



WEEK
ONE
MAY 2025

SMALL GROUP
3-5 YEAR
-OLDS

PRELUDE SOCIAL WORSHIP STORY GROUPS HOME

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION
15 MINUTES

MADE TO PLAY

an activity that encourages preschoolers to follow guidelines while having fun and learning new concepts



2. BUILD THE ARK

WHAT YOU NEED: Butcher paper, permanent marker, craft sticks in a variety of sizes, and masking tape

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Tape the butcher paper to the table, and draw the outline of Noah's ark on the butcher paper. Place the craft sticks around the table.

BIBLE STORY

God gives us big things to do.

NOAH'S ARK
GENESIS 6:8-9:17

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage children to cover the big boat with craft sticks. Repeat as desired.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Introduce the Bible Story

MEMORY VERSE

"I know that God helps me."

PSALM 54:4, NIRV

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Hi, friends! Look at this big piece of paper! What do you see? (Pause.) It's a big boat—a special big boat that we are going to learn about today! Let's gather around the boat. I have something fun for us to do with it."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "See all these craft sticks? There are big ones and small ones. Let's use them to cover our big boat. You can use big sticks or small sticks—whatever you like! Let's see how many sticks we can put on our big boat! (Pause.) Look at our big boat! This is so much fun! You're doing an amazing job!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Wow! Friends, look at our big boat that you built! We can call this big boat an ark. Say it with me: 'ark.' (Pause.) In our Bible Story, we're going to hear how God told a man named Noah to build a BIG boat! And when I say BIG, I mean REALLY big! SO BIG! This boat was so big, it was called an ark."

KEY QUESTION

Who helps you do big things?

TRANSITION: Move to Worship and Story by encouraging children to use their air hammers to build a big boat.

BOTTOM LINE

God helps me do big things.

BASIC TRUTH

God loves me.