

May Week 1
Garden
To the Rescue

May 7

CRAFT

Community Helper Thank You

SUPPLIES: Community Helper Thank You cards, crayons, heart and smiley stickers, Parent Note to go home in the bag

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Gather children at the table and pass out Community Helper Thank You cards and crayons. Children can also use smiley and heart stickers.**

- *“Friends, today we learned in our Bible story about a man who was a helper. God made lots of people to be helpers all around us. We have so many amazing helpers in our community. A community helper is someone who helps us each day. Can you help me think of a few? [firefighters, police officers, mail carriers, doctors, nurses, garbage truck drivers, construction workers, etc.]*
- *Let’s tell the helpers Thank You by making some thank you cards! You can color in the pictures, write your name, and add some stickers! Let’s make these really special!”*

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

- *“I am going to keep these cards because we are going to deliver them to the fire and police stations so that those helpers know how grateful we are for them.*
- *I am so glad for the people who help us. 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!”***

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ACTIVITY #1

Pin the bandage

SUPPLIES: Pin the band-aid on the man poster, band-aids

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Gather children up for the activity.**

- *“Friends, join me over here! In our Bible story today, Jesus talked about a man who helped others.*
- *Do you see the man on the wall? Let’s pretend he is the man with a lot of boo-boos. He really needs some help!*
- *First one man walked by and saw the man with the owies. But did he help him? Nooooo!*
- *Then another man walked by and say the man with the owies. Did he help him? No! Oh no who will help him?*
- *Finally, another person walked by, but wait! He was a Samaritan! His Family is not friends with the hurt man’s family, but did he still help the hurt man? Yes! He stopped and put bandages on the man’s boo-boos and he helped him.*

⇒ **Let the children take turns closing their eyes and trying to stick the band-aid on the man.**

- *“Today we get to be the helpers! I have some super cool band-aids for you to use. We are going to play a game like pin the tail on the donkey, but instead it’s pin the bandage on the man!*
- *I want you to close your eyes and take a step forward and try to put the band-aid right on the man.”*

⇒ **When all children have had a chance to go, complete the activity and bring it back to Jesus.**

- *“God made the Samaritan to help others, and God made you to help others, too.*
- ***Who made you to help others?***
- ***God made me to help others!”***

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ACTIVITY #2

Look and Find the Smile

SUPPLIES: 5 heart pages (3 of which have smiley face stickers on the back side, wall tape

SET-UP: Tape the heart pictures around the room at children's eye level. Tape only the top of the picture so that it can be flipped up.

What You DO and SAY:

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

- *"Friends! Join me over here. I need your help finding smiley faces. Will you help me?"*
- *Look! There are hearts on the walls around the room. Let's see if there are any smiley faces hiding under the hearts. Let's go to that heart over there and check!"*

⇒ **Lead children around the room to find each heart and check for smiley face underneath it.**

- *"Is there a smiley face hiding under the heart? There is!"*
- *Friends, when we show love to others and help them it makes them feel happy!*
- ***Who made you to help others?***
- ***God made me to help others!***
- *Let's see if we can find more smiley faces. Let's go try that one!"*

⇒ **Repeat until all the smileys have been found.**

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

- *"Thank you for helping me find the smiley faces. You are GREAT helpers! Hooray for helping! It makes me happy to help others and it makes me happy when people help me. God made you and me to help others."*
- ***Who made you to help others?***
- ***God made me to help others!"***

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**READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY
MAY WEEK 1**

Here are some ideas to try in a group or one-on-one.

2-year-olds are all at different stages of development! Some are ready to answer big questions and say the memory verse, while others aren't ready to talk yet. Even if they aren't ready to answer, they are listening!

READ A BIBLE STORY or STORY BOOK

⇒ *The Beginner's Bible*

- The Good Samaritan, p. 379

ASK A QUESTION

Who made you to help others?
God made me to help others!

PRACTICE THE MEMORY VERSE

"We have the Lord our God to help us." 2 Chronicles 32:8

SAY A PRAYER

Dear God,
Thank you for making me.
Thank you for loving me.
Thank you for sending Jesus to be my friend forever.
Amen.