



WEEK
TWO
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



ANIMAL RESCUE

WHAT YOU NEED: Small plastic animals and wall tape

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Tape the animals to the walls or any other surface around the activity area.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Ask the children to go around the activity area and "rescue" animals by freeing them from the tape. Continue the activity until all of the animals have been rescued.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Hey, friends! I see animals around our room. They look stuck! Let's work together and rescue the animals!" (Do activity.)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Great job, friends. Thank you for rescuing the animals. Today in our Bible story, we will hear about David and how he rescued animals, too!"

TRANSITION: Move to Worship and Story by pretending to be different animals as you walk to the story area.

BIBLE STORY

God made me to do big things anywhere.

DAVID PROTECTS SHEEP
1 SAMUEL 17:34-37

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

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CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO THINK

an advanced activity specifically designed for older preschoolers



FINDING SHEEP

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Plush sheep or large cotton ball

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Call for the children to close or cover their eyes. Hide the sheep or cotton ball somewhere

in the classroom. Return to the children in the activity area and tell them to open their eyes.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Play "hot" and "cold" as the children search for the sheep. The closer they are to the hidden sheep, say they're warm, hot, hotter, etc. The farther away they move from the hidden sheep, say they're cold, colder, freezing, etc. When they find the sheep, celebrate! If time allows, have the children close their eyes as you hide the sheep again.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Set the plush animal or cotton ball out of reach of children for clean-up.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, say hello to our little sheep friend! I want you to close your eyes and cover them with your hands like this. (*Demonstrate*) NO peeking! Are all eyes covered? Good!" (*Hide the sheep or cotton ball.*)

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Our sheep is hiding. Let's find it!" (*Do activity.*)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "We found the sheep! Great job, friends. Part of David's big job as a shepherd was to find sheep that wandered off and keep them safe from bigger animals! Just like God made David to do big things, God made you 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 CREATE
an activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible story, bottom line, or memory verse by creating a craft to take home



STANDING SHEEP

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Standing Sheep" Activity Page; cardstock; white reinforcement labels or circle stickers; scissors; and a permanent marker

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Standing Sheep" on cardstock and cut, one per child. Write child's name on their sheep.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage children to cover their sheep with the reinforcement labels or circle stickers. Show them how to insert the sheep body on the legs for it to stand.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bible story.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Hello, friends! In our story, what big thing did God make David to do? (Pause.) Save the sheep! That's right! Let's make a sheep today."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "This is your cute little sheep, and it needs some wool. You can use these stickers to cover your sheep. (Pause.) Nice job! Now that your sheep is all covered, we need to help it stand. Take the sheep's body and its feet and slide them together like this. (Demonstrate.) Look at all the sheep on the table! (Pause.) Great job!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "David was a shepherd, and he took care of his father's sheep. He made sure they had green grass to eat, clean water to drink, and that they were safe. One night, a lion came and took one of the sheep away. But David knew that God was with him and made him to do big things. God helped David be strong and courageous, and he saved the sheep! You and I can be strong and courageous and do big things because God is with us. **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 your Bible at Deuteronomy 31:6, journal, and a fun-shaped pen

SMALL GROUP LEADER (SGL): "It's Small Group time! Today, we'll pretend to be sheep when we walk to our small group spot. Do you know what a sheep says? (Pause.) Yes, baa-baa. So, baa-baa with me and follow along! (Pretend to be a sheep as you lead the children to your small group spot.) We made it little sheep! 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.)"

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"Our Bible story, today, was about how God made David to do big things anywhere, even taking care of sheep out in a field. It didn't matter that David was in a field and no one was watching. God still had big things for him to do, like saving his sheep from a hungry lion! Yikes!

MEMORY VERSE

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

"God made you to do big things anywhere, too. It doesn't matter where you are. God can use you to do big things! And the Bible verse we're learning will help us remember to be strong and courageous so we can do the big things God made us to do. 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.)"

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"Stand up super kids, and let's say that together with the motions. 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.)

BOTTOM LINE

God made me to do big things.

SGL: "That was SUPER! Now let's sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (Hold journal and fun-shaped pen.) We go to a lot of places: church, school, the grocery store, the park, our grandparents' house, our bedroom. We go to cities and beaches, mountains and deserts. Sometimes we even fly in an airplane! And the good news is, God made us to do big things, anywhere! And because God made us to do big things anywhere, let's make a list of places we go and use it when we pray."

BASIC TRUTH

God made me.

"When I say your name, tell me one place you go, and I will write it in our journal. Get ready and listen for your name! (Say each child's name and write down what they say. Remember to print the names so the children can



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(JOURNAL AND PRAYER, CONTINUED)

recognize their names and the letters.)

"These are some cool places! Let's pray and thank God for making us to do big things in all of these places. 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 such a good, good God. You are so wise and powerful. There is no one more SUPER than You! Thank You for making us to do big things anywhere, like at *(read the list the children made.)* Help us listen to You and do what You say. You are the best, God, and we love You! In Jesus' name, amen."