



TO THE RESCUE | WEEK 1 | MAY 7, 2023

## Preschool Lesson

# Good Samaritan

**Bible Story:** *God made me to help others. Good Samaritan • Luke 10:25-37*

**Memory Verse:** “We have the Lord our God to help us.” 2 Chronicles 32:8, NLT

**Key Question:** Who made you to help others?

**Bottom Line:** God made me to help others.

**Basic Truth:** I am made by God to reflect His Image (act like Him).

**KID CONNECT:  
10 MINUTES**

**LARGE GROUP:  
15 MINUTES**

**SMALL GROUP  
20 MINUTES**

## LEADER BIBLE STUDY

*When given the opportunity, preschoolers are ready and willing to help because it shows the world they are big and can do things that matter. Need help stirring in the kitchen? Preschoolers to the rescue! Need help carrying groceries? Preschoolers to the rescue! Need help entertaining a fussy baby? Preschoolers to the rescue!*

*Could it be that the real reason preschoolers want to help is that God made them to help? We think so! That is why we will be spending this month answering the question “Who made you to help?” God made me to help! That’s who! After all, God is the ultimate helper, and we are all made in God’s image.*

Story Focus: **God made me to help others.** Jesus tells a story about a man who was hurt and found help in a most unlikely person . . . a Samaritan. The hurt man and the Samaritan were not friends, and that’s putting it mildly. But when the Samaritan saw the hurt man on the side of the road, he came to the rescue making sure the hurt man got the help he needed.

## KID CONNECT

### WELCOME TIME

(VIDEO: ARRIVAL MUSIC)

Play intro music in the background as you greet preschoolers and follow the KidCity check-in procedures. Set out a few favorite theme-related toys, such as puzzles and blocks.

### OPENING ACTIVITY

(No Supplies)

Kid Connect time is spent building relationships with the kids. Gather your small group together for some intentional connecting time before Large Group. You can do small activities while you chat together (like coloring or building with blocks) or just sit and listen to each other. Ask your kids relationship-building questions like:

- How old are you?
- Do you have a favorite stuffed animal?
- Do you have a brother, sister, or pet? What are their names?
- What do you like to play at home?
- What's your favorite food/color/animal/ice cream flavor?

*Transition to Large Group...*

## LARGE GROUP

### COUNTDOWN

(VIDEO: COUNTDOWN)

Show the countdown video as the children clean up and transition to Large Group.

### SETTING UP FOR SUCCESS

(CG: EXPECTATION SLIDE, BASIC TRUTHS SLIDE, MEMORY VERSE VIDEO; BIBLE)

LGL: "Hello my friends! How are you today? Come sit with me. I am so glad to see you here. I love being here with you!

"Here in KidCity we have three rules. How many rules do we have? (*Kids respond.*) That's right! Three rules. Let's go over our rules now. (*List rules while counting on fingers*)

1. **Be kind.** We can be kind by using our indoor speaking voices, by staying on our blankets (or whatever space you have), and by obeying our leaders.
2. **Be safe.** We can be safe by walking around the classroom and keeping our hands to ourselves.
3. **Have fun!** We are going to have SO much fun, and that's because you are here!

"Can everybody follow those rules today? (*Kids respond.*) Great! KidCity is a place where we learn

about God and Jesus! And there are three big truths that we want you to know. Let's say them all together! Are you ready?

1. **I am made by God.** What is it? *(Kids repeat.)*
2. **I am loved by God no matter what.** What is it? *(Kids repeat.)*
3. **I am made for a purpose!** What is it? *(Kids repeat.)*

"It's time for our memory verse. Let's watch our memory verse motions and do it along with them!"

*Show memory verse motion video and then practice without it.*

**We have** (bent hands to chest)  
**the Lord our God** (point up)  
**to help us,** (thumb up on palm)  
**2 Chronicles 32:8.** (Open hands like a book.)

"Ok, Now let's sing and worship God!"

## WORSHIP

**(VIDEO: MADE BY YOU, VERY BIG THINGS)**

Sing the worship songs together.

## INTRO SKETCH

**(Band Aids, Toy Doctor's Kit (or similar), Story Box)**

*LGL brings the story box with the props inside to the middle.*

"I have my story box ready. I'm SO excited to see what we are learning about God today. Let's see what I have in here..."

*Pull out the band aids and doctor's kit. Comment on each one and demonstrate what to do with them.*

Look at these! What are these items used for? *(Pause for response)* Yes, that's right. They are used to help someone who has a booboo or isn't feeling well. I know when I am feeling sad or hurt, I feel much better when someone helps me. Do you think you can help someone when they are hurt or feel sad? Yes! **God made me to help!**

Today, we are going to hear a story that Jesus told about a man who helped. Let's watch our story today.

