



Preschool Leader Guide

July 5 – Pre-K & Kindergarten

Monthly Theme: God Cares When I Hurt

Today's "Big Deal" Theme Tie: I Need God Every Day

Bible Story Reference: God Was with His People (Exodus 13–40)

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Activity:

Preschoolers will use pool noodles to tell a friend their name.

Big Goal: Learn a new name.

Leader Prep: Cut pool noodles into thirds, one per line of preschoolers.

Supplies:

Pool noodles Several

Adult scissors 1 per group

Script: I see so many smiling faces here today! I am so glad you are here. We are going to play a game where we share our names and welcome each other called "Tunnel Talk!" What is the name of our game? (*Tunnel Talk!*) Great! We are going to use a "tunnel" to tell the friend standing beside us what our name is. (*Hold up a pool noodle.*) Let's all stand in a line. We will pass the pool noodle down the line. Each person will hold the pool noodle near their mouth, without touching the noodle to their lips, and then say their name to the friend standing on the other end of the pool noodle. The friend will hold his end of the noodle up to his ear. (*Demonstrate with another leader.*) We will keep passing the tunnel down the line until all of our friends have had a turn to share their names with their neighbors. What will we say in the tunnel? (*Our names!*) Alright! Let's pass that pool noodle and have some fun playing "Tunnel Talk!"

Raise your hand if you welcomed a friend during our game. (*Raise your hand.*) We had a lot of fun playing "Tunnel Talk!" We are going to have a great time together learning more about God and how He can help us. I can't wait to keep the fun going!

Countdown Video:

Play Countdown Video

Welcome Video:

Play Welcome Video

Music Video:

Script: Let's stand together and sing. Our Theme song reminds us that when we hurt, help is on the way because God cares about us. Let's sing together and celebrate God!

Play Theme Song Video.

Super Clue & Bible Story Video:

Supplies:

Super Box 1 per group

"Super Clue: Crayon" printable 1 per group

Crayon 1 per group (optional)

Bible 1 per group

Big Deal Motions:

Help Is on the Way! *(Bring hands to mouth like you are yelling.)*

God Cares When I Hurt! *(Give yourself a hug.)*

Script: Singing with everyone was so much fun! Did you have fun? *(Allow responses.)* Today we are going to learn what we like to call the Big Deal. A Big Deal teaches us an important truth about God. The Big Deal is a fun phrase with motions to help us remember what we learn about God. Today's Big Deal is, "Help Is on the Way! God Cares When I Hurt!" *(Do the motions above as you say the Big Deal.)* Let's say that together. I'll say it first, and you say it after me! Help Is on the Way! *(Help Is on the Way!)* God Cares When I Hurt! *(God Cares When I Hurt!)* That's super!

Wait! Did you hear what I heard? *(Cuff hand to ear.)* That sound lets us know we have a Super Clue inside our Super Box. Our Super Clue connects to our Big Deal, "Help is on the Way! God Cares When I Hurt!" Let's see what is inside!

(Open the Super Box and pull out the physical Super Clue or Super Clue printable.)

A crayon!? *(Scratch your head as if thinking.)* I know that I use crayons to color pictures for my family and friends, but I wonder what a crayon has to do with our Big Deal, “Help Is on the Way! God Cares When I Hurt!” I know who can help us—our friends in the Clubhouse—the Super Crew! Let’s send this Super Clue to the Super Crew. They will help us figure out how a crayon connects to our Big Deal.

(Place the Super Clue back in the Super Box.)

We can count down and press the “Go” button to send the Super Clue to the Super Crew. When I say, “Go,” I’ll press the button on this Super Box. You can pretend to press the button by pressing one hand on top of the other, like this! *(Hold one palm faceup and press the other palm to it facedown, like pressing a button.)*

Ready? 3-2-1 Go!

Play Bible Story Video.

Script: *(To screen)* Thanks, Super Crew!

(To preschoolers) Wow! We need God every day. In our Bible story, God’s people, the Israelites (IZ ray el ights), needed God every day to help them through hard and difficult times. God loved His people and cared for them, and God cares for us when we hurt too. God cares when our bodies hurt, like if we scrape our knees or bump our heads. God also cares when we feel sad, mad, lonely, or afraid. God cares about us anytime we hurt.

