



TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

BIBLE STORY

God gives us big things to do.

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

MEMORY VERSE

"I know that God helps me."

PSALM 54:4, NIRV

KEY QUESTION

Who helps you do big things?

BOTTOM LINE

God helps me do big things.

BASIC TRUTH

God loves 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.

- Animal Hide and Seek
- Build the Ark
- Sink or Float

LARGE GROUP

20
MIN

WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

"Big, Big Things" and "Happy Day"

- 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.

- Memory Verse with Motions
- Build the Story
- Walking Water
- Sticky Wall Rainbow
- Noah Cup Stacking Ark
- Journal and Prayer

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

- Going Home
- Memory Verse Card
- Parent Cue Card (*print or email*)
- Parent Cue App



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PRELUDE SOCIAL WORSHIP STORY GROUPS HOME

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION
15 MINUTES

MADE TO MOVE

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



1. ANIMAL HIDE AND SEEK

WHAT YOU NEED: Zoo Pals™ plates and a laundry basket; *Option 1: "Animal Hide and Seek" Activity Page, cardstock, and scissors in place of Zoo Pals™ plates; Option 2: Matching pairs of plush animal friends in place of Zoo Pals™ plates*

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Place the laundry basket in the middle of the floor. Hide pairs of plates around the room.

Option 1: Copy "Animal Hide and Seek" on cardstock and cut, one set per Small Group. Hide animal cutouts around the room.

Option 2: Hide plush animals around the room.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage children to search around the room to find all the pairs of animals. Once a pair is found, ask children to put the animals in the laundry basket boat.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Introduce the Bible Story.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, do you see the basket in the middle of our room? (Pause.) We're going to pretend that this basket is a boat."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Around the room are animals that are hiding. There are two of each animal. Do you think you can help me find all our animal friends? (Pause.) Great! When we find the matching pairs, let's put them in our boat. (Pause.) Fantastic job finding all the animals! That was a really big job!" (Reset and repeat as desired.)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "In our Bible Story today, we're going to hear about a really big boat that a man named Noah filled with two of every animal!"

TRANSITION: Move to Worship and Story by pairing up children and pretending to be different animals as you walk.

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CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
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1. MEMORY VERSE WITH MOTIONS

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

Note: You can find examples of hand motions in the "Memory Verse Hand Motions" PDF and video, included in the Prelude folder and on Pinterest.

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WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Say the Memory Verse and demonstrate the motions for the children.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Teach the Memory Verse motions. Invite the children to do them with you several times.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Connect the Memory Verse to the Bottom Line.

MEMORY VERSE

"I know that God helps me."

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WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, come stand with me! Let me tell you our brand-new Memory Verse! Ready to hear it? It goes like this. 'I know (touch head with fingertips) that God (flat hand with thumb to forehead, pull down) helps me, (place thumbs-up on opposite palm) Psalm 54:4.'" (Open hands like a book.)

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Now, let's learn the motions. The first part of our verse says: 'I know!' (Touch head with fingertips.) Put your hand up to your head and gently tap the side like this two times, (touch head with fingertips) and say: 'I know!' (With children.) 'I know!' (Touch head with fingertips.) Great job!

"The next part of our verse says: 'That God!' (Flat hand with thumb to forehead, pull down.) Put one hand up straight in front of you with your thumb almost touching your forehead, like this. (Straight, flat hand with thumb at your forehead.) Then you move your hand straight down in front of you, like this, (pull down) and say: 'That God!' (With children.) 'That God!' (Flat hand with thumb to forehead, pull down.) Wonderful! Now let's put that together. 'I know (touch head with fingertips) that God!' (flat hand with thumb to forehead, pull down) Great job!

"The next part of our verse says: 'Helps me!' (Place thumbs-up on opposite palm.) Put one hand out straight in front of you with your palm up, like this (extend one arm in front of you, palm up) then with your other hand, make a thumbs-up and put it in your palm like this, (place thumbs-up on opposite palm) and say: 'Helps me!' (With children.) 'Helps me!' (Place thumbs-up on opposite palm.) Super-duper! Now let's put that together. 'I know (touch head with fingertips) that God (flat hand with thumb to forehead, pull down) helps me!' (Place thumbs-up on opposite palm.) Great job!

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"Now the last part is: 'Psalm 54:4! (Open hands like a book.) Put your hands together in front of you and open them like you are opening a book (open hands like a book), and say: 'Psalm 54:4! (With children.) 'Psalm 54:4! (Open hands like a book.) Great job! I think we are ready to do it all together! Ready, friends? 'I know (touch head with fingertips) that God (flat hand with thumb to forehead, pull down) helps me,' (place thumbs-up on opposite palm) Psalm 54:4. (Open hands like a book.) Nice job. Let's do it again!" (Repeat several times.)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "The Bible teaches us that God will help us. **God helps me do big things.** That's right, friends! **Who helps you do big things? God helps me do big things.** Let's say that one more time, friends! **Who helps you do big things? God helps me do big things."**



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MADE TO CREATE

an activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible Story, Bottom Line, or Memory Verse by creating a craft



2. BUILD THE STORY

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Build the Story Ark," "Build the Story Rainbow," and "Build the Story Sticker" Activity Pages; brown cardstock; copy paper; Avery® Labels #5160 or equivalent; light blue 12"x18" construction paper; glue sticks; masking tape; assortment of animal stickers/stamps; and washable markers

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WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Build the Story Ark" on brown cardstock and cut, one set per child. Copy "Build the Story Rainbow" on copy paper, two per Small Group. Copy "Build the Story Sticker" on label paper, one sticker per child. Write each child's name on a sheet of light blue paper. Tape the rainbows to the middle of the table.

