



WEEK ONE – MAY 2025 – TODDLERS

Bible Story: *Noah's Ark | Genesis 6:18-9:17*

Key Question: *Who helps you do big things?*

Bottom Line: *God helps me do big things.*

Memory Verse: *"I know that God helps me." – Psalm 54:4, NIV*

Basic Truth: *God loves me*

Series Overview: There was a time when learning how to tie our shoes was a big thing. Walking into a new preschool class was a big thing. And sleeping in our own bedroom by ourselves, that was a really big thing—like SO BIG! And now that we're all grown up, the big things keep coming. God is going to give our preschoolers big things to do. God is going to give them little things to do. And whether it's a big thing or a little thing, we want our preschoolers to know that they have the Lord our God to help them. God helps me do big things!

LARGE GROUP

Story Time

Gather children at the tables to tell the story. Some children (especially the younger ones) may wander. That's okay. They're still listening and learning!

What You Need: Preschool Bible

What You Say:

“Hello, friends! I’m so glad to see you today. Come join me on the floor. Today’s true story from the Bible (*hold up the Bible*) is about a man named Noah and a great big boat called an ark.

“God told Noah to build the ark. It was a really, really big boat. Noah had never built a big boat like this, but God helped him! God told Noah to put his family on the boat. Then, God closed the door, and it started to rain. It rained for forty days and forty nights. When the rain stopped, 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. God helped Noah do big things, and ***[Bottom Line]* God helps you do big things.**”

SMALL GROUP

Memory Verse With Motions

[Hear From God | Memory Verse Review]

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

What You Need: N/A

What You Do:

- Say the memory verse and teach the motions to the children
- Repeat the verse with the motions and invite the children to do it with you.
- Repeat several times.
- Review the Bottom Line.

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!*a book.)*
- 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. ***[Bottom Line]*** God helps me do big things. That’s right, friends! Who helps you do big things? ***[Bottom Line]*** God helps me do big things. Let’s say that one more time, friends! Who helps you do big things? ***[Bottom Line]*** God helps me do big things.”

Craft Time

Gather small groups of children around you at a table for toddler craft time.

Depending on the size of your group, you may lead the craft two or three times.

Not every child may want to participate in craft time. That's okay. Feel free to send home the craft materials for them to complete with their mom or dad.

What You Need: “Animals in Noah’s Ark” Activity Page, cardstock, glue sticks, baby wipes, scissors, and a permanent marker

What You Do:

- Help children rub glue on the back of their Noah and animal cutouts and stick to the ark.
- Clean hands as needed.

What You Say:

“Look at the great big boat on your paper! That’s Noah’s ark! Do you see Noah? (Pause.) Let’s rub glue on the back of the picture, and add him to the ark. (Pause.) And look at all these animals! I see elephants! Let’s rub some glue on the back of the elephants and you can stick them on the ark. (Pause.)

“What about the lions? Let’s rub glue on the back and you can add them to the ark. (Pause.) Great job! How about the rabbits? Yes! They need to be on the ark too! (Rub glue on the back, and help child stick the animal pair on the ark.) Great job! God told Noah to build a great, big boat called an ark and to fill the boat with his family and two of every kind of animal. God helped Noah do big things, and God will help you do big things too. [Bottom Line] God helps you do big things.”