

WEEK 4 | OLDER PRESCHOOL

Need to Know: God Helps Me

Bible Story: God Feeds the Israelites

Bible Reference: Exodus 16-17



CIRCLE UP

- DO**
- Welcome kids to church and tell them who you are.
 - **Sanitize** kids' hands. Then allow each child to have a turn reaching in the mystery **bag** to select an **eraser** as they share their name with the group.
 - Have kids do the following based on which eraser is selected:
 - Star - Reach up to touch the stars
 - Boot - Pat your feet
 - Hat - Shake your head all around

SAY *Good job, buckaroos! Thank you for helping us have fun and get to know you!*
Today, God wants you to know that He will always help you! Let me hear you say that after me: (Pause to allow kids to repeat after you)
God (both hands point up)
Helps Me (reach out, palms up)

READ THE BIBLE

DO Read the **Bible Story Cards** aloud to the group.

- SAY**
- *When the people were hungry, did God give them boots for their feet or food to eat? (Food to eat)*
 - *You got it! And when they were thirsty, did God give His people a mountain to climb or water to drink? (Water to drink)*
 - *That's right! When Moses and God's people needed help, they asked God to help them. And what did God do — did He gallop away or help them? (Help them)*
 - *Yessiree! When you need help, you can remember that God will help you, too!*

LET'S PRACTICE

- DO**
- 3
 - 2
 - 1
- Place **pie pans** in a row in the center of the group. (See example on the left)
 - **Sanitize** kids' hands, and allow each child to toss the **pom pom** onto a pie pan.
 - Read one question from the **Leader Guide** that corresponds with the pie pan that the pom pom landed on or is closest to.
 - Continue playing until each child has a turn. Then collect all materials.

SAY *God loves you, and He wants to help you every day! Say this after me: (Allow kids to repeat)*
God (both hands point up)
Helps Me (reach out, palms up)

LET'S PRAY

SAY *Hey God! Thank You for helping us! Please show us how we can help others. We love You! In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.*

MEMORIZE IT

SAY & DO *There's a verse in the Bible that tells us God loves us and has a good plan for you and me. Let's practice now. Repeat after me: (Pause to allow kids to say each line)*
"God is (both hands point up)
always at work (pound fists on top of each other)
for the good of everyone (two thumbs up)
who loves Him." (hug self)
Romans 8:28 (make book with hands)

- DO**
- Have kids pop up and down as they say the verse.
 - For example: (Pop UP) **"God is,** (Pop DOWN) **always at work,** (Pop UP) **for the good,** (Pop DOWN) **of everyone,** (Pop UP) **who loves Him."** (Pop DOWN)
Romans 8:28
 - **Sanitize** kids' hands again, and place **crayons** in the center of the group. Allow kids to color the front and back of their **Coloring Sheets**.