Our Super Clue today is a crayon. A crayon can be used every day to draw and color. It reminds us that we need God every day and that God cares about us. That reminds me of our Big Deal, “Help Is on the Way! God Cares When I Hurt!” God is with us every day because He loves us.

Let’s get ready to pray. *Praying* is talking and listening to God. Let’s close our eyes and bow our heads so we can focus on God as we pray.

God, thank You for today and the reminder that You are with us every day. We need You every day. Thank You for loving us and caring for us when we hurt. In Jesus’ name, amen.

Game:

Preschoolers will guess a picture being drawn from the Bible story.

Big Goal: Remember the Bible story.

Supplies:

Dry erase board 1 per group

Dry erase markers Several

Dry eraser 1 per group

Paper Several; optional

Markers Several; optional

Clipboard 1 per group; optional

Script: We are going to play a game called “Guess the Drawing” to help us remember things that happened in our Bible story today. What is the game called? *(Guess the Drawing!)* Great job! God’s people went through a lot of hard and difficult things, but God was always with them. God always helps us. When does God help us? *(Always!)* I am going to draw a picture of something from our Bible story. I want you to try to guess what I am drawing. Remember, it will be something from our Bible story. Where will the pictures I draw come from? *(The Bible story!)* That’s right! OK, let’s remember our story because it’s time to guess the drawing. *(Draw items such as fire, a cloud, the Red Sea, water by drawing rain drops, food from heaven by drawing bread, and so on.)*

Great job playing “Guess the Drawing!” The pictures I drew helped us remember today’s Bible story. There was a pillar of fire and a pillar of smoke that God’s people followed, the food God provided, and even the sea that they crossed. In our Bible story, God’s people faced some scary and hard things, but God was with them every day. God took care of them. He will take care of us too.

Theme Verse Video:

Theme Verse Motions:

Your Father knows *(Raise hands up with palms facing each other.)*

the things you need *(Bring hands down to shoulders making a fist.)*

before you ask him. *(Make praying hands at chest.)*

Matthew 6:8b *(Hold hands out like a book.)*

Script: We can learn that God cares for us when we hurt by reading the Bible. The Bible is God's Book. The Bible is true, and it's for you! (*Open Bible to Matthew 6 and show the Bible to the group.*) Our Theme verse comes from Matthew 6. Let's watch a video to help us learn our Theme verse.

Play Theme Verse Video.

Script: God knows what we need before we even ask. He knows when we are hurting and when we need His help. In today's Bible story, we learned about the many ways God helped His people. He knew their hurts and their problems. God cared for them and was with them every day. We can remember that God cares for us and knows what we need each day too.

Craft:

Preschoolers will create a picture of a crayon that unfolds to reveal the Main Idea.

Big Goal: Remember what is super about the Super Clue.

Leader Prep: Print "Super Clue Stretch" printables, one per child, and pre-fold at the dotted lines.

Supplies:

"Super Clue Stretch" printable 1 per child

Crayons Several

"Super Clue Stretch Instructions & Example" printable 1 per group

Craft Instructions:

1. Before the session, print "Super Clue Stretch" printables, front and back, one per child, and pre-fold at the dotted lines.
2. Give each child a "Super Clue Stretch" printable.
3. Instruct preschoolers to use crayons to color and decorate their pages.
4. Show them how to unfold and open their pictures to see how they stretch out to be larger crayons. Read the words on the crayon.

Script: Our Super Clue today is a crayon. What is our Super Clue? (*A crayon!*) That's right! We can use crayons every day to have fun while coloring pictures. I want you to use crayons, our Super Clue, to decorate your crayon printable. (*Show crayon printable and open the folds to reveal the words.*) You can decorate your picture with your favorite colors. A crayon reminds us we need God's help every day.

I love seeing everyone's stretching Super Clues. They are such fun reminders that God cares for us and that we need God's help every day. God cares for us in big ways and small ways. God cares for us all of the time, and He even cares when we hurt! The next time you see a crayon you can remember that we need God and that He cares for us every day.

Room Refresh & Clean Up:

Script: Okay friends, it is time for us to clean up! Let's walk around the room and find objects and toys that are out of place. We need to see where they belong and put them back! Look at the pictures around the room to help. This is an important way to show our love for our church.

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Pick Up Time:

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Today's "Big Deal" Theme Tie: I Need God to Forgive Me

Bible Story Reference: Jesus and the Samaritan Woman (John 4:1-42)

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Activity:

Preschoolers will work together to find and rescue animals hidden around the room.

