



WEEK FOUR – 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, painter's tape, and animal figures (one per child)

What You Do: Create a boat shape on the floor with painter's tape that is large enough for every child to sit inside

What You Say:

"Hello, friends! I'm so glad to see you today. Come join me in this boat (*point*) on the floor. Today's true story from the Bible (*hold up the Bible*) begins with a man named Noah! God had something big for Noah to do.

"I'm going to pretend to be Noah, will you pretend to be the animals? (*Pause.*) Great! [Child's name] (*hand child animal*), you are going to act like a [animal]. What sound does the [animal] make? (*Pause.*) Great job! Come sit on the ark. (*Continue with each child.*) God told Noah to fill the ark with his family and with two of every animal! Hello, animals! God shut the door, and it started raining. (*Hold your arms up, and wiggle your fingers up and down.*) It rained and rained and rained. And 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: “Big Things Mirror Frame” Activity Page, cardstock, dot markers, baby wipes, and a permanent marker

What You Do:

- Write each child's name on their paper.
- Encourage children to fill their frame with colorful dot markers.
- Clean hands as needed.

What You Say:

*“Your paper is a frame, look! (Hold up the paper to your face.) You can see me in the frame! Use the markers to decorate your frame. (Pause.) Super job! Now you can take it home and put it on your mirror, see yourself in the frame, and remember that **[Bottom Line]** God helps you do big things.”*