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MAY 2023

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STARTER

## 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

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**GOOD SAMARITAN**  
**LUKE 10:25-37**

### MEMORY VERSE

"We have the Lord  
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**2 CHRONICLES 32:8, NLT**

### KEY QUESTION

Who made you  
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### BOTTOM LINE

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### BASIC TRUTH

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### 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.*

Parts of the Story Bag

### 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.*

Firefighter Mask

Fill the Doctor's Kit

Journal and Prayer

### HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

Going Home

Parent Cue Card (*print or email*)

Parent Cue App



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### MADE TO EXPLORE

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### PARTS OF THE STORY BAG

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Parts of the Story" Activity Page; cardstock; gallon-size resealable bags; water beads; and painter's tape; *Optional frozen peas*

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Copy "Parts of the Story" on cardstock, five per small group. Tape Activity Pages to the

table. Prepare water beads and place them in resealable bags. Squeeze out as much air from the bags as possible. Lay the bags of water beads over each Activity Page, then tape to secure. Option: Place frozen peas in the bags in place of the water beads.

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Encourage kids to find the pictures by moving the beads around in the bag. Ask children to tell you what they see. Repeat as desired.

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** Talk about how all the pictures are a part of today's Bible story.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** "Hello, friends! I'm so glad to see you today. Join me at the table. There are some hidden pictures we need to find. Let's help each other find them!"

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** "Move the beads around in the bag to find the pictures. (Pause.) Did you find a picture? Hooray! What picture did you find? (Pause.) Good job! Keep looking! Did you find another picture? (Pause.) Super! What is this picture of? (Pause.) There are a few more pictures. See if you can find them. (Repeat until all pictures are found.) That was so much fun helping each other find all the pictures."

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** "Looking at all of the pictures, what do you think today's story is about? (Pause.) Those are all smart answers! Today, we'll hear a story about someone who stops and helps a man who is hurt. It's a great story that Jesus told."

**TRANSITION:** Move to Worship and Story by helping the leader find different items along the way. Ask children to help you find something blue or another leader or different 'landmarks' on the way to your area.

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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



**FIREFIGHTER MASK**

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Firefighter Mask" Activity Page, cardstock, washable markers, scissors, camera, and a permanent marker; Optional printer and photo paper

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Copy "Firefighter Mask" on cardstock and cut, one per child. Write each child's name on the back of their mask.

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Encourage children to decorate their masks. Ask children hold to their masks up to their faces and take a picture to email home. Option: Print pictures and send home with children.

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** Review the Bible story.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** "Today, we learned that God made us to help others. There are a lot of people in our community who help us, too. Do you know what this helper does? (*Hold the mask to your face.*) They help put out fires. They're a firefighter!"

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** "Let's make our own helper masks. Use the markers to decorate your mask. (*Pause.*) Wow! Let's get a picture of you with your mask. (*Take each child's picture with them holding their mask in front of their face.*) You look great with your helper masks! But you can be a helper with or without a mask because that's what God made you to do!"

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** "Today, our story is one Jesus told about helping others. There was a man who was walking on a road when some people hurt him. He had so many boo-boos and needed help. Someone was coming! But this man walked by and didn't stop. Oh, no! Someone else came down the road, but he didn't stop either. Then one more person came. This man was a Samaritan, and his family didn't get along with the hurt man's family. But he helped. The Samaritan gave the hurt man bandages for his boo-boos! He put the hurt man on his donkey, and he took him to a place to stay to get better! Hooray for helping! The Samaritan in the story did what God made us to do. He helped. We can help people, too, because God made you and me to help others. Hooray for helping! **Who made you to help others? God made me to help others.**"

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### MADE TO MOVE

an activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn



### FILL THE DOCTOR'S KIT

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Plastic container with lid, bandages, gloves, facial tissue, cotton balls, craft stick, and water bottle; Optional toy doctor's kit

#### WHAT YOU DO:

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Place container in the middle of the room or on a table. Place all of the items around the room.

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Encourage children to find the items you call out and place them in the container. Continue until all items have been located. Repeat as desired.

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** Talk about how the Samaritan stopped to help the hurt man because that is what God made him to do.

#### WHAT YOU SAY:

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** "Hello, friends! Will you come help me today? Our doctor's kit is empty. Can you help me find all the things that go inside?"

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** "First we need to find the plastic gloves. Everyone go look for the gloves! (Pause.) When you find them, put them in the kit. (Pause.) Yay! You found them! Okay, the next item is a bottle of water. Look for the water. (Pause.) You are great helpers! Let's keep going! This time I need your help finding the tissues. Can you find the tissues? (Pause.) Terrific! What about the tongue depressor? (Encourage children to find the craft stick or tongue depressor.) And the cotton balls? (Pause.) Wow! Okay, last thing. Find the bandages. (Pause.) You did it! You found all of the things to fill our doctor's kit! Thank you for being super helpers today!"

