



WEEK
TWO
MAY 2023

SMALL GROUP
3-5 YEAR
-OLDS

PRELUDE SOCIAL WORSHIP STORY GROUPS HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO MOVE

an activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn



1. FRIENDS MEMORY VERSE

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: Painter's tape and cardstock

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Tape several large squares on the floor. Inside each square, tape four pieces of cardstock to the floor. You'll need one piece of cardstock per child.

BIBLE STORY

God made me to help my friends.

THE FOUR FRIENDS
MARK 2:1-12

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Review the verse with the motions. Point out the squares and paper on the floor. Count down "Three, two, one, GO!" On "Go," encourage the children to find friends to stand together inside each square. Once everyone is in place, point out how there are four friends inside each square. Lead the children to say the verse with the motions together. Then call on the children to jump out of the square. Call out "Three, two, one, go" and repeat, encouraging the children to step into a new square. Repeat as desired.

MEMORY VERSE

"We have the Lord our God to help us."

2 CHRONICLES 32:8, NLT

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, gather here with me! Let's say our memory verse together. 'We have (*bent hands to chest*) the Lord our God (*point up*) to help us,' (*thumb up on palm*) 2 Chronicles 32:8." (*Open hands like a book.*) Great job!"

KEY QUESTION

Who made you to help others?

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Do you see the squares on the floor? Let's get four friends together inside each square. I'll count down, and when I say, 'GO,' I want you to jump on a piece of paper inside a square. Then we'll say our memory verse together. Ready? Three, two, one, go! Everyone, get to a piece of paper in a square! (*Pause.*) 'We have (*bent hands to chest*) the Lord our God (*point up*) to help us,' (*thumb up on palm*) 2 Chronicles 32:8." (*Open hands like a book.*) Ready? Three, two, one, go! (*Pause.*) Find a square! (*Pause.*) 'We have (*bent hands to chest*) the Lord our God (*point up*) to help us,' (*thumb up on palm*) 2 Chronicles 32:8." (*Open hands like a book. Repeat as desired.*) That was fun!"

BOTTOM LINE

God made me to help others.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "You're learning your memory verse. Great job! I'm SO glad we have the Lord our God to help us! **God made me to help others. Who made you to help others? God made me to help others!**"

BASIC TRUTH

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an activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible story, bottom line, or memory verse by creating a craft to take home



5. HELPER BADGE

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Helper Badge" Activity Page, cardstock, regular and metallic or glitter crayons, yarn, hole punch, scissors, and a permanent marker

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Helper Badge" on

cardstock and cut, one per child. Write each child's name on their badge and punch a hole at the top. Cut yarn into 24-inch or 36-inch lengths, one per child, and run through the hole of each badge.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage children to color their badges. Have them put it on and wear it as you review the Bible story.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bible story.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, come to the table with me. We've been learning about people who help us. Some people who help us have badges, like firemen and police officers. I have a helper badge for you to decorate and wear today."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Your badge says, 'I am a helper! God made me to help others.' Color your badge. There are some special crayons you can use, as well. (Point out the metallic and glitter crayons.) Wow! Great job, friends. Put your badges on and get ready to help me review today's Bible story."

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "All right helpers! Today, our story began with how many friends? (Hold up four fingers.) Four friends, that's right! They knew someone who needed help, a man whose legs didn't work and he couldn't walk. He had to be carried everywhere.

"One day, Jesus came to their town. There are so many amazing things to know about Jesus. Jesus is God's Son. Jesus is an amazing teacher. And Jesus can do things only He can do.

When people heard Jesus was in town, so many people ran to see Him that the house He was in was packed full of people! The four friends were excited, too, and took their friend who couldn't walk to see Jesus. They carried him all the way there. When they got to Jesus, they couldn't get in the door because of all the people. Helpers, do you remember what the friends did? (Pause.) That's right! They carried their friend to the top of the house, dug a hole in the roof, and lowered their friend to Jesus. When Jesus saw how much the man and his friends believed that He could help, Jesus did something amazing. Jesus made the man's legs all better and he could walk, and even dance! Hooray!

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