

**May Week 4**  
Backyard  
To the Rescue

May 28

# 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**

## *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

**1<sup>st</sup> 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**  
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**PASS OUT MOON SAND**

**READ**

⇒ *A Bride for Isaac*, The Beginner's Bible, p. 52

**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**

⇒ "Today in our Bible story, Rebekah looked for ways to help at a well. Let's make a list of places where we can look for ways to help. When I say your name, **tell me one place you can look for ways to help.**

⇒ Wow! Look at all of these places we can be helpers! We can ask God to help us be on the lookout for places we can help. Let's fold our hands and bow our heads and **pray**:

⇒

- *"Dear God, we want to look for ways to help others everywhere we go. Please help us look for ways to help when we are at (read the places the children listed). You are the best helper, God, and we are so thankful we have You to help us. We love You God! In Jesus' name, amen."*