Big Goal: Be a part of the team.

Leader Prep: Place the hula hoop in the center of the room. Hide animals throughout the room.

Supplies:

Stuffed animals 7 per group

Hula hoop 1 per group

Script: We have a very important mission today! We are going to rescue some animals that are lost and need to be found. What are we going to rescue? (*Animals!*) There are animals hidden around the room. It is your job to work as a team to find the animals and bring them to safety, which is this hula hoop. (*Point to the hula hoop.*) Where are you going to bring the animals? (*To the hula hoop!*) It seems like you are ready for the mission. When I say, “Go,” the rescue can begin. Don’t forget to work together. 3-2-1 Go!

Wow! Everyone did an amazing job rescuing these animals. I am so glad you worked together to accomplish this mission. The animals needed your help to get back to a safe place. Today we are going to learn about how we need God’s help. God is always near and ready to help us. I am so glad you helped my animal friends. It’s going to be a great day!

Countdown Video:

Play Countdown Video

Welcome Video:

Play Welcome Video

Music Video:

Script: Let’s sing our Theme song together. I love singing with my friends. Our Theme song reminds us that God cares when we hurt.

Play Theme Song Video.

Super Clue & Bible Story Video:

Supplies:

Super Box 1 per group

“Super Clue: Broken Toy” printable 1 per group

Broken Toy 1 per group (optional)

Bible 1 per group

Big Deal Motions:

Help Is on the Way! *(Bring hands to mouth like you are yelling.)*

God Cares When I Hurt! *(Give yourself a hug.)*

Script: Today our Big Deal tells us about how God cares when we hurt, and as you might have guessed, it is kind of a big deal! Our Big Deal teaches us something important about God. We will say it a couple of times today and learn some motions to help us remember this special truth about God. Our Big Deal today is, “Help Is on the Way! God Cares When I Hurt!” Let’s try saying it together. I’ll say it first, and you say it after me. *(Use motions above as you say the Big Deal.)* Help Is on the Way! *(Help Is on the Way!)* God Cares When I Hurt! *(God Cares When I Hurt!)* Awesome! Today we are going to learn about how we need God to forgive us. God cares about each of us, and He is always ready to help. God helps us by forgiving us. When God forgives us He lets go of our wrong choices and no longer sees our sins, the wrong choices we make. He sees what Jesus did for us and invites us into a friendship with Himself. That’s super!

Wow! Did you hear that? That sound means we have a Super Clue in our Super Box. I wonder what it could be? Let’s open the Super Box and see what’s inside!

(Open the Super Box and pull out the physical Super Clue or Super Clue printable.)

Oh no! Our Super Clue is a toy, but it looks like it is broken! What could we do with a broken toy? We couldn’t even play with a toy that is broken! I wonder how a broken toy connects to our Big Deal, “Help Is on the Way! God Cares When I Hurt!” I have an idea! Let’s put this back in the Super Box and send it over to our friends, the Super Crew, at the Clubhouse. They will know how to help us!

(Place the Super Clue back in the Super Box.)

We can count down and press the “Go” button to send the Super Clue to the Super Crew. When I say, “Go,” I’ll press the button on this Super Box. You can pretend to press the button by

pressing one hand on top of the other, like this! (*Hold one palm faceup and press the other palm to it facedown, like pressing a button.*)

Ready? 3-2-1 Go!

Play Bible Story Video.

Script: (*To screen*) Thanks, Super Crew!

(*To preschoolers*) The woman in our Bible story today needed God to forgive her. Jesus knew everything about the woman, even her wrong choices. Jesus forgave the woman. We have all made wrong choices too. We need God's forgiveness, just like the woman in the story needed God to forgive her.

Our Super Clue, a broken toy, reminds us that we all have something else that is broken—our friendship with God. But God sent Jesus to help us! Let's say, "Help is on the way!" together! "Help is on the way!" Great job!

God sent Jesus to take the punishment for the wrong choices we make, called sin. Sin causes really big hurts in our life. But God sent Jesus to help us. God sent Jesus to forgive us and give us a new friendship with God! When we believe in Jesus and ask Him to forgive us for our wrong choices, He does!

That is a big deal! Let's say it together. I will say it first, and you say it after me. Help Is on the Way! (*Help Is on the Way!*) God Cares When I Hurt! (*God Cares When I Hurt!*) Awesome!

