



WEEK  
**FOUR**  
MAY 2023

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

PRELUDE

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HOME

10 MINUTES

## INTRO SKETCH

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Small table; bag of chocolate chips or clear jar of flour; small trash can; bottle of water; and a bin

**WHAT YOU DO:** Preset the table in the storytelling area. Place all props in the bin.

*Host enters, carrying the prop bin.*

**HOST:** "Hello, friends! I'm [your name], and I'm SO excited to be with you today! I've been thinking about how there are so many people who help us. There are veterinarians who take care of our pets. Librarians help us find really good books. Janitors help us have really clean rooms at church.

"WOW! So many people help us! And I know [Bottom Line] God made me to help others so I want to look for ways to help others. Maybe some of these items in my bin will help me.

*Set the bin on the table. Take out the bag of chocolate chips or jar of flour.*

"Hmmm, this is [item's name]. How could I use that to help others? Oh, I know how to bake cookies, so I can bake some cookies to welcome our new neighbors down the street!

*Put the bag of chocolate chips away and pick up the small trash can.*

"A trash can? Oh, I could take out the trash for a neighbor who has a hard time taking it all the way to the curb!

*Put the trash can away and pick up the bottle of water.*

"It's a bottle of water. Oh, I know! I could leave out a cold bottle of water for the mail carrier when it's super-hot outside! There are lots of ways we can help others! That's what our Bible story is all about. See you in a little while, friends."

*The Host gathers the props and exits.*

## BIBLE STORY

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Bible; small table; brown butcher paper; markers or washable brown paint and large sponges; painter's tape; bucket; rope; plastic ladle; and a blanket; *Optional Story Images and cardstock*

**WHAT YOU DO:** Create a stone effect on the butcher paper by either drawing in stones with a marker or dipping a large sponge into the paint to stamp in rows. Lay the table on its side and tape the butcher paper to the tabletop to make a well. Tie the rope to the handle of the bucket for lowering into the well. Preset the well and bucket with ladle in your storytelling area so that the butcher paper side is facing the audience. Cover the prepared well with a blanket to reveal it during the Bible story.

*Storyteller enters with the Bible.*

**STORYTELLER:** "Hello, everyone! I'm [your name], and I'm so glad to be with you today because I have an awesome story to share with you from the Bible.



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

“And today’s true story from the Bible starts with a well!

*Walk to the “well” and carefully remove the blanket.*

“A well is a deep hole in the ground where people can go get water. When we want water, we go to the sink and turn on the faucet! But back in Bible times, people had to walk all the way to the well, lower a bucket into the well, fill it with water, and pull the heavy bucket back up.

“That’s what a girl named Rebekah did. One evening, Rebekah went to a well for water. When she got there, she saw a man at the well with ten camels.

*(Option: Display Story Image W4 01)*

*Lower the bucket into the well.*

“The man asked Rebekah if she would share her water with him. Rebekah was happy 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.’ *(Sign ‘help.’)* Can you do that with me? Help. *(Sign ‘help.’)* Great job!

“And so, she drew out some water and gave him some to drink.

*(Option: Display Story Image W4 02)*

*Pull up the bucket and pretend to scoop out some water with the ladle.*

“But that’s not all Rebekah did. She looked for other ways to help.

“Rebekah saw that the man had ten camels, and they needed water, too. So she got water for the camels—all ten of them!

*(Option: Display Story Image W4 03)*

*Set the bucket down.*

“Wow! Rebekah looked for ways to help. *(Sign ‘help.’)* She helped the man and even his camels, too.

“Hooray for helping! Say that with me.”

**CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER:** “Hooray for helping!”



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**STORYTELLER:** God made all of us to look for ways to help (*Sign 'help.'*), too. Hmm. Where can we look for ways to help? (*Sign 'help.'*)

"We can look for ways to help at the park! We can look for ways to help at school! We can look for ways to help at home! We can look for ways to help everywhere.

"Rebekah looked for ways to help, and we can, too! God made you (*point out*) and me (*thumbs to chest*) to help (*Sign 'help.'*) others. Hooray for helping!

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

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

**STORYTELLER:** "Yes, God made Rebekah to help, and God made you and me to help, too! Let's close our eyes and talk to God about that."

## PRAYER

**STORYTELLER:** "Dear God, thank You for loving us and teaching us to help! Rebekah looked for ways to help, and we can, too! Will you show us ways that we can help this week? We love You, God. In Jesus' name, we pray, amen.

"Friends, you are the best! I'll see you next time. Bye!"

*The Storyteller exits with the Bible.*

## OUTRO SKETCH

**WHAT YOU NEED:** No supplies needed

*The Host enters, smiling.*

**HOST:** "That was such an awesome story! I'm so glad 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!"

"Now, where should I look for ways to help? I know! I'll go home to see if anyone needs help. See you next time."

*Host exits while waving to the children.*