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TODDLERS
WEEK TWO

BIBLE WORDS

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

2 CHRONICLES 32:8, NLT

The Four Friends

MARK 2:1-12

BOTTOM LINE

God made you to help others.

BASIC TRUTH

God made me.

STORY TIME

Gather children on a rug or in a specific area of the classroom to tell the story. Some children (especially the younger ones) may wander. That's okay. They're still listening and learning!

WHAT YOU NEED: Preschool Bible and "Story Pictures" Activity Page copied on cardstock

LEADER: "Hello, friends! I'm so glad to see you today. Join me on the floor. Today's true story from the Bible (*hold up the Bible*) begins with four friends. (*Hold up the picture of the four friends.*) These friends knew someone who needed help. They had a friend who couldn't walk. His legs didn't work. (*Hold up the picture of the man who couldn't walk.*) They helped him by carrying him where he needed to go.

"One day, Jesus (*hold up the picture of Jesus*) came to the town where the four friends lived. They knew that Jesus could help their friend. So, they carried him (*hold up the picture of the four friends carrying the man*) to the house where Jesus was; but it was full of people! (*Hold up the picture of Jesus in the full house.*) They carried him to the roof, dug a hole in it, then lowered him through the hole. (*Hold up the picture of the four friends lowering their friend through the roof.*) Hooray for helpers! When Jesus saw how much the friends believed in Him, and how much they helped, Jesus did something amazing. Jesus made the man's legs all better! (*Hold up the picture of the man standing next to Jesus.*) He could walk and even dance! The four friends did what God made them to do. They helped others. And you can help others, too, because **God made you to help others."**