



WEEK
TWO
MAY 2023

LARGE GROUP
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TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

NOTE: This version of the curriculum is designed especially for churches with fewer leaders and preschoolers. You may want to use it if you have just one or two leaders and if you combine all your preschoolers for both Large and Small Group time.

BIBLE STORY

God made me
to help my friends.

THE FOUR FRIENDS
MARK 2:1-12

MEMORY VERSE

"We have the Lord
our God to help us."

2 CHRONICLES 32:8, NLT

KEY QUESTION

Who made you
to help others?

BOTTOM LINE

God made me
to help others.

BASIC TRUTH

God made me.

PRELUDE: Setting the tone for the experience

See the Getting Ready pages at the end of this document for a detailed description of what you'll need for today.

In the Prelude folder of your curriculum, you'll find a variety of other resources to help you prepare.

SMALL GROUP

15
MIN

SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction

Offer one or more of these activities as preschoolers arrive.

Clip the Way to Help

LARGE GROUP

20
MIN

WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

"Made by You"

Bible Story

Prayer

SMALL GROUP

25
MIN

GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Offer as many of these activities as your time, facilities, resources, and leadership allow.

Man on the Rug

Race to Fill

Journal and Prayer

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

Going Home

Parent Cue Card (*print or email*)

Parent Cue App



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ENGAGE CHILDREN'S HEARTS THROUGH A DYNAMIC AND INTERACTIVE WORSHIP, BIBLE STORY, AND PRAYER EXPERIENCE IN A LARGE GROUP SETTING.

WORSHIP

WHAT YOU NEED: "Memory Verse Card" from Week One placed in Bible; instruments or music player; and this month's worship song, "Made by You," included in your monthly files; Optional Dance Moves Videos for "Made by You," available in the Media Package if you subscribe or from OrangeKidsMusic.com

WHAT YOU DO: Download all songs and have them ready to use.

LEADER: "Hello, friends! I'm SO glad to see you. It's time to sing and dance and show God how much we love Him. God loves us, and God made you and **God made me to help others. Who made you to help others?"**

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

LEADER: "Yes! We were made to help each other. Let's sing this song together.

Lead children in singing "Made by You," this month's worship song.

"What a fun song! **God made me to help others!** And the Bible teaches us that 'We have the Lord our God to help us,' 2 Chronicles 32:8. So God will help us help others. Let's say our verse together with the motions."

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "'We have (*bent hands to chest*) the Lord our God (*point up*) to help us,' (*thumb up on palm*) 2 Chronicles 32:8." (*Open hands like a book.*)

LEADER: "Awesome! God will help US! **God made us**, and God made us to help others. One more time, **who made you to help others?"**

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



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BIBLE STORY

WHAT YOU NEED: Bible; *Optional Story Images and cardstock*

LEADER: "Hey, friends! I'm [your name], and I have a great story from the Bible to tell you today. (*Open the Bible for the children to see, then set it down.*) Today's true story from the Bible begins with four friends who helped.

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. Can you do that with me? (*Sign "help" with children.*)

"Yes, the friends in our Bible story knew someone who needed help. (*Sign "help."*)

(*Option: Display Story Image W2 01*)

"His legs didn't work, and he couldn't walk. He needed their help because he had to be carried. One day, Jesus came to their town.

"Raise your hand if you know about Jesus. (*Pause.*) Wow! That's great. You can put your hands down now.

"There are so many amazing things to know about Jesus. Jesus is God's Son. Jesus is an amazing teacher. And Jesus can do things only He can do.

"When people heard Jesus was in town, they came running to see Him! Everybody, stand up and run in place with me. One, two, three, run in place!

Run in place.

"And three, two, one, stop! Great job of listening and following instructions! You can have a seat now.

"A lot of people were excited and came to see Jesus that day. But they weren't the only ones excited to see Jesus. When those four friends heard that Jesus was in town, they knew that Jesus could help the man who couldn't walk. The four friends helped him by picking him up and carrying him to Jesus.

"Everyone, stay seated and pretend to pick up a friend with your arms.