Let's pray and thank God for making a way for us to have a friendship with Him. *Prayer* is talking and listening to God. Let's all bow our heads and close our eyes while we talk to God so we don't get distracted and can focus on God!

God, thank You so much for loving us and taking care of us. Thank You for helping us and forgiving us. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

Game:

Preschoolers will work together in teams to assemble a broken pool noodle.

Big Goal: Remember the Super Clue.

Leader Prep: Gather pool noodles of varying colors based on the number of teams you have. Do not duplicate colors. Cut each pool noodle into 12 segments. Place all pieces of the pool noodles in the center of the room.

Supplies:

Pool noodles (different colors) Several

Adult scissors or knife 1 per group

Script: Can anyone tell me where we might use this toy? *(Allow responses.)* That's right! We can use this in a pool or at the beach. But it seems to me that we have quite a few broken pool noodles in this pile. For our relay today, we are going to form teams and work together to fix our broken pool noodles. When I say, "Go," a member of your team will run to this pile and find a piece of pool noodle that is your team's assigned color. Your team member will return to the team and place the pool noodle on the floor. Your team will work together to line up the pool noodle pieces to look like a full pool noodle. *(Demonstrate how to move to the pile, grab a noodle piece, and place it in a line. Continue until all pool noodles are complete.)*

This was so fun! I enjoyed watching you work together to fix this broken toy. Our Super Clue, a broken toy, reminds us that we all have a broken friendship with God and need His forgiveness so we can have a friendship with God. I am so glad God sent His Son, Jesus, so that we can have a friendship with God.

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Play Theme Verse Video.

Script: You did a great job saying our Theme verse. One of the ways God cares for us is that He knows what we need, even before we do. That is incredible! God cares for us, helps us, and provides what we need, when we need it.

Craft:

Preschoolers will make friendship wristbands to help them remember the Bible story.

Big Goal: Remember the Bible story.

Leader Prep: Cut 1-inch strips of various colors of construction paper, one per child.

Supplies:

Construction paper Several

Crayons Several

Stickers Several

Adult scissors 1 per group

Tape 1 per group; optional

“Make A Friendship Wristband Instructions & Example” printable 1 per group

Craft Instructions:

1. Before the session, cut 1-inch strips of various colors of construction paper, one per child.
2. Give each child a strip of paper, crayons, and stickers.
3. Lead preschoolers to color their wristbands and apply stickers.
4. Wrap the paper strip around the child’s wrist and secure the end with another sticker or tape. Cut excess paper if desired.

Script: When God forgives us, we can have a friendship with Him. What can we have? (*A friendship with Him!*) We are going to make friendship wristbands by coloring these strips of paper and decorating them with stickers. When you finish decorating, a leader will help you put your wristband on your arm. We want these to be a reminder that God forgives our sins, the wrong choices we make, when we ask Him.

The Samaritan woman in our Bible story needed God to forgive her of the wrong choices she made. God knew all the woman had done, and He still loved her and forgave her. Because God forgave her, she was able to have a friendship with God. We need a friendship with God too. I am so thankful Jesus forgives us of our sin when we ask Him so we can have a friendship with God.

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Today's "Big Deal" Theme Tie: I Need God's Help

Bible Story Reference: Jesus Provided Bread from Heaven (Matthew 14:13-21; Mark 6:30-44; Luke 9:10-17; John 6:1-14)

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Activity:

Preschoolers will work as a team to find a list of items hidden around the room.

Big Goal: Be seen, heard, and known by my team.

Leader Prep: Make copies of the first page of the “Rescue Scavenger Hunt,” printable, one per child. Print and cut apart the other printable pages and hide them around the room.

Supplies:

“Rescue Scavenger Hunt” printable 1 per child

Crayons 1 per child

Painter’s tape 1 per group; optional

Adult scissors 1 per group

Script: Hello, friends! We have an exciting activity planned for today. We are going on a scavenger hunt. A scavenger hunt is where we look for certain items hidden in the room until we find all of them on our list. Each of you will get a paper with pictures of what we are looking for. I will read the entire list aloud first, and then we will work together to find one item at a time. When an item is found, you can mark the checkbox next to it with your crayon to show you have found the item. Each of our items are rescue items, which are things that helpers in our community use. This will be fun! OK, let me tell you what is on the list so we can start looking! *(Read the list aloud. Direct preschoolers to find the first item.)* Are we ready? *(Allow responses.)* Let’s get started!

