

3-5 YEAR -OLDS

**PRELUDE** 

SOCIAL

**WORSHIP** 

**STORY** 

**GROUPS** 

HOME

10 MINUTES

#### BIBLE STORY

God made me to help others.

DAVID HELPS MEPHIBOSHETH 1 SAMUEL 20:14-17; 2 SAMUEL 9:1-13

#### MEMORY VERSE

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid . . . for the Lord your God goes with you."

**DEUTERONOMY 31:6, NIV** 

### KEY QUESTION

Who made you to do big things?

#### BOTTOM LINE

God made me to do big things.

# BASIC TRUTH

God made me.

#### LARGE GROUP

ENGAGE CHILDREN'S HEARTS THROUGH A DYNAMIC AND INTERACTIVE WORSHIP, BIBLE STORY, AND PRAYER EXPERIENCE IN A LARGE GROUP SETTING.

### WORSHIP

WHAT YOU NEED: Paperclip "Memory Verse Card" in your Bible at Deuteronomy 31:6, NIV. You need a music player and this month's worship song, "Super Duper Kid," which is included in your monthly files. The dance moves video for "Super Duper Kid" is available on the Very Big Things Dance Moves DVD, at OrangeKidsMusic.com, or in your media package if you subscribe. You also need "Very Big Things," which is available on the Very Big Things CD, iTunes®, and Spotify®. The dance moves video for this song is available on the Very Big Things Dance Moves DVD and at OrangeKidsMusic. com.

**WORSHIP LEADER:** "Yay, it's time for worship! We can thank God and tell Him we love Him when we sing and dance together. Let me hear you sing out our song for this month, 'Super Duper Kids.'

Lead children in singing "Super Duper Kid," this month's worship song.

"It's not easy to always forgive or make new friends. But the good news is that **God made me** and God made you, and He will help us do those big things! **Who made you to do big things?"** 

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP LEADER: "God made me to do big things."

**WORSHIP LEADER:** "You got it! **God made me to do big things!** The Bible teaches us to 'Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid. For the Lord your God goes with you,' Deuteronomy 31:6. Say it with me!"

**CHILDREN AND WORSHIP LEADER:** "'Be strong and courageous (cross fists over chest). Do not be afraid (cross hands back and forth) . . . for the Lord your God (point up) goes with you,' (hands on hips) Deuteronomy 31:6." (Open hands like a book.)

**WORSHIP LEADER:** "With God, we can do very big things. It's true! God is with you, and you don't have to be afraid. Let's sing this together.

Lead children in singing "Very Big Things."

"Nothing is too hard for God. God made you, and God made me. God is with you, and He will help you do big things. One more time, who made you to do big things?"





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CHILDREN AND WORSHIP LEADER: "God made me to do big things."

# **INTRO SKETCH**

WHAT YOU NEED: Superhero theme music; Super Kids costume for Host; basket of clean laundry including at least three different colored tube socks; bag with sandwich ingredients; paper plate; and table

WHAT YOU DO: Preset the table in the middle of the storytelling area. Set the laundry basket, plate, and bag of sandwich ingredients on the table. Cue the superhero music to the desired track on a phone or other music playing device.

Play the superhero music.

The Host in costume walks out smiling really big.

(HOST: ("Hello, friends! It's me, Super [your name]! I've decided to be a super helper today and help my grandma. She does EVERYTHING for our family: like folding the laundry so we have clean clothes.)

Stand behind the laundry basket and try to match up socks.

"I'm pretty sure the dryer is eating socks! Grandma even fixed my Super Kids cape when I tore it flying!

Set laundry basket on the floor.

"Grandma does so much for all of us. So I did some super-thinking and decided to help her by making dinner."

Start pulling out the sandwich ingredients from the bag.

"Can you guess what I'm going to make? Let's see. (Hold up each item as you name it then put it on the plate.) I have bread and mayonnaise . . . and ham and cheese . . . and lettuce. If you know what I'm going to make, shout it on the count of three. One, two, three! (Listen as children answer.)

"That's right! I'm making sandwiches for dinner! You guys are super thinkers, too. (Looking over all the ingredients on the table.) Wow. This will be a LOT of work. And also, I need plates! See you in a bit!"

The Host exits, leaving all the props on the table.

