



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



4. COMMUNITY HELPER MATCHING

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Community Helpers" and "Community Helper Items" Activity Pages, cardstock, scissors, and painter's tape

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Community Helpers" on cardstock, one set per small group. Tape to the wall at preschooler level. Copy the "Community Helper Items" on cardstock and cut, one set per small group. Lay the cutouts on the table.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Gather the children to stand near the table. Point out the pictures of the community helpers around the room and the items that go with them on the table. Encourage the children to select an item and walk over to match it to its community helper. Option: Tape the items to the wall next to the community helper. Repeat with each item.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Talk about how God gives us people who help us in lots of different ways.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, come here with me. I need your help!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Do you see the pictures around the room? These are some of our community helpers. And these (*point to the cutouts on the table*) are the items they need. Can you figure out which item goes with each helper? Let's match them one at a time. I see a [object's name]. Who uses that to help? Let's take it to the picture of the helper that would use this item. (*Pause.*) Super-duper! Let's match another item. (*Continue until all items are matched.*) You found all the matches!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "I'm so thankful for these community helpers like doctors and firefighters who help us! God made you and me to help, too! **Who made you to help others? God made me to help others.**"

BIBLE STORY

God made me to help my friends.

THE FOUR FRIENDS
MARK 2:1-12

MEMORY VERSE

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

2 CHRONICLES 32:8, NLT

KEY QUESTION

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BOTTOM LINE

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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



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5. HELPER BADGE

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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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Those four friends did what God made them to do. They helped, and we can help, too. Hold up your badges. God made you and me to help others. Hooray for helping! *(Pause.)* **Who made you to help others? God made to help others."**