



WEEK
THREE
MARCH 2022

SMALL GROUP
K-3

PRELUDE SOCIAL STORY WORSHIP GROUPS HOME

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION
15 MINUTES

MADE TO CREATE

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



Before kids arrive, take a few moments to pray for them. Pray that kids' eyes would be opened to the needs of those around them and that they would recognize the opportunities they have to join forces with friends to help someone else. Ask God to show kids the value in working with friends to help meet someone else's need.

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Do Something

Jesus Heals a Man Who Could Not Walk / Four Friends
Luke 5:17-26

EARLY ARRIVER

WHAT YOU NEED: "CD Weaving Instructions" Activity Pages, offering container, prepared CDs from previous weeks, yarn in various colors, scissors, (optional) plastic sewing needles

WHAT YOU DO:

- Welcome kids by name to Small Group.
- Invite the kids who brought an offering to put it in the offering container.
- Invite the kids to choose a CD that was prepared last week and some yarn.
- Thread the plastic sewing needles (if using).
- Set out the "CD Weaving Instructions" pages and instruct kids to follow the pictures and instructions.
- Direct kids to start in the center hole and weave their yarn under and over the loops already on the CD.
- To change colors, instruct the kids to tie the end of the new color to the end of the old color and keep weaving.
- Set the weaving project aside when time is up.
- Make sure as many CDs are finished as possible. Next week involves tying the CDs into a quilt display so store the CDs and supplies in a safe place to use next week.

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

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MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

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Ecclesiastes 4:9, NIV

MONTHLY LIFE APP

Cooperation—Working together to do more than you can do alone

BASIC TRUTH

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**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



FRIENDS HELP

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: Prepared "House" Activity Pages, "Story Characters" Activity Page strips, markers

WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each kid a "House" Activity Page (with the pre-cut slits), a "Story Characters" strip, and markers.
- Invite the kids to color both the house and the strip.
- Demonstrate how to weave the strip from the "Story Characters" Activity Page through the pre-cut slits in the house from the "House" Activity Page.
- Once everyone has the strip of paper with the characters in place, use the Activity Page to review the story.
- Let kids retell the story themselves, but make sure they cover the following points:
 - There was a man who couldn't walk.
 - Jesus was teaching in a home nearby, but the man who couldn't walk couldn't get there!
 - His friends decided to help by carrying him on his mat to the house where Jesus was teaching.
 - But when the four friends got there with the man, the house was so crowded that there was no way they could get to Jesus!
 - So, the friends decided to carry the man to the roof and lower him down to Jesus.
 - When the man was lowered in front of Jesus, Jesus saw that the man's friends had great faith.
 - Jesus forgave the man's sins and healed him!
 - The man jumped up for joy and carried his mat home.
 - The man's life was changed because his friends saw his need and worked together to meet it.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"In our Bible story today, we heard about a man who couldn't walk until his friends worked together to get him to Jesus; and Jesus healed him. How do you think the man felt about his friends making the effort to carry him to the roof and lower him into the room? (*Pause for responses.*) His friends helped make his healing possible by helping him get to Jesus. It changed the man's life forever! When we see someone who needs help, we should ask them if we can help them, then do it. Even doing something small for someone can change their life forever!

[Make It Personal] (Share about a time you saw someone who needed help and you helped them. Maybe you opened the door for someone or helped someone unload groceries into their car or helped your neighbor shovel snow or cut the grass. How did it make the other person feel?)





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(FRIENDS HELP, CONTINUED)

“If we keep our eyes open for ways we can help, we can **work together to help someone in need.**”





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MADE TO PLAY

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



SEE A NEED, MEET A NEED [LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "See a Need" Activity Page, "Meet a Need" Activity Pages, tape

WHAT YOU DO:

- Divide into two teams and have them move to opposite sides of the activity area.
- Tape the "See a Need" cards to the shirtfronts of kids on one team and the corresponding "Meet a Need" cards to the shirtfronts of the kids on the other team, keeping the teams separated from each other. (If you did not use all of the "See a Need" cards, make sure you don't tape the matching "Meet a Need" cards to the other team.)
- Let kids look at their picture to see what it is but ask them not to talk with one another about it.
- Bring teams together and let kids try to find the kid wearing the card that best matches their own.
- Explain that one card contains a picture of a need and the other shows a way to meet that need.
- If time allows, or if you didn't use all of the cards, play again by mixing up the cards and redistributing them.
- As a variation, place the cards face down on the floor and let kids take turns flipping over two cards. If the cards are a match (a need and a way to meet it), they can keep the cards. The kid with the most matches is the winner.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"There are needs all around you: at home, in your school, in your neighborhood, and all across the world! Just as you did in our game, God wants you to look for the needs around you then find a way to help. Remember, you don't have to work alone. In fact, sometimes a need is so big that it takes many people to help. That's why we need to **work together to help someone in need**. Ask a parent or other grown-up to help you figure out what to do. You might not be able to do EVERYTHING to meet a need, but you can almost always do SOMETHING."





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MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that creates space for personal processing and application



**PRAY AND DISMISS
[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]**

WHAT YOU NEED: Blanket, "Meet a Need" cards from "See a Need, Meet a Need" Activity

WHAT YOU DO:

- Sit in a circle.
- Place the "Meet a Need" cards on the floor where all can see.
- Briefly review some of the ways we can help meet needs then let each kid point to one of the cards that shows something they would like to do this week to help.
 - Make a mental note of their choice to include in your prayer for them later.
- Invite kids to take turns working together to drag one friend at a time across the room on the blanket.

NOTE: If you don't have enough kids to physically pick up the kid on the blanket, try dragging it across the floor like a sled.

- When you reach the other side, pray for the friend on the blanket by name, asking God to help them **work together to help someone in need** this week.
- Refer to the "Meet a Need" they pointed to earlier.
- Switch kids and repeat until all kids have been carried on the blanket and prayed for.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Everywhere you go, you will find people in need. You can help in many ways all by yourself, but think what you can do if you work together with others. Maybe you and your family could bring a basket of food to a neighbor who is going through a hard time. Is there an elderly person in your neighborhood or here at church who could use some help in their yard? When you start looking, you will be surprised how many ways to help you'll see. Often, it doesn't really matter WHAT you do. The important thing is to **work together to help someone in need**. Let's work together this week to show God's love to others in special ways."

As adults arrive to pick up, let kids explain why they have a sticker on their hand. Give a prompt for them to say what they remember of Ecclesiastes 4:9.

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