Pretend to pick up a person or baby and carry them in front of you.

"It was probably hard work, but the four friends really wanted to help the man. Good job, you can put your arms down now.

"When they got to the house where Jesus was, the house was full of people.

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"They couldn't get in the front door. So guess what they did? They carried their friend to the roof, the top of the house!



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"Let's all pretend to climb.

Lead children to pretend to "climb" a ladder.

"We made it! Good job. You can sit back down now.

(Option: Display Story Image W2 03)

"The friends got their friend to the roof, but how did they get their friend inside? *(Pause.)* They had to dig a hole in the roof.

"Everybody, dig a hole with me.

Lead children to pretend to "dig" a hole with their hands.

"Wow, that was hard work! You can put your hands down now.

The friends dug a hole in the roof and lowered their friend to Jesus. When Jesus saw how much the man and his friends believed that He could help, Jesus did something amazing! Jesus told the man to get up and walk! And he did!

(Option: Display Story Image W2 04)

"Jesus made the man's legs all better, he could walk and even dance! That is AMAZING!

"Let's do a happy dance to celebrate what Jesus did.

Lead children to do a happy dance.

"Because the four friends helped, *(Sign "help.")* the man who couldn't walk got to see Jesus. And Jesus helped him walk! Wow! The four friends did what God made them to do. They helped *(Sign "help.")*, and we can, too! God made you *(point out)* and me *(thumbs to chest)* to help *(Sign "help.")* others. Hooray for helping. Say that with me."

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "Hooray for helping!"

LEADER: "Who made you to help others?"

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "God made me to help others."

LEADER: "Yes, God made you to help others! Now let's bow our heads and talk to God."

PRAYER

LEADER: "Dear God, thank You for loving us and sending Jesus to be our friend forever. Help us be good friends who help. We love You. In Jesus' name, we pray, amen.

"Great job! Let's be friends who help this week. Thanks for listening. See you next time."



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GETTING READY

HERE'S EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW TO GET READY FOR THIS WEEK

Gather children for a Large Group time that includes interactive worship and the Bible story. The Rug Script is written for those who pull their children to a rug (or area) to one side of their preschool space to tell the Bible story. If you gather your preschoolers together from multiple rooms and have a larger space on which to present the Bible story, you may benefit from using the Stage Script.

WORSHIP: INVITING PEOPLE TO RESPOND TO GOD (10 MINUTES)

Use the full mix of the monthly song provided with the curriculum to lead your preschoolers in worship. Encourage children to be active during worship by incorporating the appropriate hand motions.

STORY: COMMUNICATING GOD'S TRUTH IN ENGAGING WAYS (10 MINUTES)

Choose an engaging adult to tell the Bible story. This person should be able to command the attention of preschoolers and control the group through animated storytelling. These scripts are written to be "told" and not "read." Advanced preparation is necessary.

1. WORSHIP

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Leader(s)
- Instruments or music player
- Bible
- "Memory Verse Card" Activity Page
- Cardstock

MUSIC AND SOUND EFFECTS:

- This month's worship song, "Made by You," included in your monthly files

OPTIONAL VIDEOS (AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE):

- Dance Moves Music Video for "Made by You," available in the Media Package if you subscribe or from OrangeKidsMusic.com

WHAT YOU DO:

- Download all songs (available on OrangeKidsMusic.com) and have them ready to use.

2. BIBLE STORY

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Bible

- *Optional Story Images and cardstock*

LARGE GROUP VISUALS:

- Story Image W2 01
- Story Image W2 02
- Story Image W2 03
- Story Image W2 04

WHAT YOU DO:

- *Option: Copy the Optional Story Images on cardstock or download them to display on a device or screen.*

SUPPLEMENTAL RESOURCES

WONDER, LOOK AT GOD'S STORY: First Look offers weekly introductory sketches and Bible stories on the DVD *Wonder, Look at God's Story*. This DVD is available for purchase at OrangeStore.org or as part of your monthly media package.

FIRST LOOK PINTEREST PAGE

Visit our Pinterest page to see craft samples and suggested supplies. bit.ly/FL_ToTheRescue