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** "Today, we heard the story Jesus told about the hurt man. Several people walked by him and didn't stop. But the Samaritan stopped. The Samaritan and the hurt man's families were not friends, but he did what God made him to do: help. The Samaritan gave the hurt man bandages, put him on his donkey, and took him to a place to stay to get better. The Samaritan in the story did what God made us to do. He helped! Hooray for helping! We can help people, too, because God made you and me to help others. **Who made you to help others? God made me to help others.**"

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## MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that encourages personal application and prayer



## JOURNAL AND PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Memory Verse Card" Activity Page, Bible, cardstock, scissors, paperclip, journal, and a fun-shaped pen

### WHAT YOU DO:

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Copy "Memory Verse Card" on cardstock and cut, one per group. Paperclip one card in the Bible at 2 Chronicles 32:8 and keep in your Bible all month.

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Lead the children to your Small Group spot, sit down, and gather the children around you. Review the Bible story and memory verse then write in the journal. Pray with the children.

### WHAT YOU SAY:

**SMALL GROUP LEADER (SGL):** "It's Small Group time! Today, we'll pretend to ride a donkey like the Samaritan in our Bible story. (*Pretend to ride a donkey as you lead the children to your Small Group spot.*) Whoa, donkey! It's time to get off our donkeys and sit down so we can talk about today's Bible story. One, two, three, sit down with me! (*Open the Bible and lay it in front of the children.*)"

"In our Bible story, today, a man stopped to help a hurt man. He did what God made us to do: help others! That's why when I ask you, '**Who made you to help others?**', I want you to say, '**God made me to help others.**' Let me hear you say it! **Who made you to help others?**"

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

**SGL:** "And the Bible verse we'll begin learning today will help us remember that we have God to help us as we try to help others. It says . . . (*Turn the pages of your Bible to the Memory Verse Card.*) 'We have the Lord our God to help us,' 2 Chronicles 32:8. (*Close Bible and lay it down.*)"

"Wow! We have God to help us! I love that! Let's stand up and say that with the motions. Just say what I say and do what I do."

**CHILDREN AND SGL:** "'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.*)

(Repeat the verse with motions a few times.)

**SGL:** "Way to go! Now let's sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (*Hold journal and fun-shaped pen.*) The Samaritan helped a hurt man by giving him bandages in our Bible story. Let's make a list of ways we can

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## (JOURNAL AND PRAYER, CONTINUED)

help others in our prayer journal. When I say your name, tell me one way that you can help others. (*Remember to print so the children can recognize their names and the letters.*)

"These are wonderful ways we can help others. Let's pray and ask God to help us help others. 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 us to help others. Please help us do things like (*read the list the children made*). We don't want to walk by people who need help. We want to do what You made us to do and help others. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."





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## GETTING READY

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

### SOCIAL: PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION (15 MINUTES)

Activities that encourage preschoolers to enter the classroom and begin engaging with peers and Small Group Leaders by providing age appropriate and hands on fun while introducing new concepts they will hear in the day's Bible story.

*Prepare to offer one or more of the following activities as Your 3-, 4-, or 5-year-olds arrive. Let one or two teachers lead activities in different areas of the room while another teacher greets parents and kids at the door.*

### PARTS OF THE STORY BAG

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#### WHAT YOU NEED:

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- Water beads
- Painter's tape
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- Tape Activity Pages to the table.
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- Squeeze out as much air from the bags as possible.
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### GROUPS: CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT (25 MINUTES)

Create a safe place to connect through activities that are written to reach every learning style while reinforcing the Bottom Line that was introduced during the Bible Story and applying it to real-life experiences. In addition, these activities provide preschoolers with an opportunity to build relationships with their Small Group Leader.

*Offer as many of the following activities as your time, facilities, resources, and leadership allow. You may want to lead one activity at a time. Or, offer two activities at once and allow half the kids to participate in each. Then switch groups and repeat the activities.*

### FIREFIGHTER MASK

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- Washable markers
- Scissors
- Camera
- Permanent marker
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- Cardstock
- Scissors
- Paperclip
- Journal
- Fun-shaped pen

#### WHAT YOU DO:

- Copy "Memory Verse Card" on cardstock and cut apart, one per group.
- Paperclip one card in the Bible at 2 Chronicles 32:8.  
*NOTE:* Keep card in your Bible all month.

### HOME: PROMPTING ACTION BEYOND THE EXPERIENCE

- Make copies on cardstock or email this week's Parent Cue card.
- Copy "Going Home" and hang on the door where Small Group Leaders can reference and remind parents of the Bottom Line and Memory Verse as parents pick up their children.
- Tell parents about our additional family resource, the **Parent Cue app**.

### FIRST LOOK PINTEREST PAGE

Visit our Pinterest page to see craft samples and suggested supplies. [bit.ly/FL\\_ToTheRescue](https://bit.ly/FL_ToTheRescue)