We had such a great time working together to find our scavenger hunt items! We had to work together to finish the scavenger hunt. We have an exciting time ahead of us. We are going to learn about God and how we need His help. I am so thankful God helps us.

Countdown Video:

Play Countdown Video

Welcome Video:

Play Welcome Video

Music Video:

Script: Alright, friends! We are going to stand up and sing our Theme song together. Our Theme song reminds us that God cares when we hurt. Sometimes our hurts are on our bodies, like when we fall and scrape our knees. Our hurts can also be times when we may feel sad, mad, or lonely. We can know that whenever we hurt, God is with us and cares about us. He is there to help. Ready? Let’s sing!

Play Theme Song Video.

Super Clue & Bible Story Video:

Supplies:

Super Box 1 per group

"Super Clue: Ambulance" printable 1 per group

Toy ambulance 1 per group (optional)

Bible 1 per group

Big Deal Motions:

Help Is on the Way! *(Bring hands to mouth like you are yelling.)*

God Cares When I Hurt! *(Give yourself a hug.)*

Script: Each week we make a big deal out of what we like to call the Big Deal. The Big Deal teaches us an important truth about God. Our Big Deal today is, "Help Is on the Way! God Cares When I Hurt!" *(Say the Big Deal and demonstrate the motions.)* Let's learn it together! I'll say it first, and you say it after me! *(Use motions above.)* Help Is on the Way! *(Help Is on the Way!)* God Cares When I Hurt! *(God Cares When I Hurt!)* Super job!

Did you hear that? That sound is letting us know there is a Super Clue in our Super Box! Each week we get a new Super Clue to help us connect our Big Deal and Bible story. I can't wait to see what is inside! Let's open it up and see what our Super Clue is!

(Open the Super Box and pull out the physical Super Clue or Super Clue printable.)

An ambulance! Our Super Clue today is an ambulance! These drive quickly through the streets to help people. They sometimes make loud noises. But I wonder how an ambulance might connect to our Big Deal, "Help Is on the Way! God Cares When I Hurt!" I know who can help us. Let's send this Super Clue to our friends in the Clubhouse, the Super Crew. They will know how our Super Clue, an ambulance, connects to our Big Deal.

(Place the Super Clue back in the Super Box.)

We can count down and press the "Go" button to send the Super Clue to the Clubhouse. When I say, "Go," I'll press the button on this Super Box. You can pretend to press the button by pressing one hand on top of the other, like this! *(Hold one palm faceup and press the other palm to it facedown, like pressing a button.)*

Ready? 3-2-1 Go!

Play Bible Story Video.

Script: *(To screen)* Thank you, Super Crew!

(To preschoolers) Great, job friends! That was a super special Bible story! We learned that we need God's help. In our Bible story we heard about how Jesus helped a group of people who were hungry and needed food. Jesus took five loaves of bread and two fish, thanked God for the food, and then gave it to the people to eat. It kept growing and multiplying. There was enough food for everyone to eat! Jesus helped by feeding thousands of people with just five loaves of bread and two fish.

Our Super Clue is an ambulance. When we see an ambulance, we know people are on the way to provide help for someone. God cares for us and helps us too. An ambulance can remind us that God cares when we hurt. Let's say our Big Deal together. Ready? I will say it first, and you say it after me. Help Is on the Way! *(Help Is on the Way!)* God Cares When I Hurt! *(God Cares When I Hurt!)* Good job, everyone! When we fall down, bump our heads, or scrape our knees, these are physical hurts. Sometimes, though, we might feel sad, lonely, mad, or afraid. These are emotional hurts. These are hurts we feel on the inside in our hearts. No matter what kind of hurt we are feeling, we can know God cares about us.

Let's pray, which is talking and listening to God. As we pray we can thank God for His help and care.

God, thank You for helping us. You know exactly what we need and help us, even when we hurt. Thank You! In Jesus' name, amen.

Game:

Preschoolers will freeze in place and pretend to be a statue when they hear an ambulance siren.

Big Goal: Reinforce the Super Clue.

