



TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

BIBLE STORY

We can do big things when we work together.

NEHEMIAH ASKS FOR HELP
NEHEMIAH 1-4, 6:1, 15

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.

- Tool Match
- Egg Building 
- Work of Art

LARGE GROUP

20
MIN

WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

"Big, Big Things" and "Be Brave"

- 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 Stacking
- Help, Please 
- Working Together
- We Need You
- Construction Hat
- Journal and Prayer

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

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



This symbol indicates an activity with potential allergens. Be sure to post allergy alert sign and inform parents at drop-off.



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PRELUDE SOCIAL WORSHIP STORY GROUPS HOME

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION
15 MINUTES

MADE TO PLAY

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



2. EGG BUILDING*

WHAT YOU NEED: "Allergy Alert Poster," cardstock, plastic eggs, paper plates, and Play-Doh®

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WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Allergy Alert Poster" on cardstock, list Play-Doh, and post at the door. Separate a few of the plastic eggs and set aside. These will serve as the base or bottom of the wall. Set the Play-Doh and plastic eggs on the table. Place a plate for every two children at the table. Gather the children around the table to work in pairs.

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DURING THE ACTIVITY: Demonstrate how to place a nickel-sized amount of Play-Doh onto an egg and then add another egg vertically. Then add another small bit of Play-Doh® to the top of that egg to stack another. Point out the eggs that need to be put together, encourage the children to do so and then add them to their wall.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Introduce the Bible Story.

KEY QUESTION

Who helps you do big things?

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Come sit down at the table and let's work together and build something with these supplies."

BOTTOM LINE

God helps me do big things.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Let me show you how! Take a little bit of Play-Doh like this and press it onto your plate. Then, take an egg and press it into that Play-Doh to make it stand up! (Pause.) Great job! Now work with your neighbor and add a little Play-Doh to that egg and stick another egg on top. (Pause.) Keep going! You can add eggs across the plate too! (Pause.) Uh-oh! Look, there are broken pieces. Can you make them whole and add them to your wall? (Pause.) Nice job! Wow! Great job working together, builders!"

BASIC TRUTH

God loves me.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "In our Bible Story today, we'll hear about someone who had a BIG job rebuilding something that was broken. Let's go find out all about it."

TRANSITION: Move to Worship and Story by continuing the activity by pretending to put the broken egg pieces together then building with them.



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CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO MOVE

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



1. MEMORY VERSE STACKING

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Memory Verse Stacking" Activity Page, cardstock, wood blocks, scissors, and clear tape

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: Copy "Memory Verse Stacking" on cardstock and cut, one set per Small Group. Tape each Hand Motion card onto a wood block. Place the blocks on the table. Review the Memory Verse with the motions.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Point out the matching hand motions on each block and repeat the Memory Verse together again. Encourage the children to help you stack the blocks in order as you repeat the verse together.

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

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, come over here with me! Let's do the motions as we say our Memory Verse together. Ready? '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.) Great job!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Look at these blocks. (Pause.) They have pictures of the motions to our Memory Verse! Let's see if we can repeat the Memory Verse again with these blocks! (Point to each block as you say that part of the verse and do the motions.) '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.) Super-duper! Can you stack them up while we say the verse? (Repeat as desired.) That was really neat seeing our verse on these blocks and playing with them as we said the verse and did the motions."

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "God helped Nehemiah and the Israelites work together to fix the wall around Jerusalem. That was a really big thing to do! God will help us do big things, too! **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. HELP, PLEASE*

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Allergy Alert Poster;" "Help, Please" Activity Page; cardstock; and Play-Doh®

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DURING THE ACTIVITY: Give each child a copy of "Help, Please" and some Play-Doh. While you review the Bible Story, encourage children to help Nehemiah fix the broken wall by putting Play-Doh in the holes in the wall.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bottom Line.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Hey, friends! Come sit with me at the table. Nehemiah needs our help!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Look at the picture. Do you see the places in the wall that are missing? You are going to use this Play-Doh to fill in the holes and fix the wall! *(While the children work)* Nehemiah was from Jerusalem. It had a wall, like the one in your picture. The wall went all the way around the city to protect the people who lived there. There was one big problem. There were a lot of broken places in the wall, and the people were not protected anymore. Nehemiah asked the king if he could go home and help fix the wall so the city would be protected. And the king said yes! When Nehemiah got home, Nehemiah asked the people to help him fix the wall. It was a big job, but they all worked together to fix it! Yay!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Sometimes we need to ask for help to do big things, like Nehemiah did. When we need help, we can talk to God about it, because God helps us do big things! **Who helps you do big things? God helps me do big things!**"



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4. WE NEED YOU

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Stand in an open area of your activity space.

