.

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### Things to Celebrate

#### Education Ideas

March is National Craft Month—teach a new craft to the women. March is also, Nutrition Month ; have a guest speaker come and teach the women about the importance of eating a balanced diet. March is also Women’s History Month. Do a program about women who have contributed to history. March 8 is International Women’s Day.

March 21 is Credit Card Reduction Day. Have a speaker come in and talk about doing a budget, the importance of saving, or how to reduce debt.

#### Fellowship Ideas

March 14 is National Potato Chip Day and the March 23 is National Chip and Dip Day. Enjoy a time of fellowship eating your favorite chips and dips. Exchange dip recipes or perhaps make homemade potato chips.

March 17 is St. Patrick’s Day.

March 22 is National Goof-Off Day. Just have fun!

#### Service Ideas

March 1 is Employee Appreciation Day. Make a small gift for employees of the corps and thrift store.

March 12 is Plant a Flower Day. Plant flowers in the corps flower beds or perhaps one of the corps shut-ins.

For more holidays to celebrate go to [www.holidayinsights.com/moreholidays/](http://www.holidayinsights.com/moreholidays/)



Lent begins March 6, 2019



## Worship Idea: Lessons from a Butterfly

March 14 is learn about butterflies day.

### LET GO OF THE PAST

*Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. Philippians 3:12-14*

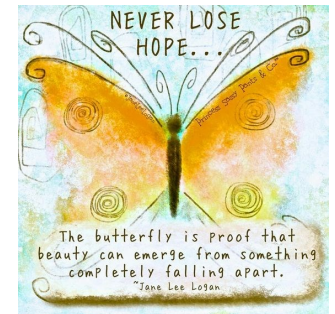
### TRUST THE FUTURE

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:5-6*

### EMBRACE CHANGE

*Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. Romans 12:2*

**COME OUT OF THE COCOON (despite the struggle)**  
*Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. James 1:2-3*



### RIDE THE BREEZE

*But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles, they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. Isaiah 40:31*

### SAVOR THE FLOWERS

*Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. Luke 12:27*

### PUT ON YOUR BRIGHTEST COLORS

*Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothes yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Colossians 3:12*

### LET YOUR BEAUTY SHOW

*By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another. John 13:35*

