



## Who Helps You Do Big Things?

# God Helps Me Do Big Things!

Oyster Bay Small Group Guide

Week 1 • May 3/4/5

Side 1 • Small Group # 1

15 minutes



WELCOME

### Welcome each kid by name.

#### Ask:

- Raise your hand if you would like to be as tall as a giraffe.
- Raise your hand if you would like to be as big as an elephant.



BIBLE

### Give each kid a Bible.

#### Say:

- Today's story is a very exciting one. Let's all do our best to follow along in our Bibles. Make sure you are at the same picture that I am at as I read.

#### Read:

- Noah's Ark: Page 26

#### Review:

- Turn to the picture on page 30. Wow! Noah built a huge boat, called an ark, with God's help!
- Give me a thumbs up if you like it when people help you put your shoes on.
- Give me a thumbs up if you like it when people help you swing at the park.
- Give me a thumbs up if you like it when people help you by giving you a yummy dinner.
- It is so nice when people help us!



PRAY

**Pray:** Dear God, thank you for helping [list everyone's name] do big things. We love you. Amen.



ACTIVITY

Put the Basket in the center of the Group.

- Give everyone an Animal.
- Instruct them to toss the Animals into the Basket.
- If they get the Animal in the Basket, have them shout the Bottom Line.

**Continue the activity until Large Group.**



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Side 2 • Snack Time

10 minutes



SNACK TIME

**Provide snack to kids while they are seated around a table.**

- Review the Bottom Line
- Say the Memory Verse for your Group

**Two-year-olds may struggle to stay in Small Group during this time, however there is value in having them sit in a community. Leverage the tool of a snack and creative conversation to help kids remain seated around the table until Parent Pick Up.**



TAKE HOME

As kids get picked up, prompt them to say the Bottom Line to their grown-ups!



PRO TIP

**Toddlers LOVE animals! Use this week's Bible Story to help kids connect the incredible creation of animals to God. As they play with toy animals in kZones, notice animals on the Ark in the Bible Story, or interact with the activity, remind them that God does amazing things, like create animals!**

**I know that God helps me.  
Psalm 54:4**



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Week 2 • May 10/11/12

Side 1 • Small Group # 1

15 minutes



### Welcome each kid by name.

#### Ask:

- Raise your hand if you would like to ride in a giant hot air balloon.
- Raise your hand if you would like to fly in a huge airplane.



### Give each kid a Bible.

#### Say:

- Today's story is a very exciting one. Let's all do our best to follow along in our Bibles. Make sure you are at the same picture that I am at as I read.

#### Read:

- Noah's Ark: Page 26

#### Review:

- Turn to the picture on page 28. Wow! Noah needed God's help planning how to build his boat and he needed God's help getting all of those animals on the boat!
- Give me a thumbs up if God can help you be brave.
- Give me a thumbs up if God can help heal your boo-boos.
- Give me a thumbs up if God loves you.
- Give me a thumbs up if God gave you people who love you.



**Pray:** Dear God, thank you for helping [list everyone's name] do big things. We love you. Amen.



Give everyone a Noah Coloring Sheet.

- Let them color it in.
- Discuss today's story as they color.
- After they are done coloring, help them put a Rainbow Sticker on their picture.

**Continue the activity until Large Group.**



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TAKE HOME

- Noah Coloring Sheet With Rainbow Sticker



PRO TIP

**Toddlers may have a difficult time remaining focused on the Bible Story or discussion topic. If a kid gets off topic, keep listening and acknowledge that they are sharing. This lets kids know that their thoughts and ideas are an important part of a faith community.**

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Week 3 • May 17/18/19

Side 1 • Small Group # 1

15 minutes



**Welcome each kid by name.**

**Ask:**

- Raise your hand if you would like to have a big ice cream sundae.
- Raise your hand if you would like a giant chocolate chip cookie.



**Give each kid a Bible.**

**Say:**

- Today's story is a very exciting one. Let's all do our best to follow along in our Bibles. Make sure you are at the same picture that I am at as I read.

**Read:**

- Noah's Ark: Page 26

**Review:**

- Turn to the picture on page 31. Wow! Noah's family was so thankful to God for all of his help!
- Give me a thumbs up if you can show God you are thankful by praying to him.
- Give me a thumbs up if you can show God you are thankful by singing to him.
- Give me a thumbs up if you can show God you are thankful by reading the Bible.
- Give me a thumbs up if you can show God you are thankful by being nice to others.



**Pray:** Dear God, thank you for helping [list everyone's name] do big things. We love you. Amen.



Play Simon Says with a twist.

- You will be Noah, and give kids prompts to act like animals.
- Examples:
  - Noah says flap your wings like a chicken!
  - Noah says stretch like a cat!
  - Noah says shake your tail like a happy dog!
  - Noah says stomp your feet like a bear!

**Continue the activity until Large Group.**



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TAKE HOME

As kids leave, ask them to share the Bottom Line with their grown-up.



PRO TIP

**For some kids in Oyster Bay, this is their first experience away from their parents and caregivers. If a kid is shy or scared at pick up, remain positive and find something fun and interactive to distract them with. This shows kids that their feelings are valid and that fun and exciting things happen in community at church.**

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Week 4 • May 24/25/26

Side 1 • Small Group # 1

15 minutes



WELCOME

**Welcome each kid by name.**

**Ask:**

- *Raise your hand if you would like to live in a huge castle.*
- *Raise your hand if you would like to live in a giant tree house.*



BIBLE

**Give each kid a Bible.**

**Say:**

- *Today's story is a very exciting one. Let's all do our best to follow along in our Bibles. Make sure you are at the same picture that I am at as I read.*

**Read:**

- Noah's Ark: Page 26

**Review:**

- Turn to the picture on page 33. *Wow! God help Noah do a big thing!*
  - *Give me a thumbs up if God can help you do big things.*
  - *Give me a thumbs up if God can help you be brave.*
  - *Give me a thumbs up if God can help you be strong.*
  - *Give me a thumbs up if God can help you be kind.*



PRAY

**Pray:** *Dear God, thank you for helping [list everyone's name] do big things. We love you. Amen.*



ACTIVITY

**Say:** *Noah had to use lots of tools to build his ark!*

- Take out the Tool Card Set and lay them, picture side up, in the middle of your Group.
- Show kids that there is a card with an outline of the tool that matches the picture of the tool.
- Allow them to take turns matching the cards.
- After all the cards are matched, play again.

**Continue the activity until Large Group.**



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10 minutes



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TAKE HOME

As kids leave, ask them to share the Bottom Line with their grown-up.



PRO TIP

**Did you know you can engage toddlers just by using the sound of your voice? If kids begin to get distracted, start to whisper before shouting the exciting part of a discussion topic. If you notice kids looking away during the Bible Story, use high, low, and silly voices as you read. This gets kid's attention and encourages them to focus on the activity.**

## I know that God helps me.

### Psalm 54:4