## BIBLE STORY

WHAT YOU NEED: Bible; green DUPLO® baseplate or green construction paper; toy house or castle; and bin; Optional Story Images

WHAT YOU DO: Place the props inside the bin. The Storyteller will also use the laundry basket and sandwich ingredients already in place from the Intro Sketch.

The storyteller enters carrying a Bible and the bin of props.



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**STORYTELLER:** "Hello, friends! I'm [your name], and it's my favorite time! This is when I get to share a true story with you from the Bible.

Hold up the Bible and lay it open on the table in the center of the storytelling area.

"Are you ready to hear today's true story? If so, let me see a big thumbs-up!

Pull two tube socks onto your hands as sock puppets.

(Option: Display Story Image W4 01)

"Today, I want to tell you about two friends in the Bible. They were named David . . . (hold up your right hand and wave the sock as "David") and his best friend, Jonathan. (Hold up your left hand and wave the sock as Jonathan.)

"A long time ago, these good friends had to say goodbye to each other.

Bend wrists downward to show the puppets are sad.

"It was very hard. But they promised to always be friends.

High five hands together.

(Move the David puppet as if talking.) "And David promised that he would always take care of Jonathan's family. Then it was time to say goodbye. Everyone wave goodbye.

As children wave, remove the Jonathan puppet and put it back in the laundry basket.

"Later, David became the king!

Hold up right hand as if proud and kingly.

(to the puppet) "Well, hello your royal highness!

"Even as the king, David remembered his big promise to his best friend Jonathan: that he would always take care of all of Jonathan's family. David wanted to find Jonathan's family, but it was a very big job! King David wasn't sure where Jonathan's family was. But David knew that God made him to do big things. David decided to send lots of people to help him find Jonathan's family.

"Can you help them look? Everyone, put your hand over your eyes like this. (Demonstrate.) Look all around for me!

As the children search, put a new sock on your left hand.

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"When the people came back, they had found someone from Jonathan's family! Thanks for searching friends.





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Hold up the puppet on your left hand.

"They found Jonathan's son! His name was Mephibosheth. Can you say that name three times?"

CHILDREN: "Mephibosheth, Mephibosheth, Mephibosheth!"

**STORYTELLER:** "Yes! Mephibosheth couldn't walk. He needed someone to help him. King David wanted to keep his promise to take care of Jonathan's family. So he had Mephibosheth brought to the castle.

Hold your David puppet next to your Mephibosheth puppet.

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"David gave Mephibosheth lots of land.

Pull out the baseplate or green construction paper and lay it on the table in front of the Mephibosheth puppet.

"He gave Mephibosheth a place to live.

Pull out the castle or toy house and set it next to the "land" on the table.

"He made sure there were people there to help take care of Mephibosheth.

Pick up the plate with the sandwich ingredients from the Intro sketch and set it down next to the castle or toy house.

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"King David also made sure Mephibosheth always got to eat at the king's table. From that day on, King David took care of Mephibosheth just like he promised his friend, Jonathan. Isn't that awesome? How about a hand for David?

As children clap, take off the sock puppets and place them back in the laundry basket.

"Yes! So awesome. David did a big thing and took care of Mephibosheth. David was a helper! God made us to do very big things and help people, too! Tell me, who made you to do big things?"

CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "God made me to do big things."

STORYTELLER: "Who made you to do big things?"

CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "God made me to do big things!"

STORYTELLER: "Yes, He did! Now it's time to pray. Let's close our eyes so we can focus on talking to God."



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## **PRAYER**

**STORYTELLER:** "Heavenly Father, thank You for making each child here so very special. You love us very much. Remind us that You are with us and that You made us to do big things like help others! Thank You for sending Jesus to be our friend forever. We love You. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

"Thank you for being so wonderful! I'll see you next time. Bye!"

The Storyteller exits with the Bible.

# OUTRO SKETCH

What You Need: Several paper plates

The Host walks out carrying paper plates.

(HOST: "Wow! David did a big thing and helped Jonathan's family. God made us to do big things, too! I think I got the story. Did you get it? If you did, say, 'I got it!' Did you get it?"

CHILDREN: "I got it!"

**HOST:** "Good! God made me to help, so I can help my grandma and make some super sandwiches."

Hold up the plate with the sandwich ingredients.

"Whatever the day brings, God made me to do big things! See you later, friends!"

Host exits, waving and smiling.