



WEEK  
**THREE**  
MAY 2023

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

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

WORSHIP

STORY

GROUPS

HOME

10 MINUTES

"Great singing, friends! God is with us, and God made us to help! One more time, **who made you to help others?**"

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

## INTRO SKETCH

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Small table, three large teddy bears, three small tie-dyed t-shirts, and a bin

**WHAT YOU DO:** Preset the table in the storytelling area. Place the teddy bears and shirts inside the bin.

*Host enters, carrying the bin of shirts and teddy bears.*

**HOST:** "Hey, friends! I'm [your name], and I am so happy to see you today! I have something SUPER cool to show you.

*Set the bin on the table.*

"My friends and I have been hard at work. Look at this!

*Hold up one of the shirts.*

"Isn't it awesome! We've been making these special shirts for . . .

*Pull out the teddy bears and set them up on the table.*

"Teddy bears!

*Hug a bear, then start putting a shirt on it.*

"We're making them for kids who are sick at the hospital. I can't sew, but I can decorate! These shirts were super-fun to decorate. First, we wrapped them in rubber bands.

*As you continue to describe the process, put the rest of the shirts on the bears.*

"Then we sprayed them with this dye that turns them pretty colors. Then we waited and waited and waited until they were FINALLY dry! (*Look over all the clothed bears.*) And now we have perfect shirts for all these teddy bears! Aren't they cute? It was so much fun. I think I'll have to make some more! See you in a little while."

*Place all but one teddy bear in the bin and "accidentally" knock or drop the third on the floor.*

## BIBLE STORY

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Table and teddy bear from Intro Sketch; Bible; large box or bin; a piece of clothing (*biblical or contemporary*); box of crayons or markers; preschool toy; trash bag; large piece of trash; cereal box; *Optional Story Images and cardstock*

**WHAT YOU DO:** Place the clothing, crayons or markers, toy, trash bag, trash, and cereal box inside the box or bin. Option: Copy Story Images on cardstock or download them to display on a screen.



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*Storyteller enters, carrying a Bible and a large box of props.*

**STORYTELLER:** "Hello, friends! I'm [your name], and I have an awesome TRUE story from the Bible to share with you!

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

"Today's true story is about a woman named Tabitha. What was her name?"

**CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER:** "Tabitha!"

**STORYTELLER:** "Yes. Tabitha loved God and followed Jesus! Tabitha was always helping people. One way she helped was by making clothes for people.

*(Option: Display Story Image W3 01)*

*Pull the piece of clothing from the bin and show it to the children.*

"Tabitha helped a lot of people by making clothes for them!

*(Option: Display Story Image W3 02)*

"Hooray for helping! Say that with me."

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

**LEADER:** "Yes, God made Tabitha 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.' *(Make the ASL sign for help.)* Can you do that with me? Help. *(Sign 'help' with the children.)* Great job!

"Tabitha helped *(sign 'help')* people by making clothes. But there are SO many different ways to help.

"There is another true story in the Bible about a young man named Timothy. What was his name?"

**CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER:** "Timothy!"

*(Option: Display Story Image W3 03)*

**STORYTELLER:** "Yes! Timothy didn't make clothes like Tabitha. *(Pick up the Bible.)* Timothy helped by teaching others about God and showing people how to love like Jesus! *(Set down the Bible.)*

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"God made Timothy to help (*sign 'help'*), and Timothy helped a lot of people, too!

"Hooray for helping! Say that with me."

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

**STORYTELLER:** "Did you know that God made you and me to help (*sign 'help'*), too? Raise your hand if you were made to help. (*Raise your hand with the children.*) That's right! Everyone's hand should be up because we were ALL made to help others! You can put your hands down.

"Now, let's think of different ways we can help (*sign 'help'*) others. I have some things in my bin that might help us.

*Pull out the box of crayons or markers, show it to the children, and set it on the table.*

"Ooh, [crayons/markers]! I think we can use them to draw a picture to cheer up our friends!

*Pick up the bear from the floor and place it in the bin.*

"Oh, we can help clean up our toys.

*Pull the garbage bag and piece of trash out of the bin so that the piece of trash drops on the floor.*

"We can pick up trash in the park with our family.

*Pick up the piece of trash, put it in the trash bag, and put the bag in the bin. Pull the cereal box out of the bin and show it to children.*

"We can give food to people who need it. Let's pretend to give out food.

*Pretend to hand out the cereal, then put the cereal box back into the bin.*

"There are SO many different ways we can help (*sign 'help'*) others! 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:** "So, tell me, **who made you to help others?**"

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

**STORYTELLER:** "That's the truth, friends! Let's talk to God together. Let's bow our heads and close our eyes."



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## PRAYER

**STORYTELLER:** "God, You are the best. Thank You for making us to help in all kinds of ways! Help us look for ways to help this week. In Jesus' name, we pray, amen."

"Thanks for being such good listeners, friends! See you next time."

*Storyteller exits with the Bible.*

## OUTRO SKETCH

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Bin of teddy bears from Intro Sketch

*Host enters, smiling.*

**HOST:** "Wow! You and I can help others in so many ways. Because God made you and **God made me to 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:** (*Give two thumbs-up.*) "Good!"

*Pull a teddy bear out of the bin and hold it up.*

"Making these shirts has been so much fun. Helping IS fun! Let's all find different ways to help this week. See you next time, friends!"

*Host exits with the bin of teddy bears while waving to the children.*