



WEEK  
**TWO**  
MAY 2023

LARGE GROUP  
**3-5** YEAR  
-OLDS  
STAGE

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

WORSHIP

STORY

GROUPS

HOME

10 MINUTES

## INTRO SKETCH

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Helicopter pilot's helmet or coveralls, doctor's coat or stethoscope, lifeguard whistle or hat, box or bin; Optional other community helper costume pieces or toys or if you don't have the suggested items, simply substitute any community helper costume that you do have or pair smaller items with a toy vehicle that is accessible, such as an aviator wings pin and a toy helicopter for a helicopter pilot. Adjust the script to match what you have.

**WHAT YOU DO:** Place the props in the box or bin.

*Host enters with the box of costumes.*

**HOST:** "Hello, friends! Do you know what this is? It's a dress-up box with all kinds of fun things inside. Ooh, look at this!

*Pull out the pilot items. Hold up items for children to see or put an item on.*

"It's a pilot's helmet! Helicopter pilots wear these when they fly the helicopter to rescue people. Put out your arms and pretend to fly like a helicopter.

*Pretend to fly around with arms out wide.*

"If I was a pilot, I would fly this way and that way, helping everywhere.

*Put away the pilot props and pull out the doctor items.*

"Oh, and look at this. With this coat, I can dress just like a doctor.

*Put on the coat and hang the stethoscope around your neck.*

"If I was a doctor, I would use my stethoscope to listen to everyone's heartbeat, just like my doctor does.

*Put away doctor items and pull out the lifeguard items.*

"Have you seen this before? It's a lifeguard's whistle. If I was a lifeguard, I would practice my swimming every day so I would always be ready to help people. Rescue pilots, doctors, and lifeguards sure do help people all the time, and our Bible story is about some friends who helped a man who couldn't walk. I can't wait for you to hear it!"

*The Host exits, leaving dress-up box behind.*

## BIBLE STORY

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Bible and a large doll or teddy bear; *Optional Story Images and cardstock*

*Storyteller enters, carrying a Bible and a large doll or teddy bear.*

**STORYTELLER:** "Hey, friends! I'm [your name], and I have a great story from the Bible to tell you today. (*Open the Bible for the children to see, then set it down.*) Today's true story from the Bible begins with four friends who helped.

*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.*



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"That's the sign for help. Can you do that with me? (*Sign "help" with children.*)

"Yes, the friends in our Bible story knew someone who needed help. (*Sign "help."*)

(*Option: Display Story Image W2 01*)

"His legs didn't work, and he couldn't walk. He needed their help because he had to be carried. One day, Jesus came to their town.

"Raise your hand if you know about Jesus. (*Pause.*) Wow! That's great. You can put your hands down now.

"There are so many amazing things to know about Jesus. Jesus is God's Son. Jesus is an amazing teacher. And Jesus can do things only He can do.

"When people heard Jesus was in town, they came running to see Him! Everybody, stand up and run in place with me. One, two, three, run in place!

*Run in place.*

"And three, two, one, stop! Great job of listening and following instructions! You can have a seat now.

"A lot of people were excited and came to see Jesus that day. But they weren't the only ones excited to see Jesus. When those four friends heard that Jesus was in town, they knew that Jesus could help the man who couldn't walk. The four friends helped him by picking him up and carrying him to Jesus.

"Everyone, stay seated and pretend to pick up a friend with your arms.

*Pick up doll or bear and carry it in front of you.*

"It was probably hard work, but the four friends really wanted to help the man. Good job, you can put your arms down now.

"When they got to the house where Jesus was, the house was full of people.

(*Option: Display Story Image W2 02*)

"They couldn't get in the front door. So guess what they did? They carried their friend to the roof, the top of the house!

"Let's all pretend to climb.

*Lead children to pretend to "climb" a ladder.*

"We made it! Good job. You can sit back down now.



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*(Option: Display Story Image W2 03)*

"The friends got their friend to the roof, but how did they get their friend inside? *(Pause.)* They had to dig a hole in the roof.

"Everybody, dig a hole with me.

*Lead children to pretend to "dig" a hole with their hands.*

"Wow, that was hard work! You can put your hands down now.

The friends dug a hole in the roof and lowered their friend to Jesus. When Jesus saw how much the man and his friends believed that He could help, Jesus did something amazing! Jesus told the man to get up and walk! And he did!

*(Option: Display Story Image W2 04)*

"Jesus made the man's legs all better, he could walk and even dance! That is AMAZING!

"Let's do a happy dance to celebrate what Jesus did.

*Lead children to do a happy dance.*

"Because the four friends helped, *(Sign "help.")* the man who couldn't walk got to see Jesus. And Jesus helped him walk! Wow! The four friends did what God made them to do. They helped *(Sign "help.")*, and we can, too! God made you *(point out)* and me *(thumbs to chest)* to help *(Sign "help.")* others. Hooray for helping. Say that with me."

**CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER:** "Hooray for helping!"

**STORYTELLER:** "**Who made you to help others?"**

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

**STORYTELLER:** "Yes, God made you to help others! Now let's bow our heads and talk to God."

## PRAYER

**STORYTELLER:** "Dear God, thank You for loving us and sending Jesus to be our friend forever. Help us be good friends who help. We love You. In Jesus' name, we pray, amen.

"Great job! Let's be friends who help this week. Thanks for listening. See you next time."

The Storyteller exits with the Bible and doll.



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## OUTRO SKETCH

**WHAT YOU NEED:** No supplies needed

The Host enters, smiling.

**HOST:** "Wow! I might not be a rescue helicopter pilot or a doctor or a lifeguard, but I can help others!"

"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!"

You know what? I can help my friend by playing with her little kids. I'll take this cool costume box over and we can play dress-up! See you later, friends."

Host exits with the dress-up box while waving to the children.