



WEEK  
**ONE**  
OCTOBER 2021

SMALL GROUP  
**3-5** YEAR  
-OLDS

PRELUDE      SOCIAL      WORSHIP      STORY      GROUPS      HOME

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION  
15 MINUTES

## MADE TO MOVE

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



## WHERE'S THE CROWN?

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Plush animals and a plastic crown

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Set the plush animals all around your activity area.

## BIBLE STORY

God has big things for us to do.

**DAVID CHOSEN AS KING**  
**1 SAMUEL 16:6-13**

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Gather the children to stand around the edge of your activity area as you stand in the center and hold the crown. Encourage the children to close their eyes. Place the crown on one of your plush animal friends then head back to your original spot. Call for the children to open their eyes and search for the crown then bring it back to you. Repeat as time and interest allow.

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** Have the children help you gather all the plush animals and put away for clean-up. Set the crown aside, out of reach of the children.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** "Friends, gather around our activity area."

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** "Do you see this crown? (*Hold up the crown.*) In just a second, I will ask you to close your eyes as I crown one of our plush friends! When I say, you'll open your eyes then look around to find the crown. Once you find it, bring it back to me. Ready? (*Pause.*) Okay, close your eyes!" (*Do activity.*)

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** "Great job, friends! You found our crown every single time! Who wears a crown? (*Pause.*) Yes! A king wears a crown. In our Bible story today, we'll hear about someone God chose to be king. Let's find out who was chosen!"

**TRANSITION:** Move to Worship and Story by walking in a kingly or queenly way.

## MEMORY VERSE

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

**DEUTERONOMY 31:6, NIV**

## KEY QUESTION

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## BOTTOM LINE

God made me to do big things.

## BASIC TRUTH

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25 MINUTES

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## MEMORY VERSE WITH MOTIONS

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE REVIEW]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** No supplies needed.

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Say the memory verse and do the following motions in front of the children.

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"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.*)

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Say the verse again with the motions and invite the children to do it with you. Repeat several times.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** "I will say our new memory verse. Everyone, watch me! '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.*)

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** "Now, let's do it together! Are you ready? '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.*)

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** "Our memory verse tells us that God made us to be strong and courageous and do BIG things! **Who made you to do big things? God made me to do big things!**"

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



**BECAUSE OF HIS HEART**  
[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Folded Heart" and "David Inside" Activity Pages; cardstock; red washable inkpads; heart stamps; scissors; wet wipes; and a permanent marker

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Copy "Folded Heart" on cardstock and cut, one per child. Fold hearts on fold lines so the words are on the outside. Copy "David Inside" on cardstock and cut out, one per child. Write child's name on the back of their heart.

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Encourage children to open their heart and glue David inside then stamp hearts all over it.

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** Review the Bible story.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** "Hello, friends! Look on the table and tell me what you see. (Pause.) I see lots of Davids and lots of hearts on the table.

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** "Open your heart. (Pause.) There is nothing inside. Let's add a picture of David to the inside. (Pause.) In our story, Samuel was sent to do a big thing. He was sent to find the next king. Samuel looked and looked until he found David. David was young, but God chose him because of his heart. David loved God with his whole heart, and that's what God wanted for the next king. Use the heart stamp to cover your heart with lots and lots of love. (Pause.) Super job, friends."

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** "When you fold your heart back over, the outside has words on it. It says, 'God made me to do big things.' Samuel knew that God made him to do the big job of finding the new king. And he knew that God made David to be king and lead the people when he got older. God made you and me to do big things, too. **Who made you to do big things? God made me to do big things.**"

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## MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that encourages personal application and prayer



## JOURNAL AND PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Paperclipped "Memory Verse Card" in Bible at Deuteronomy 31:6; journal; a fun-shaped pen; and star stickers

**SMALL GROUP LEADER (SGL):** "It's Small Group time! Today, we'll take really big SUPER kid steps when we walk

to our small group spot. Ready? Follow me! (*Take big steps as you lead the children to your small group spot.*)

"Wow! Those were really big super kid steps! We're already here! Now we can sit down and talk about today's Bible story. One, two, three, sit down with me! (*Open the Bible and lay it in front of the children.*)

"Our Bible story, today, was about how God had BIG things for David to do. Do you remember what big thing God wanted David to do in our story? (*Pause.*) Yes, God chose David to be the next king! That's a pretty big thing!

"God has big things for you to do, too. That's why we'll learn this Bible verse. It says . . . (*Turn the pages of your Bible to the Memory Verse Card.*)

"'Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid . . . for the Lord your God goes with you,' Deuteronomy 31:6. (*Close Bible and lay it down.*) I love that Bible verse! I feel so strong and brave when I say it, just like a super kid! Let's stand up and say it together with these motions I'll teach you. Just say what I say and do what I do."

**CHILDREN AND SGL:** "'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.*)

(*Repeat the verse with motions a few times.*)

**SGL:** "Wow! You sound like super kids when you say that Bible verse! Way to go! Now let's sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (*Hold journal and fun-shaped pen.*)

"David had no idea what big things God had for him to do when he was a young boy taking care of sheep. But now we know that God has big things for everyone to do. God has big things for [child's name] to do and God has big things for [child's name] and . . . (*continue with each child.*) That's why each of you will write your name in our journal. I can help if you need. After you write your name, you will put one of these star stickers beside it. The star is for all the big super kid things God has for you to do.

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## (JOURNAL AND PRAYER, CONTINUED)

"Okay, when I say your name, you can write your name in our journal and put a star beside it. Get ready and listen for your name! (*Say each child's name and let them write it in the journal. Assist when needed and give them a star sticker to put by their name.*)

"This is SUPER! Now it's time to pray. Would anyone like to pray before I pray?"

(*Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.*)

## PRAYER

**SGL:** "Dear God, You are amazing! You made the whole world and everything in it, and that means You made (*name each child*). And not only did You make each of them, but You made them to be super kids and do big things! I pray they will always look to You to know what to do. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."