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DURING THE ACTIVITY: Give each child a light blue piece of construction paper, their "Build the Story Ark" pieces, and a glue stick. Encourage children to build their boat and glue the pieces to the blue paper. Ask children to add their sticker to the bottom of their paper. Encourage children to add animal stickers or stamps to the ark. Ask children to look at the picture of the rainbow and use it to draw their own rainbow over the ark on their paper.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bottom Line.

KEY QUESTION

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WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Everyone, come sit with me! We're going to build the story we heard today, and you can take it home!"

BOTTOM LINE

God helps me do big things.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "God gave Noah some big things to do in our Bible Story. What did God tell Noah to do first? (Pause.) Yes, God told Noah to build a big boat called an ark. I am giving you a Noah's ark puzzle for you arrange and glue to your piece of blue paper. (Pause.) Look! You built an ark, like Noah did in our story. Who helped Noah build the ark? (Pause.) Yes! God helped Noah! Now place this sticker at the bottom of your paper. (Pause.) Super-duper. This sticker says: 'God helps me do big things.' And it also tells you where to look in the Bible to find today's story.

BASIC TRUTH

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"What was the other big thing God told Noah to do? (Pause.) You're right! God told Noah to fill the boat with two of every kind of animal. I have lots of animal stickers/stamps for you. I want you to put animals all around the bottom of your ark. (Pause.) Wow! Look at all of the animals! Who helped Noah get all the animals on the ark? (Pause.) Yes! God helped Noah!



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"We need to build one more part of Noah's story—the rainbow! (*Point to a rainbow picture.*) God did something SO BIG. God made the very first rainbow and put it in the sky for everyone to see! The rainbow reminds us that God's love for us is SO BIG and that God keeps His promises. You can use these markers to draw a rainbow over the ark. (*Pause.*) What a wonderful story picture you just built."

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "You can take this picture home and every time you look at it, you can remember that God helped Noah do big things, and God will help you do big things too! Tell me: **Who helps you do big things? God helps me do big things!**"



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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: Bible, "Memory Verse Card" Activity Page, cardstock, scissors, journal, and a fun-shaped pen

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WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Memory Verse Card" on cardstock and cut, one per Small Group. Place one card in your Bible at Psalm 54:4. *Note: Keep this card in your Bible all month long.*

Encourage the children to pretend they're jumping in rain puddles as you lead them to your Small Group spot. Sit down and gather the children around you.

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DURING THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bible Story and Memory Verse Hand Motions. Then, encourage the children to help you make a list in the journal of big things they do.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Pray with the children using the list you made in the journal.

KEY QUESTION

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WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "It's Small Group time! Today we're going to pretend it's raining and we're jumping from rain puddle to rain puddle. Get behind me and jump like this! (*Jump.*) Splash! Keep going all the way to our Small Group spot! (*Pretend to jump from rain puddle to rain puddle as you lead the children to your Small Group spot.*) Whew! We made it! Let's sit down so we can talk about today's Bible Story. One, two, three, sit down with me!"

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DURING THE ACTIVITY: (*Open the Bible and lay it in front of the children.*) "We were pretending it rained but, in our Bible Story, it really did rain. And it rained A LOT! What big thing did God tell Noah to do because A LOT of rain was coming? (*Pause.*) Yes, God told Noah to build a BIG ark! What other big thing did God tell Noah to do? (*Pause.*) Right again! God told Noah to fill the ark with his family and two of every animal. Who helped Noah do big things? (*Pause.*) Yes! God helped Noah do big things! God helped Noah do big things, and God will help you do big things too! Let me hear you say it! **Who helps you do big things? God helps me do big things!** Yes! God helps YOU do big things, and **God helps me do big things!**"

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"Let's learn a Bible verse that will help us remember that God helps us. This verse says, 'I know (*touch head with fingertips*) that God (*flat hand with thumb to forehead, pull down*) helps me,' (*place thumbs-up on opposite palm*) Psalm 54:4. (*Open hands like a book.*) What a great verse! Let's stand up and say that Bible verse together! Just say what I say and do what I do! 'I know (*touch head with fingertips*) that God (*flat hand with thumb to forehead, pull down*) helps me,' (*place thumbs-up on opposite palm*) Psalm 54:4. (*Open hands like a book.*)

"Yay! I know **God helps me do big things!** Now let's sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (*Open journal.*) God gave Noah big things to do, and God gives you big things to do too. That's why we're going to make a list in our journal of some of the big things we do, and then we can use the list when we pray. When I say your name, tell me one big thing you're learning to do or already do, and I will write it in our journal. (*Remember to print as you write in the journal, so the children can recognize their names and the letters.*)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Look at all of the big things you do! (*Hold up journal.*) 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 all of the big things You give us to do, like (*read the list*). Thank You for helping (*say each child's name*) do big things. We love You, God. In Jesus' name. Amen."