



WEEK
ONE
MAY 2023

LARGE GROUP
3-5 YEAR
-OLDS
STAGE

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

WORSHIP

STORY

GROUPS

HOME

10 MINUTES

Lead children in singing "Very Big Things."

"With God's help, you can do very big things like help others! We can help our sisters and brothers, our moms and dads, our cousins and friends because God made you and **God made me to help others. Who made you to help others?"**

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP LEADER: "God made me to help others."

WORSHIP LEADER: "Thanks for worshipping with me, friends!"

INTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED: Small table, toy fire truck with ladder, two toy trucks (*mail, garbage, dump truck, or construction vehicles*), and a bin; Optional "Community Helper Trucks" Activity Pages and cardstock

NOTE: The goal is to have three trucks and only one has a ladder to climb to rescue the cat. Change the script to match the toy trucks that you have or print the Activity Pages.

WHAT YOU DO: Preset the table in the storytelling area. If using toy trucks, place them inside the bin. Option: Print "Community Helper Trucks" Activity Pages on cardstock.

Host enters carrying the Activity Pages or bin of trucks and sets them on the table.

HOST: "Hello, friends! I'm [your name], and I'm so glad to see you today! I need your help. My neighbor's cat likes to climb way, way, up in a tree! Sometimes she gets stuck and needs to be rescued! So, I've been trying to think of who in the neighborhood can help when the cat gets stuck.

Roll the toy mail truck across the table or hold up the picture of the mail truck.

"What is this, friends? (Pause.) Yes! It's a mail truck. Do you think the mail truck could help the cat? (Pause.) No, a mail truck can't help the cat.

Roll the toy dump truck across the table or hold up the picture of the dump truck.

"What about this? Do you know what this is? (Pause.) It's a dump truck! That's right. Do you think the dump truck can help the cat? (Pause.) No, the dump truck can't help the cat.

Roll the toy fire truck across the table or hold up the picture of the fire truck.

"What about this truck? Can you tell me what it is? (Pause.) A fire truck! Do you think a fire truck can help the cat? (Pause.) Yes! The fire truck has a big ladder. Hey, I could use a ladder and help rescue our neighbor's cat! Hooray for helping! We'll hear more about a person who helped someone in our Bible story today. See you later, friends."

Host exits with props.



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BIBLE STORY

WHAT YOU NEED: Bible, table from Intro Sketch, three large teddy bears, and another large plush friend (*anything other than a teddy bear*); Optional bin and Story Images

WHAT YOU DO: Preset the teddy bears and plush friend near the table or set them in a bin and place it beside the table. Option: Copy Story Images on cardstock or download them to display on a screen.

Storyteller enters, carrying a Bible.

STORYTELLER: "Hello, friends! I'm so happy to see you because I have an awesome story to share with you about helping others. It's a story Jesus told, and you can read it in the Bible!"

Hold up the Bible for the children to see then lay it open on the table.

"We all need help sometimes, and the best thing is that God made us to HELP!"

Make the ASL sign for help. With your dominant hand, make a fist with your thumb up. Place that fist on the palm of your other hand and raise both hands together.

"That's the sign for help. Can you do it with me?"

Make the ASL sign for "help" with the children.

"Great job! God made me (*point to self*) and you (*point to children*) to help. (*Sign "help."*)"

"The story Jesus told began with a man walking along the road."

Pick up one of the large teddy bears and "walk" him along the table.

"Suddenly, some people came and hurt the man. Oh, no!"

Lay the teddy bear in the center of the table.

"The man had so many boo-boos. He needed help. Oh, look!"

Pick up another teddy bear.

(Option: Display Story Image W1 01)

"Here comes someone. Maybe he will help the hurt man. Do you think he will stop and help? (*Sign "help."*) Hmm . . . let's see if he stops."

Walk the bear along the table without stopping.

"Oh, no! He didn't stop to help the hurt man. He just walked on by."



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Pick up the third teddy bear.

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"Yay! Here comes someone else. Maybe he will stop and help. Do you think he will stop and help? (Sign "help.") Let's see what happens.

Walk the bear along the table.

"Ohhh! He didn't stop to help either. Now, what is the hurt man going to do? Oh, wait, another person is coming!

Pick up the final plush friend.

(Option: Display Story Image W1 03)

"But this one was a Samaritan. The Samaritan's family and the hurt man's family were not friends. Do you think the Samaritan will stop even though he wasn't friends with the hurt man? I can't wait for you to see what happens!

Walk the plush friend to the teddy bear on the table and sit the bear up.

"The Samaritan DID stop!

(Option: Display Story Image W1 04)

"The Samaritan helped the man. He put bandages on his boo-boos. He put the hurt man on his donkey and took him to a place to get better.

"Hooray for helping! Can you cheer with me and say, 'Hooray for helping!'"

CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "Hooray for helping!"

STORYTELLER: "The Samaritan in the story did what God made us to do! He helped. (Sign "help.") And we can help, too! Because God made you (*point out*) and me (*thumbs to chest*) to help (*sign "help"*) others. Tell me, **who made you to help others?"**

CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "**God made me to help others!"**

STORYTELLER: "You've got it! Let's pray and talk to God about helping others."

PRAYER

STORYTELLER: "Dear God, thank You for loving us and sending Jesus to show us how to love others. Thank You for making us to help like the Samaritan man. We love You. In Jesus' name, we pray, amen.

"Friends, you're awesome. Thanks for listening!"

Storyteller exits with the Bible.



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OUTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

Host enters, smiling.

HOST: "Wow! God made YOU and **God made ME to help others!** Just like the good Samaritan and fire trucks, I can help, too!"

"I think (*point to self*) I got the story. Did (*point to children*) you get it? If you did, say, 'Got it!' (*Cup one hand behind ear, listening.*) Get it?"

CHILDREN: "Got it!"

HOST: (*Two thumbs-up*) "Good! See you next time, friends!"

Host exits while waving to the children.