



WEEK  
**ONE**  
MAY 2023

SMALL GROUP  
**3-5** YEAR  
-OLDS

PRELUDE      SOCIAL      WORSHIP      STORY      GROUPS      HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT  
25 MINUTES

## MADE TO THINK

an advanced activity specifically designed for older preschoolers



## 3. COMMUNITY HELPER THANK YOU CARDS

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Thank You Labels" Activity Page, Avery® #5160 labels or equivalent, blank cards or cardstock, envelopes, fun stickers, and washable markers

### BIBLE STORY

God made me to help others.

**GOOD SAMARITAN**  
**LUKE 10:25-37**

#### WHAT YOU DO:

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Copy "Thank You Labels" on label paper, one per child. If using cardstock, cut it in half, then fold it to create a card, one per child. Set out the cards, fun stickers, and washable markers.

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Talk to the children about the community helpers (*nurses, firemen, police officers, etc.*) that help us every day. Encourage them to color or decorate a thank you card for these community helpers. Give each child a label to add to the bottom of the card.

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** Talk about how God made us to help others, just like community helpers. Collect the cards and place them in envelopes. Make sure you have a plan for a church staff member or volunteer to deliver their notes to your local hospital, fire station, or police station.

### MEMORY VERSE

"We have the Lord our God to help us."

**2 CHRONICLES 32:8, NLT**

#### WHAT YOU SAY:

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** "Friends, find a spot at the table. Can you name some community helpers? A community helper is someone who helps us each day, like a nurse. What does a nurse do? (*Pause.*) Yes, nurses work in doctor's offices or hospitals, and they take care of us when we're sick. There are so many people who help us."

### KEY QUESTION

Who made you to help others?

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Let's tell the helpers 'Thank you' by making some thank you cards! You can draw pictures, add stickers, or whatever you choose! You can also add these labels that say, 'Thank you for helping. God made me to help others, too.' (*Pause.*) Your cards look awesome! I know these will make our community helpers feel loved and appreciated."

### BOTTOM LINE

God made me to help others.

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** "I'm so glad for the people who help us like nurses and firemen and police officers! But they aren't the only ones who can help. God made me and you to help others, too! **Who made you to help others? God made me to help others."**

### BASIC TRUTH

God made me.



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## MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that encourages personal application and prayer

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## 6. JOURNAL AND PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Memory Verse Card" Activity Page, Bible, cardstock, scissors, paperclip, journal, and a fun-shaped pen

### BIBLE STORY

God made me to help others.

**GOOD SAMARITAN**  
**LUKE 10:25-37**

Now let's sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (*Hold journal and fun-shaped pen.*) The Samaritan helped a hurt man by giving him bandages in our Bible story. Let's make a list of ways we can

help others in our prayer journal. When I say your name, tell me one way that you can help others. (*Remember to print so the children can recognize their names and the letters.*)

"These are wonderful ways we can help others. Let's pray and ask God to help us help others. Would anyone like to pray before I pray?" (*Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.*)

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### PRAYER

**SGL:** "Dear God, thank You for making us to help others. Please help us do things like (*read the list the children made*). We don't want to walk by people who need help. We want to do what You made us to do and help others. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."

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