



WEEK
FOUR
FEBRUARY 2022

SMALL GROUP
K-3

PRELUDE SOCIAL STORY WORSHIP GROUPS HOME

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION
15 MINUTES

MADE TO PLAY

an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and/or working as a group



Before kids arrive, take a few moments to pray for them. Thank God for never being too busy for us. Thank God for those who have made time to care for you lately. Ask God to show your few how they can put aside some of the things they want to do in order to stop and show compassion to those around them. Pray that kids would look for opportunities to make time for others and that God would give them hearts that gladly care for others.

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Anytime You Need a Friend
Jesus Heals Bartimaeus
Mark 10:46-52

EARLY ARRIVER

WHAT YOU NEED: Offering container, paper, and pencils

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Make time to help others.

WHAT YOU DO:

- Welcome kids by name as they arrive.
- Encourage those who brought an offering to place it in the container.
- Give each kid a pencil and piece of paper.
- They can flip their pages over to write on the back then reload a new piece of paper for subsequent rounds.
- Things to draw: house, flower, cloud, tree, sun, mailbox, swing set, basketball goal, etc.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

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Micah 6:8, NIV

MONTHLY LIFE APP

Compassion—Caring enough to do something about someone else's need

BASIC TRUTH

I should treat others the way I want to be treated.





CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO IMAGINE

an activity that promotes empathy and facilitates concrete application through role-play and reenactment



PARTNER-UP HELP

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Jesus Heals Bartimaeus Pictures" Activity Pages, bandanas or eye masks

WHAT YOU DO:

- Guide the kids to pair up. Give each pair a bandana or eye mask.
- Encourage each pair to choose one to be the leader and one to wear the blindfold.
- Have pairs stand and choose one kid to be blindfolded. (If using bandanas, you'll need to help with this.)
- Once a kid from each pair is blindfolded, scatter the Activity Pages around your small group space.
- Select one pair to go first. The "seeing" partner will guide their blindfolded partner to one of the pictures.
- The blindfolded kid will pick it up and the seeing kid will guide them back to sit in their original spot.
- Repeat, one at a time, with each pair until all pictures have been retrieved.
 - There are eight pictures so some pairs will go twice.
 - Make sure kids switch which partner is blindfolded so as many kids as possible get a chance to be blindfolded.
- Let the kids take off their blindfolds once all pictures are retrieved.
- Guide kids to identify what's happening in each picture and put them in order from the Bible story.
- Picture order:
 - 1: Jericho sign (*Jesus and his followers came to Jericho. A large crowd followed them.*)
 - 2: Bartimaeus saying "Jesus, have mercy!" (*On the road, there was a blind man named Bartimaeus calling out to Jesus. He knew Jesus could help him.*)
 - 3: Jesus saying, "Call him!" (*Jesus told the crowd to call for the man.*)
 - 4: Crowd saying, "Cheer up! On your feet! He's calling you!" (*The crowd told the man that Jesus wanted to see him!*)
 - 5: Blind man saying, "Rabbi, I want to see." (*The blind man tells Jesus what he needs.*)
 - 6: Jesus saying, "Go. Your faith has healed you." (*Jesus takes time to heal the man.*)
 - 7: The blind man sees! (*Bartimaeus is excited to be healed.*)
 - 8: The man following Jesus and the disciples.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"Bartimaeus had heard about Jesus and he recognized, although he was blind, that Jesus was the one who could help him! So he yelled out 'Jesus, have mercy on me!' A large crowd was travelling with Jesus. It would have been easy



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(PARTNER -UP HELP, CONTINUED)

for Jesus to ignore the man’s cries. But Jesus didn’t do that. Jesus stopped and called for the man. And then Jesus healed Bartimaeus. Though He was busy and SO many people wanted His attention, Jesus took the time to help this man. Jesus showed compassion for him and did what only He could do!

“We can’t heal the sick or make the blind see because we’re NOT Jesus. But we CAN **make time to help others.** We can stop whatever it is we’re doing when we see someone in need. We can listen, pay attention, and help. It might not be the first thing we want to do. It might be inconvenient; but stopping to help someone else is always worth our time.”

[Make it Personal] (Tell kids about a time someone took the time to help you when they didn’t have to. Maybe someone came to the rescue when you had a flat tire or gave you a jump when your car battery died. Maybe someone brought you a meal or mowed your lawn when you were sick. How did their willingness to make time to help make you feel?)





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PRELUDE

SOCIAL

STORY

WORSHIP

GROUPS

HOME

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MADE TO CREATE

an activity that explores ideas through the process of drawing, building, designing, and problem-solving



* MEMORY VERSE NEIGHBORHOOD

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Memory Verse Neighborhood" Activity Pages, white boards, Bible, markers

WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each kid an Activity Page to color.
- Point out the verse and the missing words at the bottom of the page.
- Read Micah 6:8 aloud to the kids. Challenge them to think about the words that are missing.
- For pre-readers, write out each of the words on a white board for the kids to copy.
- The missing words are: good, act, love, and humble (humbly for NIV).
- Remind kids to put their names on their pages.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"What a GREAT verse we learned this month. When we act justly and do what's right, love mercy and show love, walk humbly and put others first, we show compassion for others. When we **make time to help others**, we can show God's love to others. Remember, 'to act justly' means 'to do what is right.' God always does what is right. God loves and forgives. So when we love and forgive and do what's right, we show God's love and compassion to others."

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an activity that creates space for personal processing and application

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PRAY AND DISMISS [PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Timer

WHAT YOU DO:

- Gather the kids for prayer.
- Explain that you will set a timer as they pray silently on

their own.

- Encourage kids to pray that God would help them this week to **make time to help others.**
- When the timer goes off, close in prayer.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"I'll set a timer. As it runs, I want you to pray and ask God to help you **make time to help others.** When the timer goes off, I will pray close in prayer. Let's pray. *(Start the timer.)*

"God, thank You for Your great love and care for us. We know we can only show compassion because You are compassionate to us! This week, we want to be friends that **make time to help others.** When we're tempted to keep doing what we want to do, will You remind us to show compassion and care instead? Help us treat others the way we want to be treated. We love You so much, and it's in Jesus' name we pray, amen."

As adults arrive to pick up, encourage the kids to show off their "Neighborhood Scene" from this month as they share how they learned to show compassion for the people in their neighborhood and **make time to help others** this week.

