

May Week 1

3-K

So Big!

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CRAFT WEEK 1

Story In a Bag

SUPPLIES:

Story cards, Ark sticker, parent card, white bags, rainbow ribbon, small blue tissue paper pieces

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Give each child a white bag and an Ark sticker. Encourage them to stick the Ark to their bag and prepare for the rest of the craft.**
 - *"Friends, come sit with me. This week our bags are actually going to be PART of our craft, so we're going to pass out bags and put your names on them. We're going to make a craft to help us retell our true Bible Story. In our story, God gave Noah a job that was SO BIG for Noah. What was Noah supposed to make? (Pause.) That's right, an Ark! We're each going to get a sticker of an Ark and I want you to put it on the front of your bag. We're going to pretend the bag is an Ark and put all the pieces of our story in the Ark."*
- ⇒ **Give each child a set of story cards and crayons. Invite them to color the pictures as you review the story.**
 - *"Now I have some cards for you from our story. Look at the big card first. Who do you think these people are? (Pause.) That's right! Noah's family. You can color them and then put them in the Ark."*
 - *"Then you have a bunch of smaller cards. What do you see on the cards? (Pause.) That's right, there's 2 of different kinds of animals on the cards! Pick your favorite animal to color, and then you can stick all the other animals in the Ark to color when you're at home!"*
- ⇒ **Give each child small squares of blue tissue paper and a strip of rainbow ribbon. Invite them to add them to the bag.**
 - *"Once Noah and his family and the animals were in the Ark, what happened? (Pause.) It started raining! It rained for forty days and forty nights. Take some little blue papers and sprinkle it over the Ark like it's rain falling!"*
 - *"And when the rain stopped, God did something SO BIG. God put something in the sky. What was it? (Pause.) A rainbow! That's right! Now you each get a rainbow ribbon to hold over your bag. The rainbow reminds us that God's love for us is SO BIG that God keeps His promises."*
- ⇒ **Give each child a Parent Card and Bring it Back to the Bible Story and Bottom Line**
 - *"Great job telling the story friends! Put the rain and rainbow in your bag and I'm going to give you one more thing to help your grown ups tell the story with you at home. God helped Noah do big things, and God will help you do big things, too. **Who helps you do big things? God helps me do big things!**"*
 - ***"Who helps you do big things?"***
 - ***"God helps me do big things!"***

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ACTIVITY #1

Matching Animals

SUPPLIES: Matching Animals Cards

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! I have a super-fun animal game for us to play today. Take this card and go spread out around the room. Look at your card, but don’t show anyone.”*
- ⇒ **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.**
 - *“There is a friend with the same animal card you have. You need to find your matching animal – but you can’t use words! You can only make the noise the animal makes and look for a friend making the same noise. When I say, ‘animals!’ I want you all to make your animal’s sound. Ready? Animals! (Pause.) Yay! You found your match! [Children’s names], what animal are you? (Pause.) Let’s hear your animal sound. (Pause.) Great job! (Continue with each pair.) That was fun! Let’s get new cards (switch or pull a new card from the deck) and play again!” (Repeat as desired.)*
- ⇒ **Bring it back to the Bible Story and Bottom Line.**
 - *“There’s a lot of animals. Noah’s job to build and Ark and take all the animals was SO BIG. But God was with Noah and God helped him do big things. And God helps you do big things, too!”*
 - ***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
all month.

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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 1

PASS OUT MOON SAND

READ

- *Beginner's Bible p 26 "Noah's Ark"*

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 Noah big things to do, and God gives you big things to do too. Let's make a list of some of the big things we do, so when I say your name, tell me **one big thing you're learning to do or already do.**"
 - *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 all of the big things You give us to do, like (read the list). Thank You for helping us do big things. We love You, God. In Jesus' name. Amen."*