



WEEK
FOUR
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



TUNNEL HUNT

WHAT YOU NEED: "Tunnel Hunt" Activity Page, cardstock, scissors, preschool tunnel, and tape

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Tunnel Hunt" on cardstock and cut on the dotted lines, one set per activity.

Tape the cut outs in random order inside the tunnel. Place the tunnel in the activity area.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: One at a time, ask the children to look for an animal that you taped inside the tunnel. For example, "Go look and find a rabbit." A child crawls through the tunnel and finds the rabbit then brings it back to you. Repeat the activity until each child has had a turn and all of the animals are found.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "We're going to look for animals today! I can't wait to find them."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Let's look for animals in the tunnel. (Choose a child to go first.) Crawl through the tunnel and find a rabbit. When you find a rabbit, bring it to me. I can't wait to find all of our animals!" (Do activity.)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Great job, friends. Thank you for looking for the animals and finding all of them. Today, David is looking for someone in our Bible story. I hope he finds them!"

TRANSITION: Move to Worship and Story by choosing something on the route to the story area for the children to find: a colored door, sign, picture on a wall, etc.

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.





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25 MINUTES

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MEMORY VERSE CUFFS

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Memory Verse Cuffs" Activity Page, cardstock, scissors, markers, and tape

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy the "Memory Verse Cuffs" Activity Page on cardstock and cut out, one set of cuffs per child. Place the cuffs and markers on the table.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage the children to find a spot at the table and color their own set of super kid cuffs. As they work, point out the verse. Help each child tape the cuffs on their wrists. Once the children have on their cuffs, gather in the activity area and say the verse together, ending in a super kid pose with their hands on their hips.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Collect all markers for clean-up.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Let's find a spot at the table. I have some awesome super kid cuffs for us to create. You can color these and wear them on your wrists!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Do you know what your cuffs say? It's our memory verse which says, 'Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid . . . for the Lord your God goes with you,' Deuteronomy 31:6. Let's put these on and say our memory verse with the motions! Say it with me. 'Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid . . . for the Lord your God goes with you,' Deuteronomy 31:6. Let's say it again."

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "It's TRUE! You can be a super kid and do big things when you remember our verse! Tell me, **who made you to do big things? God made me to do big things.**"

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MADE TO THINK

an advanced activity specifically designed for older preschoolers



HELPING CHARADES

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed.

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Gather the children in your activity area.

BIBLE STORY

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DAVID HELPS MEPHIBOSHETH

1 SAMUEL 20:14-17;
2 SAMUEL 9:1-13

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Act-out a few scenes that depict helping and challenge the children to guess what you are doing. After a couple of rounds, select a volunteer. Whisper a scene for the child to act-out as the rest of the class guesses the scene. You can help by giving some direction to the children guessing. Repeat for several more rounds as time allows.

- Ways to help:
- Cleaning the floor
 - Setting the table
 - Picking up your toys
 - Wiping the counter
 - Putting away your clothes
 - Sweeping or mopping
 - Washing dishes

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WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: “Today, we learned that God made us to help others. That’s a BIG thing God made us to do! And there are lots of ways we can help. I will act-out a way to help. I want you to watch what I do and see if you can guess the way I’m helping. Ready? Here we go!”

KEY QUESTION

Who made you to do big things?

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: “Wow! There are so many ways we can help. The good news is that God made us to do big things like help others! **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 fun-shaped pen

SMALL GROUP LEADER (SGL): "It's Small Group time! Today, we'll look through our hand binoculars like this (*demonstrate*) and pretend we are King David looking for someone to help. Look through your binoculars and follow me! (*Hold your hands up like binoculars and look around as you lead the children to your small group spot.*)

"Here we are! 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.*) Today's Bible story was about how King David wanted to find someone from Jonathan's family who he could help. He wanted to show kindness to them. Who did King David find? (*Pause.*) Yes, he found Jonathan's son, Mephibosheth.

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"God made us to help others, too. When we help others, like King David helped Mephibosheth, we are doing a big thing. The Bible verse we're learning will help us remember to be strong and courageous so we can do what it takes to help others. 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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"Okay super kids, let's stand up and say that together with the motions. Just say what I say and do what I do."

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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: "You. Sound. SUPER! (*Give fist bumps.*) Now let's sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (*Hold journal and fun-shaped pen.*)

BASIC TRUTH

God made me.

"David helped Mephibosheth in our story today. There are lots of people we can help, too. That's why we're going to make a list of people we can help. I want you to think about the people in your house, your neighborhood, your school, and here at church. When I say your name, tell me one person you can help, and I will write them 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 recognize their names and the letters.*)

"This is a great list of people! Let's pray and ask God to help us be strong and



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courageous so we can help them. Would anyone like to pray before I pray?"

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

PRAYER

SGL: "Dear God, thank You for making *(name each child)* to help others. Helping others is a big thing! Please help all of us be strong and courageous so *[child's name]* can help *[person they listed]* and *[child's name]* can help *[person they listed]* and . . . *(continue with each child)*. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."

