



WEEK
FOUR
OCTOBER 2021

SMALL GROUP
3-5 YEAR
-OLDS

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

WORSHIP

STORY

GROUPS

HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO THINK

an advanced activity specifically
designed for older preschoolers



3. HELPING CHARADES

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed.

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Gather the children in your activity area.

BIBLE STORY

God made me
to help others.

DAVID HELPS MEPHIBOSHETH

1 SAMUEL 20:14-17;

2 SAMUEL 9:1-13

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Act-out a few scenes that depict helping and challenge the children to guess what you are doing. After a couple of rounds, select a volunteer. Whisper a scene for the child to act-out as the rest of the class guesses the scene. You can help by giving some direction to the children guessing. Repeat for several more rounds as time allows.

Ways to help:
Cleaning the floor
Setting the table
Picking up your toys
Wiping the counter
Putting away your clothes
Sweeping or mopping
Washing dishes

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Today, we learned that God made us to help others. That's a BIG thing God made us to do! And there are lots of ways we can help. I will act-out a way to help. I want you to watch what I do and see if you can guess the way I'm helping. Ready? Here we go!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Wow! There are so many ways we can help. The good news is that God made us to do big things like help others! **Who made you to do big things? God made me to do big things.**"

MEMORY VERSE

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid . . . for the Lord your God goes with you."

DEUTERONOMY 31:6, NIV

KEY QUESTION

Who made you to
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BOTTOM LINE

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BASIC TRUTH

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6. JOURNAL AND PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Paperclipped "Memory Verse Card" in your Bible at Deuteronomy 31:6; journal; and fun-shaped pen

SMALL GROUP LEADER (SGL)

SGL: "You. Sound. SUPER! (Give fist bumps.) Now let's sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (Hold journal and fun-shaped pen.)

"David helped Mephibosheth in our story today. There are lots of people we can help, too. That's why we're going to make a list of people we can help. I want you to think about the people in your house, your neighborhood, your school, and here at church. When I say your name, tell me one person you can help, and I will write them in our journal. Get ready and listen for your name! (Say each child's name and write down what they say. Remember to print the names so the children can recognize their names and the letters.)

"This is a great list of people! Let's pray and ask God to help us be strong and courageous so we can help them. Would anyone like to pray before I pray?"

(Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.)

PRAYER

SGL: "Dear God, thank You for making (name each child) to help others. Helping others is a big thing! Please help all of us be strong and courageous so [child's name] can help [person they listed] and [child's name] can help [person they listed] and . . . (continue with each child). We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."

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