

May Week 2

3-K

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CRAFT WEEK 2

People to Help

SUPPLIES:

Story page, wood coffee stir sticks, crayons

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Give each child a story bag and crayons and invite them to color the picture.**
 - *"Friends, come sit with me. Today we learned how God gives us people to help us do big things. God had something big for Moses to do and gave Moses his brother Aaron and their friend Hur to help him do it."*
 - *"On your paper is a picture of Aaron and Hur helping Moses hold his arms up. Color your picture. Then, we'll add Moses' staff."*
- ⇒ **Give each child a stir stick and help them slide the stir stick through the slits for Moses' staff.**
 - *"Now, let's add Moses' staff. (Pause.) Let's slide this stick into the slits at Moses' hands so it looks like he's holding the staff. (Pause.)"*
 - *"Moses was the leader of God's people, the Israelites. One day, an army attacked the Israelites, and it seemed like the battle was too big for the Israelites to win. Moses went on top of a hill during the battle, and when he raised his staff, high in the air over his head, the Israelites were winning the battle. But when Moses lowered his arms, the Israelites were losing the battle. Moses tried really hard to hold the staff up high, but his arms got tired. The job was SO BIG that Moses needed help. God gave Moses people to help him. Moses had a brother named Aaron and a friend named Hur who were there to help Moses. Aaron held up one of Moses' hands and Hur held up his other hand, so Moses could keep the staff up high. They helped Moses all day, and the Israelites won the battle!"*
- ⇒ **Bring it Back to the Bible Story and Bottom Line**
 - *"God gave Moses people to help him. And God gives us people to help us too!"*
 - ***"Who helps you do big things?"***
 - ***"God helps me do big things!"***

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ACTIVITY #1

Arms Up!

SUPPLIES: Phone Timer

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Gather the children and have them spread out.**
 - *“Friends, gather here with me. Let’s spread out! Put your arms out like this to make sure you’re not touching any friends! Great.”*
- ⇒ **Challenge the children to hold their arms up as long as they can until only one child is left. Time them. Then, invite 3 children to recreate the story with 2 friends helping 1 person hold their arms up and see if they can go longer.**
 - *“Everyone, shake out those arms because I have a little challenge for you. I want you to see how long you can hold your arms out to your side like Moses did, and I’ll time you with this timer. Does everyone understand? Okay, when I say, ‘Go,’ put out your arms. Ready? Go! (Start timer.)*
 - *“Great job! [Child’s name] held their arms up the longest! Your time was [child’s time], so I’m going to write that down right here. (Pause.) Okay, for the next round I want three friends (name three children) to stand here. (Point to the child in the middle.) You will hold up your arms when I say ‘Go,’ in just a minute but THIS time, I want your friends to help support your arms—just like Aaron and Hur did for Moses. Ready? Go! (Continue until all children have had a turn.) Wow! Just like Moses in our Bible Story today, you held your arms up so much longer with help from your friends.”*
- ⇒ **Bring it back to the Bible Story and Bottom Line.**
 - *“Who gives us people to help us? (Pause.) God does! That’s right. God gives us people to help us do big things!*
 - ***Who helps you do big things?***
 - ***God helps me do big things!”***

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ACTIVITY #2

I Can...

SUPPLIES: Foam cube with I Can cards in sleeves

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Invite children to gather to get ready to play the game.**
 - *"Friends, come sit here with me. We're going to play a game where we can practice doing BIG things!"*
- ⇒ **Invite children to roll the cube and do the action on the card. After they've done the action, ask them the big question.**
 - *"On this cube, there are some big things you can do! Watch this. (Roll the cube.) Oh look, it landed on 'hug!' I can hug someone and help them feel better. You can help someone with a hug, too! Find a friend to hug. (Pause.) Great job! Now tell me: **Who helps you do big things? God helps me do big things!** Let's let someone else roll it this time. (Repeat as desired, reviewing the bottom line after each action.) You can hug, share, clean, carry, comfort, and tell people about Jesus!"*
- ⇒ **Bring it back to the Bottom Line**
 - "You can do lots of big things because God is with you and God helps you do big things!"
 - **Who helps you do big things?**
 - **God helps me do big things!"**



Please keep the
"I CAN" cubes for
week 3.

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ACTIVITY #3

Memory Verse Practice

SUPPLIES: Reward Stickers

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **This activity can be done from spots at the table or spaced out in the center of the room.**
 - *"Friends, we have an awesome memory verse to practice! I want to try saying it in lots of different ways!"*
- ⇒ **Do memory verse all together in a variety of ways.**
 - *"First, let's say it once 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) **Psalm 54:4.** (Open hands like a book.) Now let's try it..."*
 - *Super loud*
 - *Super quiet*
 - *Really fast*
 - *Really Slow*
 - *Jumping up and down*
 - *Running in Place*
 - *All the boys*
 - *All the girls*
 - *Kids only*
 - *Teachers only*
- ⇒ **Repeat as long as children are interested. If time permits, you can do one person at a time and give out stickers.**
- ⇒ **Complete the activity and Bring it Back to the Bottom Line.**
 - *"Nice work, my friends!"*
 - ***Who helps you do big things?***
 - ***God helps me do big things!"***

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READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY MAY WEEK 2

PASS OUT MOON SAND

READ

- *That's What a Friend Is* by PK Hallinan

REVIEW *(You may choose to pass out stickers as kids answer!)*

- ⇒ Key Question and Bottom Line
 - ***Who helps you do big things?***
 - ***God helps me do big things!***
- ⇒ Memory Verse
 - ***"I know that God helps me." Psalm 54:4***

CONNECT IT AND PRAY

- ⇒ "God gave Moses people to help him do big things, and God will give you people to help you do big things. Let's make a list of some of the people who help us, so when I say your name, tell me **one person who helps you.**"
 - *Write each child's name on the weekly question strip/board/paper.*
- ⇒ Let's use our list when we pray...
- ⇒ Let's fold our hands and bow our heads and **pray**:
 - *"Dear God, thank You for giving [child's name] [name on list] to help him/her. Thank You for giving [child's name] [name on list] to help him/her. Thank You for . . . (Say this with each child's name and who they listed.) We love You, God. In Jesus' name. Amen.*