

January Week 4

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# CRAFT WEEK 4

## *Helpful Bags*

**SUPPLIES:** Helpful Bag Parent Note, band-aids, facial tissues, wrapped suckers, heart stickers, crayons, craft take home bags

### What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Pass out the white bags to each child.**

- *“Today in our Bible story Jesus taught us that we can help others, just like the Good Samaritan. Today we are going to make helpful bags so that we can help others.”*

⇒ **Pass out each item and discuss how it can be used to help others.**

- *Band-aid: How could I use this to help? Yes! It can go on an owie to help someone feel better.*
- *Sucker: Yummy! How could a sucker help? (Pause.) Yes, it would definitely help me feel better if I was sad!*
- *Sticker: How could a heart sticker help someone? (Pause.) Yes! Hearts say ‘I love you!’ When someone is upset or angry, we can help them by telling them ‘I love you.’*
- *Tissues: How can a tissue help someone? (Pause.) Yes! When someone has a snuffle or is crying you can give them a tissue to help them.*
- *Parent Note: Let’s put one of each of these things in our bags. Here is a note for your parents so they can read about our Bible story today! Now you can use the crayons to decorate your bag!*

⇒ **Complete activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus**

- *“Your helper bags are great! I hope you will remember this bag and use the things inside to help someone this week. Then you can help someone just like the Samaritan man did in our story today. Jesus told us this story about the Samaritan and how he helped the hurt man because He wanted us to know that we can help everyone. Jesus teaches us all kinds of important things.”*
- **Who teaches you important things?**
- **Jesus teaches me important things!”**

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# CRAFT WEEK 5

## *Folding House on the ROCK*

**SUPPLIES:** House on the Rock page, crayons, people stickers (5-6 per child)

### **What You DO and SAY:**

⇒ **Have children join you at the table. Pass out House on the Rock page.**

- *“Friends, today in our Bible story Jesus taught us how to live. We heard about two men who built houses. One on the sand and the other on the rock. Do you remember which house had the stronger foundation? That’s right! The rock!*

⇒ **Give each child a folding house and crayons.**

- *“I have a house here for you to make and decorate. Let’s fold the paper at the lines. I can help you! (Help with folding as needed – the roof and outside walls of house should show on the outside.)*
- *Now let’s use our crayons and decorate the outside of our houses!*
- *These look great everybody! Nice houses!*

⇒ **Pass out sticker options for children to choose from.**

- *“This is a house built on the Rock – on Jesus! We can live our life the way Jesus tells us to.*
- *Can you find a sticker that looks like you and put it in the house? Maybe you see a few stickers that looks like your family and friends? You can put them in, too!*

⇒ **Complete craft and Bring it Back to Jesus**

- *“Friends, both houses looked great but then it started to rain, harder and harder. The house built on the sand fell down because the rain washed the sand away. But the house on the rock was still standing. The rain couldn’t wash away the rock. Jesus told us this story so He could teach us how to live and be strong like the house built on the rock. We can love everyone like God loves us and treat them like they are important to God. We can share and help, just like Jesus teaches us to do. I’m so glad we have a friend like Jesus to teach us important things.*
- ***Who teaches you important things?***
- ***Jesus teaches me important things!”***

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# ACTIVITY #1 Week 4

## *Ball Pass*

**SUPPLIES:** Ball pit balls, Baskets (2)

### What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Have children join you in the center of the room.**
  - *“God teaches us to help everyone! Today we are going to play a game where we need to help each other! First, let’s get in a straight line.”*
- ⇒ **Put the empty basket at one end and then bring the basket of balls to the other end.**
  - *“We need to move these balls down the line to get them to the basket. We need to help each other to get them all there! I want you to pass every ball from one person to the next and then toss them into the basket. Let’s work together!”*
- ⇒ **Have children form an assembly line to pass the balls from one end to the other and fill the basket. Cheer them on and encourage their teamwork.**
  - *“Great work filling the basket, friends! Jesus teaches us that we can help each other!*
  - ***Who teaches you important things?***
  - ***Jesus teaches me important things!”***
- ⇒ **Repeat as long as children are interested and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**
  - *“Friends, you are amazing helpers! In our Bible story, Jesus taught about a man who helped someone. We can help others, too! Jesus teaches us that we can help everyone!*
  - ***Who teaches you important things?***
  - ***Jesus teaches me important things!”***

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# ACTIVITY #1 Week 5

## *Rock Hop*

**SUPPLIES:** Grey “rock” sheets, Floor Tape

### What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Gather children in the center of the room.**

- *“Today in our Bible story, Jesus told a story about two different houses. Do you remember what they were built on? Right! One was built on sand and the other was built on rock. Do you remember which was stronger? Yes! It was the rock.”*

⇒ **Show children the path of rocks.**

- *“Do you see this path on the floor? We are going to pretend that these are rocks. And let’s pretend that the carpet is sand. We need to stay on the rocks! Let’s hop from rock to rock and make it to the end of the path – stay off the sand!”*

⇒ **Demonstrate hopping from rock to rock and then let each child take a turn. After they hop across ask...**