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DURING THE ACTIVITY: Ask children to join you by calling out names or a clothing item, and link arms to make a wall.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bible Story and Bottom Line.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Hey, friends, I am all alone! I need people to join me. Listen closely for me to call you over."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "If you are wearing a [clothing item], I need you! (Pause.) Yes! [Child's name] I need you! Link arms with me. (Pause.) We still need more people. If you are wearing a [clothing item], we need you! (Continue until all children are in the group.) Look, all of us are together! When we are all linked together, we look like a big wall. On the count of three, I want everyone to scatter, and we'll play again! One, two, three! (Repeat as desired.)"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "In our Bible Story, Nehemiah had a big job to do, but he couldn't do it alone. He needed lots of people to help him. Nehemiah had a big job, but God helped him do big things. **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: "Memory Verse Card" Activity Page from Week One in Bible, journal, fun-shaped pen, and rewards stickers or handstamps

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WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: If you do not have the "Memory Verse Card" in your Bible, copy "Memory Verse Card" on cardstock and cut, one per Small Group. Place one card in your Bible at Psalm 54:4.

Encourage the children to clap along with you, so that you are clapping together 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 people they can work with to do big things.

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

KEY QUESTION

Who helps you do big things?

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "It's Small Group time! Today we are going to clap together while we walk to our Small Group spot. Come on, everyone! Clap together and follow me! (*Encourage the children to clap with you as you lead the children to your Small Group spot.*) Here we are! Great clapping! Now let's sit down so we can talk about today's Bible story. One, two, three, sit down with me!"

BOTTOM LINE

God helps me do big things.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: (*Open the Bible and lay it in front of the children.*) "In our Bible story today, Nehemiah and the people in Jerusalem did something big together. Do you remember what they did? (*Pause.*) Yes! They worked together to fix the broken places in the wall that protected their city. It was a really big thing, but they worked together and got it done! Sometimes we need to ask for help to do big things, like Nehemiah did. When we need help, we can talk to God about it, because God helps us do big things! **Who helps you do big things? God helps me do big things!**"

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"That's why we have been learning the Bible verse that 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.) 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.) You sound wonderful! (Give high fives.) I think you're ready to try and say that verse by yourself! I want everyone to sit down, and we will take turns saying it. Who wants to go first? I have my stickers/hand-stamp ready!

"Way to go, [child's name]! (Give two thumbs up.) Here is a sticker/stamp for you! (Say and do this with each child as they try and say the Bible verse.) I'm very proud of you for trying to say that Bible verse. When I count to three, I want everyone to stand up and show me your sticker/stamp. One, two, three! (Pause to look.) Yay! (Clap.)

"Now let's sit back down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (Open journal.) Nehemiah asked for help, and the people worked with Nehemiah to do a big thing together. Let's make a list in our journal of big things we can do when we work together, and then we can use the list when we pray. When I say your name, tell me one big thing we can do when we work together, and I will write it in our journal. (Suggestions: Clean up bedroom, unload dishwasher, put away toys, make dinner together; visit someone who is hurt/sick; collect toys at Christmas to give away; collect clothes for people who need them; etc.) (Remember to print, as you write in the journal, so the children can recognize their names and the letters.)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "There are so many ways we can work together to do big things! (Hold up journal.) Let's talk to God about them. Would anyone like to pray before I pray? (Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.) Dear God, there are so many ways we can work together to show people that You love them. We can work together in our homes and in our community to do things like (read the list the children made). And showing people that You love them is always a big thing! We love You, God. In Jesus' name. Amen."