

May Week 3

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CRAFT WEEK 3

Deborah Under the Tree

SUPPLIES: Tree cutouts, crayons

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Give each child a set of tree cutouts and crayons and invite them to color.**
 - *"Friends, come sit with me. We're going to make a craft to remind us of our true Bible Story. We're going to color this tree, but when we're done it's going to stand up so we need to color all sides of it! You get 2 papers and you want to color on both sides of them so when it stand up, all the sides are colored!"*
- ⇒ **Model how to slide the tree pieces together to make the tree stand up. Help children to put their own trees together.**
 - *"Now we're going to put our trees together so they can stand up. See how there's cut on the top of one tree and on the bottom of the other tree? We're going to slide the pieces together so the tree can stand up, like this. (Demonstrate and help each child slide their cutouts together.) Look! Now your tree is standing and Deborah is sitting underneath! Great job!"*
- ⇒ **Bring it Back to the Bible Story and Bottom Line**
 - *"In today's story, we learned about a prophet—a woman named Deborah. Deborah led God's people, the Israelites. She helped them know what was right. That was a big thing to do! Deborah sat under a palm tree and told people what God wanted them to do. One day, God gave Deborah a message for a man named Barak. Deborah told Barak to gather 10,000 men to fight a battle. She told him, 'God will help you.' That's a big job, so Barak asked Deborah to go with him. They got 10,000 men to fight in the battle, and they won just like God said they would! Deborah and Barak were so happy God helped them that they celebrated God with a song. You can celebrate when God helps you do big things, too, because **God helps me do big things!***
 - **"Who helps you do big things?"**
 - **"God helps me do big things!"**

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ACTIVITY #1

Music and Motions

SUPPLIES: Motions cards, painter's tape, EC Worship CD, CD Player

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Give each child an animal card. Make sure that there is at least one match for every card.**
 - *"Hey friends, come over here! We're going to act out our story, but we're going to act it out in a silly way. We're going to dance our story! Look around the room at the pictures on the walls. We're going to walk to each picture and do a dance move for that part of the story. Are you ready?"*
- ⇒ **Encourage the children to find their matches by making the sound of the animal on their card and looking for other children making the same sound. Switch cards and repeat as desired.**
 - *"Let's play! (Start the music.) Dance your way to the first picture with me. Everyone, stop here. This picture is Deborah sitting under a tree, so I want you to be a tree, like this (hold arms out like tree branches). Good job! Let's dance to the next picture. This picture is Deborah with Barak, put your hands around your mouth, like this (put hands around mouth like a megaphone). That's it! Now let's dance toward the next picture! This picture is Deborah and Barak with soldiers, so march in place, like this (march in place). You've got it! Let's dance our way to the last picture! Here Deborah is singing and celebrating God, so hold up praise hands, like this (hold up praise hands). Yes!"*
 - *"Okay, now you can dance your way to any picture you want and when you get there, do the dance move!" (Repeat as desired.)*
- ⇒ **Bring it back to the Bible Story and Bottom Line.**
 - *"Deborah was a prophet who listened to messages from God and told them to the people. God told Deborah and Barak to lead a big army into battle, and they won, just like God said they would! They celebrated that God helped them do big things, and we can celebrate, too, when God helps 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!”**

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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 3

PASS OUT MOON SAND

READ

- *Beginner's Bible p 136 "Deborah Leads the Way"*

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 helped Deborah do big things, and Deborah helped Barak do a big thing. We can help like Deborah helped. Let's make a list of people we can help, so when I say your name, tell me **one person you can help**.
 - *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 helping us do big things, like helping other people. Please help [child's name] help [person they listed] and [child's name] help [person they listed] and . . . (say this with each child's name). We love You, God. In Jesus' name. Amen."*