



PRELUDE SOCIAL WORSHIP STORY GROUPS HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

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



2. STACK THE STORY

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Stack the Story" Activity Page, cardstock, clear packing tape, and four moving boxes in graduating sizes

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Stack the Story" on

cardstock, one set per Small Group. Assemble each box. Tape each picture to a box, from the largest box to the smallest box, in this order: King Hezekiah (*largest box*), city, sick king, singing king (*smallest box*). Spread the four boxes out on the floor.

BIBLE STORY

I can talk to God about anything.

**KING HEZEKIAH PRAYS TO GOD
ISAIAH 37:14-21, 35; 38:1-6, 20**

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Gather the children and ask them (*or one child at a time*) to find the biggest box. When they find it, tell them to put it where you will stack the boxes. Tell the children to look at the picture on the box while you read the story sentence under the picture. Repeat with the next size box and so on until all four boxes are stacked on top of each other. When you are done, the four boxes should be stacked in order from bottom to top. Repeat as long as time and interest allow.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bottom Line.

MEMORY VERSE

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart."

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "I have a fun way for us to review our story today. But I need help. Will you help me? Great!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "First, we need the biggest box. Look at all the boxes and find the biggest one. (*Wait for children.*) Yay! You found it! Let's put it right here and look at the picture together. This is a picture of King Hezekiah. King Hezekiah loved and trusted God with all his heart. Now look at the rest of the boxes. Which box is the biggest one now? (*Wait for children.*) That's it! Stack it on top of the first box and let's look at the picture together. King Hezekiah was worried about the safety of his city, so he talked to God about it. Okay, we have two more boxes left. Which one of these is the biggest one? (*Wait for children.*) You're right! Stack it on top so we can look at the picture together. King Hezekiah was very sick, so he talked to God about it. We have just one box left. Let's stack it on the very top and look at the picture. God told King Hezekiah that He heard his prayers and saw his tears. The king praised God with music and singing! Wow! We stacked the story! Thank you for helping me!" (*Reset and repeat as desired.*)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "King Hezekiah trusted God and knew he could talk to God about anything. Friends, we can trust God and talk to God about anything too because **God's got it! Who's got it? God's got it!**"

KEY QUESTION

Who's got it?

BOTTOM LINE

God's got it.

BASIC TRUTH

God loves me.



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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" Activity Page from Week One in Bible, a journal, a fun-shaped pen, reward stickers or handstamp

BIBLE STORY

I can talk to God about anything.

KING HEZEKIAH PRAYS TO GOD
ISAIAH 37:14-21, 35; 38:1-6, 20

Now let's sit back down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (*Open journal.*)

"Today, we are going to make a list of anything we want to talk to God about. It really can be anything because we can talk to God about anything! So, when I say your name, tell me anything you want to say to God or ask Him, and I will write it by your name." (*Remember to print as you write in the journal so the children can recognize their names and the letters.*)

MEMORY VERSE

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart."

PROVERBS 3:5, NIV

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Look! We are trusting God and talking to God about anything! (*Hold up journal.*) Let's pray and talk to God right now. Would anyone like to pray before I pray? (*Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.*) Dear God, thank You for loving us and listening to us when we talk to You. Thank You that we can talk to You about anything! [*Child's name*] wants to (*read the list*). [*Child's name*] wants to (*read the list*). (*Read each child's name and what they listed*). We know You've got it, God, and we love You very much! In Jesus' name, amen."

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