

May Week 3
Backyard
To the Rescue

May 21

CRAFT

Made to Help

SUPPLIES: Timothy and Tabitha page, heart stickers, Jesus and coat cut-outs, crayons, glue sticks.

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Gather children at the table and pass out the Made to Help page and crayons.**

- *“Friends, today in our true Bible story we learned about two people who were helpers. Do you remember their names? Tabitha and Timothy! That’s right! Can you point to Tabitha? There she is! Let’s color her first.*
- *Now can you point to Timothy? Hi, Timothy! Can you color Timothy now?”*

⇒ **Pass out the heart stickers. Have them place the heart sticker on Timothy and Tabitha’s chests.**

- *“Timothy and Tabitha were followers of Jesus and so they loved like Jesus! They used their talents and gifts to show the love of Jesus. Let’s take a heart sticker and place it right on Tabitha. Now put one on Timothy. Be careful not to cover up their faces.*

⇒ **Pass out coat and Jesus cut-outs. Have children color the pictures and then glue them down on the outsides of the picture.**

- *“Do you remember how Tabitha showed love for others? She helped others by making coats for people who needed them! Can you color in your coat? Now let’s glue it next to Tabitha.*
- *Timothy helped others by showing them how to love people the way Jesus loves them and by teaching them about Jesus! Can you find the Jesus picture? Let’s color Jesus and then glue him next to Timothy.”*

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

- *“Tabitha and Timothy helped others in different ways because God made each of us to help others in different ways. There are so many different ways to help!*
- **Who made you to help others?**
- **God made me to help others!”**

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ACTIVITY #1

Oh the Places You'll Help

SUPPLIES: Places You'll Help pictures, wall tape, clipboard with plastic page protector and checklist, dry erase marker

SET-UP: Tape up the pictures at child eye level around the room.

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Gather children in the center of the room. Show them the clipboard. Call out the first place and have them go there. Then discuss ways you can help at that place.**

- *“Friends, come help me with this check list! “Do you see the pictures of places on my checklist? I spy these places around the room. Let’s see if we can find them then name some ways to help in each of those places. I spy a picture of a park on my checklist! Can you help me find a big picture of the park? (Pause.) There it is! Let’s go!*
- *What are some ways you can help in the park? (Discuss)*
- *Awesome! Let’s put a check next to the park on my checklist!”*

⇒ **Repeat with each of the other locations.**

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

- *“Friends, there are so many different ways to help others and so many different places to help them! Let’s always remember to be on the lookout for ways we can help!*
- ***Who made you to help others?***
- ***God made me to help others!”***

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ACTIVITY #2

Picker Upper Helpers

SUPPLIES:

Balled up paper, garbage bag, plastic tongs

1st Class SET-UP:

Ball up the entire stack of paper and put it in the garbage bag. When it is time to play, scatter garbage around the room. At the end of the activity, leave the bag for the next class.

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Scatter trash and gather children in the center of the room.**
 - *“Friends! Join me over here. We have been learning all about how God made us to be great helpers.*
 - *Will you take a look around? Goodness, it’s a huge mess in here! I wonder if there are any helpers in here who could help me clean it up? Do you think you can be big helpers and clean up with me?*

- ⇒ **Give each child a pair of plastic tongs. Hold the garbage bag open in the center of the room while they put the garbage in.**
 - *“Let’s pick up trash in a fun way. We can use these (hold up tongs) to pick up trash as fast as we can! Are you ready to have fun and help others? Ready, Set, Go!*

- ⇒ **When all the trash is picked up, ask the big question and then repeat as interested.**
 - *Who made you to help others?*
 - *God made me to help others!*

- ⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**
 - *“That was a fun way to help wasn’t it? God made us to help others! Sometimes we can look for ways to make helping fun like we did today.*
 - *Who made you to help others?*
 - *God made me to help others!”*

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ACTIVITY #3

Helper Says

SUPPLIES: Helper Cards

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Gather children in the center of the room.**
 - *“Friends, join me! I have some cards here with different community helpers on them. We are going to act out what each of these community helpers do for us.*
 - *When I call your name, I want you to come draw a card from my stack and show it to all our friends.”*

- ⇒ **Have children draw a card from the pile one at a time and show everyone. Once they have identified who is on the card, lead the children to follow you (like “Simon Says”) with the motions on the card.**
 - *“Let’s play! [Child’s name], draw a card and show everyone. (Pause.) Ooo! You drew the [helper]. Let’s act that out!”*
 - *Example: [Firefighter] says, [climb a ladder]! (Demonstrate the helper’s action and do it with the children.)*
 - *Great job!*

- ⇒ **Repeat until each child has gotten a turn. Review the memory verse.**
 - *“I am so thankful for all the helpers in our community. God made us to be helpers, too! And the great news is we don’t have to be helpers alone! It’s like our memory verse says: ‘We have the Lord our God to help us.’ 2 Chronicles 32:8*
 - *Will you say that with me?”*

- ⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**
 - *“Nice work, my friends!*
 - ***Who made you to help others?***
 - ***God made me to help others!”***

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READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY
MAY WEEK 3

PASS OUT MOON SAND

READ

⇒ *The First Church, The Beginner's Bible, p. 480*

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

⇒ Key Question and Bottom Line

○ **Who made you to help others?**

God made me to help others!

⇒ Memory Verse

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

CONNECT IT AND PRAY

⇒ "Timothy and Tabitha did what they knew to do to help others. So today, we'll make a list of things we can do. It can be anything! Do you know how to pick up toys, clean a table, give a hug, make a sandwich, draw a picture, or feed a pet? You can do so many things! Think about it, and when I say your name, **tell me one thing you can do to help.**

⇒ Wow! Look at all of these great ways to help! We can ask God to help us do these things. Let's fold our hands and bow our heads and **pray**:

○ *"Dear God, thank You for making (name each child) to help in different ways. We can do things like (read the list the children made). Help us look for ways to use all of the different things we can do to help others. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."*