



Preschool - October 10, 2021

Today's Bible Story: God made me to do big things anywhere.

David Protects Sheep • 1 Samuel 17:34-37

Memory Verse: "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid . . . for the Lord your God goes with you."

Deuteronomy 31:6, NIV

Key Question: Who made you to do big things?

Bottom Line: God made me to do big things.

Basic Truth: God made me.

The Giving Jar

Take a moment before the lesson begins to ask the children if they have anything for The Giving Jar this week. Quickly touch on the importance of giving back to God and the church. This is connected to MTC's value of Greater: It's so much bigger than us!

SOCIAL: Providing Time for Fun Interaction (10 - 15 Minutes)

Animal Cards

Made to Move: An activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn

What You Need: "Animal Cards" Activity Page, cardstock, and scissors

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy "Animal Cards" on cardstock and cut on the dotted lines, one set per activity. Place the cards in a stack face down.

During the Activity: Have the children stand in front of you and draw the top card. Show the children the picture of the animal on the card. Ask the children to pretend to be that animal. After the children pretend to be the first animal, set the card aside and draw a new card. Repeat the activity until all of the cards have been drawn and acted out.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Let's pretend to be animals today!"

During the Activity: "I will draw a card with a picture of an animal on it. When you see the animal, you can pretend to be that animal. This will be so much fun! Let's see what the first animal is. (*Draw a card.*) I see a [animal]. Let's all pretend to be [animal]! (*Do activity.*) Great job! You are amazing [animals]! Let's draw a new card and see what other animals we can be!" (*Continue and finish the activity.*)

After the Activity: "Great job! You were great animals. Today, we'll hear a Bible story about two animals, a lion and a sheep."

Transition: Move to Worship and Story by pretending to be lions as you move to the story area.

Leading people into a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ

Worship: Inviting People to Respond to God

Memory Verse with Motions

Hear from God | Memory Verse Review

Made to Move: An activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn

What You Need: No supplies needed.

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Say the memory verse and do the following motions in front of the children.

"Be strong and courageous (*cross fists over chest*). Do not be afraid (*cross hands back and forth*) . . . for the Lord your God (*point up*) goes with you," (*hands on hips*) Deuteronomy 31:6. (*Open hands like a book.*)

During the Activity: Say the verse again with the motions and invite the children to do it with you. Repeat several times.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "I will say our new memory verse. Everyone, watch me! 'Be strong and courageous (*cross fists over chest*). Do not be afraid (*cross hands back and forth*) . . . for the Lord your God (*point up*) goes with you,' (*hands on hips*) Deuteronomy 31:6." (*Open hands like a book.*)

During the Activity: "Now, let's do it together! Are you ready? 'Be strong and courageous (*cross fists over chest*). Do not be afraid (*cross hands back and forth*) . . . for the Lord your God (*point up*) goes with you,' (*hands on hips*) Deuteronomy 31:6." (*Open hands like a book.*)

After the Activity: "Our memory verse tells us that God made us to be strong and courageous and do BIG things! **Who made you to do big things? [Bottom Line] God made me to do big things!"**

Show Weekly Preschool Video (Worship / Bible Story)

Use the full mix of the monthly song provided with the curriculum to lead your preschoolers in worship. Encourage children to be active during worship by incorporating the appropriate hand motions.

PRAY

Snack Fish crackers can be found in the Sunday school bin. Each child gets a glass of water and fish crackers (un- less otherwise specified because of allergies) at the table."

LEADER: "Let's tell God thank you for our good food. Dear God, thank you for our good snack. We love You, God! Amen."

GROUPS: Creating a Safe Place to Connect (20 - 25 Minutes)

Sheep Round Up

Live for God | Application Activity

Made to Move: An activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn

What You Need: Building blocks, cups, and cotton balls

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Create a square "sheep pen" with the blocks. It only needs to be one block high but should be enclosed. Scatter the cotton balls all around the activity area. These are the sheep.

During the Activity: Give each child a cup. Challenge them to walk around the activity area, pick up the sheep, and place them in their cup. When the cup is full, invite the children to pour the sheep into the pen. Continue the activity until all of the sheep are in the pen.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "We have sheep all over our room! Let's be like David and take care of them. We'll put them back into their pen."

During the Activity: (Give each child a cup.) "Use your cup to hold the sheep that you catch. When your cup is full, you can put them into their pen." *(Point to the pen and do activity.)*

After the Activity: "That was so much fun! God made every part of us. He made us to do BIG THINGS. **Who made you to do big things? [Bottom Line] God made me to do big things!**"

Get Ready to Dismiss

Set any take-home creations where you or parents can get them easily. Greet parents at the door and tell them this month Preschoolers are learning that **[Bottom Line] God made me to do big things!** Connect with parents as they arrive to pick up their children and send home any activities along with the memory verse card.