- *“Who teaches you important things?”*
- *“Jesus teaches me important things!”*

⇒ **Repeat as long as children are interested.**

⇒ **Complete the activity and Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *“Great job staying on the Rock! Jesus teaches us that building our life on him is the best way!”*
- ***Who teaches you important things?***
- ***Jesus teaches me important things!”***

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## ACTIVITY #2

### *Freeze Dance*

**SUPPLIES:** CD player, EC Worship Music CD

### What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Have children join you in the center of the room and space out.**
  - *“When I think about all the amazing things Jesus has taught me I feel so happy. It makes me want to dance!! I am going to turn on a song and when you hear the music I want you to DANCE! When the music stops, everyone FREEZE! Let’s practice freezing right now. FREEZE!*
  - *Great job! Are you ready to play? Let’s go!*
  
- ⇒ **Play music and let kids dance. Pause music and have them freeze.**
  - *“FREEZE!*
  - *Who teaches you important things?*
  - *Jesus teaches me important things!*
  - *Let’s dance!*
  
- ⇒ **Repeat as long as children are interested.**
  
- ⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**
  - *“Great dancing, everyone! We have learned so many important things from Jesus. I am so grateful!*
  - *Who teaches you important things?*
  - *Jesus teaches me important things!*

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# ACTIVITY #3

## *Story Picture Review*

**SUPPLIES:** Story Picture cards

### What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Gather children around you on the floor or at a table.**

- *“All month long we have been hearing stories that Jesus told to help teach people how to live. Do you remember some of the stories he told? Let’s look at these pictures and see if we can retell the stories!”*

⇒ **Hold up one picture at a time.**

- *Father and Son: Jesus told a story about a dad and his son. The son took all of his money and went far away. After he spent all of his money, he got so hungry that he even thought about eating pig food. Finally, the son went back home. When the dad saw his son, he was so happy that he gave him a hug and threw a party! The dad loved his son, no matter what. Jesus told us this story to teach us that God loves us, no matter what.*
- *Shepherd: “Jesus told a story about a shepherd who lost one of his sheep. The sheep was so important to the shepherd that he left his other ninety-nine sheep to find the one lost sheep. When the shepherd found his sheep, he was so happy that he ran and told everyone! Jesus told us this story to teach us that we are important to God.*
- *Grain: “Jesus told a story about a man who had a lot of extra food. He wanted to build a bigger barn to hold all of it instead of sharing it with people who needed it. Jesus told us this story to teach us that we can share our stuff.*
- *Hurt Man: “Jesus told a story about a man who was hurt robbed of his money, then left on the side of the road. Two men walked by and did not stop to help the hurt man. One man did stop and helped the hurt man. We call him the ‘Good Samaritan.’ Jesus told us this story to teach us to help everyone.*
- ***WEEK 5 ONLY** House: “Jesus told a story about two houses. One was built on sand, which is not very strong. The other house was built on rock, which is very strong. The rock helped the house stand strong when a big storm came. Jesus told us this story to teach us how to live.*

⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *“Jesus told so many stories to teach us important things! **Who teaches you important things? Jesus teaches me important things!”***

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## READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY JANUARY WEEK 4

### SANITIZE HANDS AND PASS OUT MOON SAND

#### READ

⇒ The Bible

- *Beginner's Bible: The Good Samaritan, p. 379*

#### REVIEW *(You may choose to pass out stickers as kids answer!)*

⇒ Key Question and Bottom Line

- ***Who teaches you important things?***
- ***Jesus teaches me important things!***

⇒ Memory Verse

- **"The crowds were amazed at his teaching."  
Matthew 7:28**

#### CONNECT IT AND PRAY

⇒ "Since Jesus teaches us that it is important to help others, we'll make a list of ways we can help others. So think about it. What are some ways you can help your mom, dad, brother, sister, friends, grandparents, teacher, coach—there are so many ways we can help! When I say your name, **tell me one way we can help others**, and I will write it down.

- *Write their names down on the weekly question strip/board/paper.*

⇒ This is a very special list. Let's use it when we pray!

⇒ Let's fold our hands and bow our heads and **pray**:

- "Dear God, we want to be people who stop and help others. Please help us do things like (read the list the children made). Thank You for sending Jesus to teach us how to help. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."

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### SANITIZE HANDS AND PASS OUT MOON SAND

No corresponding Bible story today.

### REVIEW *(You may choose to pass out stickers as kids answer!)*

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⇒ Memory Verse

- **“The crowds were amazed at his teaching.”  
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### CONNECT IT AND PRAY

*CONNECT IT QUESTION: What is one thing that's important to you?*

⇒ “Today, we’ll make a list of some of the important things Jesus teaches us, like sharing, helping, that God loves us, and that we are important to God. Then, when we pray, we can use our list to thank Jesus for teaching us important things! When I say your name, **tell me one thing Jesus teaches us**, and I will write it down.

- *Have each child share and write the ideas down on the weekly question strip/board/paper.*

⇒ “Wow! Jesus teaches us a lot of important things! Let’s use this list when we pray.

⇒ Let’s fold our hands and bow our heads and **pray**:

- “Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to be our friend forever and teach us important things like (read the list the children made). Help us remember the things Jesus teaches us and do what He says. We love You, God. In Jesus’ name, amen.”