

CRAFT

Helping Handprints

SUPPLIES: God made me to help others page, large inkpad, baby wipes, crayons

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Gather children at the table and pass out the God Made Me to Help Others page. Press each child's hands onto the ink pad and place them inside the heart. Wipe with baby wipe to clean. If any children are hesitant about ink on their hands you can trace around the outline of their hands.**
- *"Friends, sit at the table with me! We've been learning that God made us to help, and there are lots of different ways we can help. Let's make a picture with our handprints.*
 - *What shape do you see on your paper? A heart, that's right! When you help others, it makes your heart happy. Let's fill in the heart with your handprints. We'll do one at a time. First, we cover one hand with ink and then press it inside the heart. Now we do the other hand and press it inside the heart. Look at your awesome handprint heart!"*
- ⇒ **Pass out crayons to decorate the letters and outside of the heart. Review the Bible story.**
- *"Here are some crayons to decorate the letters on your page. They say 'God made me to help others.'*
 - *In our story today, a woman named Rebekah went to a well to get water. While she was there, she saw a man with ten camels! The Man asked her to share a little water with him. Rebekah was happy to help, so she gave the man water. Then she got water for his ten camels, too! God made Rebekah to help, and God made us to help, too! Everywhere we are, we can look for ways to help.*
- ⇒ **Complete activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus**
- *"Your handprint hearts look beautiful. Hand them up in a special place so you can remember that God made you to help others.*
 - **Who made you to help others?**
 - **God made me to help others!"**

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ACTIVITY #1

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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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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**READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY
MAY WEEK 4**

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*

- A Bride for Isaac, p. 52

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.