



CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT  
25 MINUTES

**MADE TO CREATE**  
an activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible story, bottom line, or memory verse by creating a craft to take home



**BIBLE STORY**  
  
I can thank God for people who help me.  
  
**NEHEMIAH REPAIRS A WALL**  
**NEHEMIAH 1-3**

**MEMORY VERSE**  
  
"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good."  
  
**PSALM 107:1, NIV**

**KEY QUESTION**  
  
Who is good?

**BOTTOM LINE**  
  
God is good.

**BASIC TRUTH**  
  
God made me.

**5. STANDING PRAYER HANDS**  
[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]  
**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Standing Prayer Hands Label" Activity Page; Avery® #5294 labels or equivalent; cardstock; scissors; clear tape; washable markers; permanent marker; stamps; and hand wipes

**WHAT YOU DO:**  
**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Copy "Standing Prayer Hands Label" on label paper, one per child. Fold cardstock in half. (*This part can be done any time, one child over at a time, or you can do this during the actual activity.*) Trace each child's hand with fingertips touching the fold. With the paper folded, cut loosely around the outline of their hand, leaving about an inch at the bottom, and fold under. Write each child's name on their hand cutout.

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Have children decorate their hand cutouts on both sides and add the label. Leader connects the folded bottom edges to make it stand. Add a piece of tape to secure the bottom edge. Show children how their hands stand and look like praying hands.

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** Talk about how we can thank God for everything.  
  
**WHAT YOU SAY:**  
**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** "Friends, I'm so thankful God made you! Come sit at the table with me."

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** "We heard in our Bible story that God gave Nehemiah people to help him repair the broken wall. God gives us people to help us, too. We can always thank God for all the things He gives us. Earlier, we traced your hand, and I've cut them out. See? (*Hold up one of the hand cutouts.*) Now you get to decorate your hands with markers and stamps. (*Pause.*) Add this sticker. It says, '**God is good!**' (*Pause.*) Awesome! Now watch this. (*Fold the bottom tabs in and secure with tape. Stand their hands up.*) Your hands stand, and they look like praying hands! So cool! You can take your praying hands home and put them on your dinner table to always remember that **God is good!**"

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** "Nehemiah was thankful that God had given him people to help him. God is good. God gives us people to help, too! When we look around and see people helping, we can say, 'God is good.' **Who is good? God is good.**"



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## MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that encourages personal application and prayer



## 6. JOURNAL AND PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Memory Verse Card" paperclipped in Bible from Week 1; journal; a fun-shaped pen; and reward stickers or a handstamp

### BIBLE STORY

I can thank God for people who help me.

**NEHEMIAH REPAIRS A WALL**  
NEHEMIAH 1-3

Now I need everyone to sit down. Anyone who wants to try to say that verse can. I have my [stickers/handstamp] ready!

*(Give each child the opportunity to try to say the Bible verse.) "Way to go, [child's name]! Here is your [sticker/handstamp]! (Say this with each child as they try to say the Bible verse.)"*

*"Okay everyone, when I count to three, I want you to stand up and show me your [sticker/handstamp]. One, two, three! (Pause.) Yay! (Give fist bumps to the children.)"*

### MEMORY VERSE

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good."

**PSALM 107:1, NIV**

*"Now let's sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (Hold journal and fun-shaped pen.) Today, we'll make a list of people who help us. It can be anyone who helps you—a brother or sister, a doctor, a teacher, your grandparent, a friend, anyone! We can use our list when we pray. So when I say your name, tell me one person who helps you."*

### KEY QUESTION

Who is good?

*(Write down what each child says beside their names. Remember to print so the children can recognize their names and the letters.)*

*"This is a special list because people who help us are special! Now when we pray, we can thank God for all of the people who help us. Would anyone like to pray before I pray?"*

### BOTTOM LINE

God is good.

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

### AFTER THE ACTIVITY:

## PRAYER

*"Dear God, Thank You for giving us people to help us. Thank You for the way [name listed] helps [child's name]. Thank You for the way [name listed] helps [child's name]. (Continue with each child.). You are so good, God, and we love You very much. In Jesus' name, amen."*

### BASIC TRUTH

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