## WATCH THE BIBLE STORY

**(VIDEO: BIBLE STORY, BOTTOM LINE)**

Wow! God made YOU and *[Bottom Line]* God made ME to help others! Just like the good

Samaritan and fire trucks, I can help, too!

“Now when I ask, ‘Who made you to help others?’, I want you to say, [*Bottom Line*] ‘God made me to help others!’ Ready? Who made me to help others?” (*God made me to help others!*)

## SAY THE BASIC TRUTH

(CG: BASIC TRUTH SLIDE)

“Our Basic Truth says, ‘I am made by God to reflect His Image. We are made in the image of God, so we are able to act like Him. Because God helps us, we can help others!’

## PRAY

“Let’s pray together. (*Have kids “put both hands up in the air, clap them together once [keep hands clasped], and then lower them down to their lap”*)

“Dear God, thank you for loving us and sending Jesus to show us how to love others. Thank you for making us to help like the Samaritan man. We love you. In Jesus’ name, we pray, amen.

## PRAY AND TRANSITION TO SMALL GROUP

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## STORY IN A BOX

(Shoebox or Plastic Bin, Floor Tape, Toy Donkey or Horse, 5 Toy People, Small Band Aids – 1 per kid, “Hurt Man” Activity Page – 1 per group, “Story Characters” Activity Page - optional)

### What You Do:

*Before the Activity:* Place the items in the container. Gather the children around you. *Optional – Print out the “story characters” instead of having physical items.*

*During the Activity:* Use the items in the box to reenact the Bible story as you review it.

*After the Activity:* Talk about how God made the Samaritan to help and God made us to help, too.

### What You Say:

*Before the Activity:* “Hi, friends! Come sit with me. I have today’s Bible story in this box!”

*During the Activity:* “In our Bible story, Jesus talked about a man who helped others. Our story starts with a man walking down a road. Let’s make a road with this tape. *(Tape a road on the floor.)* While the man was walking down the road . . . *(walk a toy person walk down the tape line)* someone hurt him. Oh, no! *(Lay down the “hurt” man on the tape line.)* The hurt man had so many boo-boos. He needed help!

“A little while later, someone walked by. Did that person help the hurt man? *(Make another toy person walk by the hurt man, then put it back in the box.)* No, that person didn’t help. Then another person walked by. Did that person help the hurt man? *(Make another toy walk by the hurt man, then put it back in the box.)* No, that person didn’t help either.

“Then another person walked by. But wait. This person is a Samaritan. His family is not friends with the hurt man’s family, but did he still help the hurt man? *(Make another toy walk on the road and stop to help the hurt man.)* Yes! The Samaritan stopped and helped the hurt man! He put bandages on the hurt man’s boo-boos. Can you help me put band aids on the hurt man? *(Put an adhesive bandage on the hurt man picture.)* Then the Samaritan put the hurt man on his donkey and took him somewhere where he could rest and get better. *(Put the hurt toy on the donkey and walk it and the helper toy down the road and back into the box.)*

“Yay! The Samaritan helped the hurt man!” *(Repeat, letting the children use the toys to reenact what you say.)*

*After the Activity:* “God made the Samaritan to help others, and God made you to help others, too. **Who made you to help others? [Bottom Line] God made me to help others!**”

## WHO NEEDS HELP?

**(“People Pictures” Activity Pages – print front and back, 1 set per group; Small Foam Hearts – 1 per kid to take home)**

### What You Do:

*Before the Activity:* Copy “People Pictures” front and back and cut apart, one set per small group. Give each kid a foam heart.

*During the Activity:* Hold up the card so everyone can see. Read the description on the back of what is happening. Discuss how they can help the people in the picture.

*For 2’s-3’s:* Don’t have a discussion, just read the section labeled “2’s-3’s”.

Then place the picture in the middle and have kids put their foam hearts on the picture. Have kids say, **“God made me to help others!”**

Repeat with all 4 pictures. Allow kids to take their foam hearts home.

## MEMORY VERSE WITH MOTIONS

**(Memory Verse Motions Poster - 1 per group)**

Say the memory verse using motions from the Memory Verse Motions poster. Repeat several times and encourage children for their efforts.

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**the Lord our God** (point up)  
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## PRAYER

“Let’s pray together. *(Have kids “put both hands up in the air, clap them together once [keep hands clasped], and then lower them down to their lap”)*”

“Dear God, thank you for making us to help others. We don’t want to walk by people who need help. We want to do what you made us to do and help others. We love you, God. In Jesus’ name, amen.”

## CONNECT WITH PARENTS/INFLUENCERS

**(First Look Placemats - 1 per child)**

Hand out placemats to parents as they arrive. Encourage parents/influencers to review the Preschool lesson with their child this week.