Supplies:

Siren sound 1 per group

Script: Our Super Clue today is an ambulance. An ambulance lets everyone know that help is on the way using a siren. How does an ambulance let everyone know help is on the way? *(A siren!)* That's right! Today we are going to play "Siren Statue Game!" I want everyone to move around the room, but when you hear a siren sound, I want you to freeze like a statue. This will be the siren sound. *(Play the siren sound or make the sound so preschoolers know what they are listening for.)* You must stay in your statue pose until you hear me say, "Help is on the way!" Let's play "Siren Statue Game!"

At first, I didn't know how an ambulance would help me understand something about God's help, but now I know. We need God's help every day. An ambulance brings help to the people who need it. God is always ready to help us because He loves us so much.

Theme Verse Video:

Theme Verse Motions:

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the things you need *(Bring hands down to shoulders making a fist.)*
before you ask him. *(Make praying hands at chest.)*
Matthew 6:8b *(Hold hands out like a book.)*

Script: We can learn that God cares when we hurt in the Bible. The Bible is God's Book. The Bible is true, and it's for you! Our Theme verse is Matthew 6:8b. Let me show you where that is in the Bible. *(Point to verse in Bible and who preschoolers where it is and read the verse aloud.)* Let's watch this video to learn our Theme verse from the Bible.

Play Theme Verse Video.

Script: Our Theme verse reminds us that God knows exactly what we need. When we ask God for help, we are showing Him that we know He is the One we can trust. We are showing God that we need Him every day. God knows the help that we need before we even ask.

Craft:

Preschooler will make a paper chain using fish to show how Jesus multiplied the fish.

Big Goal: Remember the Bible story.

Leader Prep: Print “Fish Paper Chain” printables, one per child. Cut printables in half along the dotted line.

Supplies:

“Fish Paper Chain” printable 1 per child

Adult scissors 1 per group

Crayons Several

Brads 1 per child

“Fish Paper Chain Instructions & Example” printable 1 per group

Craft Instructions:

1. Before the session, print “Fish Paper Chain” printables, one per child. Cut printables in half along the dotted line.
2. Lead preschoolers to color the two fish on their half of the printable.
3. Assist them in using a brad to connect each of the fish. Punch the brad through the black dot on the printable.
4. Fold pictures on top of each other and then expand to show how Jesus multiplied the fish.

Script: In our Bible story today, Jesus prayed over a small number of fish and bread so that a lot of people could be fed. What food did Jesus have to give the people? (*Fish and bread!*) That’s right! We are going to make a paper fish chain to show how Jesus multiplied the food in the Bible story. I am going to give you two fish to color for our chain. When you finish coloring them, a leader will come collect your fish so that we can connect them all together.

(*Fold the pictures on top of each other and then expand.*) I love how we worked together to make this classroom fish chain. This reminds us of our Bible story and how Jesus fed the crowds of people. They were hungry, but they wanted to stay and listen to Jesus teach. They did not want to go home. Jesus prayed over the two fish and five loaves of bread. The food increased so all the people were fed. When we need God’s help, we can ask Him for help. He cares for us.

Room Refresh & Clean Up:

Script: Okay friends, it is time for us to clean up! Let’s walk around the room and find objects and toys that are out of place. We need to see where they belong and put them back! Look at the pictures around the room to help. This is an important way to show our love for our church.

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Pick Up Time:

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Preschool Leader Guide

July 26 – Pre-K & Kindergarten

Monthly Theme: God Cares When I Hurt

Today's "Big Deal" Theme Tie: I Need God's Hope

Bible Story Reference: God Provided for Elijah (1 Kings 17:8-16)

Snack Time This can be done at any point during the hour except for within the last fifteen minutes in the classrooms to ensure that everything is able to be cleaned up and put away prior to parent pick up. Use your discretion as the classroom leader in choosing when to distribute snack to children.

**Previews of all videos listed below can be found on the Teacher Resource Page in the corresponding digital media folder.*

Welcome & Connect Time:

Use this time to welcome children as they arrive! Introduce yourself, learn names, and help children learn their friends' names. Connect Time is an easy way to help a child feel included and part of the team right from the beginning. The purpose is to help kids meet other kids, connect with their leaders, and feel a part of the team. These "stations" are already found all around each preschool classroom. Building blocks, cars, baby dolls, or any of the other toys and manipulatives in the classrooms for kids to play with. Please feel free to pull out blank paper and writing/drawing materials as well as playdough and cookie cutters. All of these are available to you for use during this time. If you need any other items, please feel free to let Katie Grace or your hallway coordinator for the week know and they will work on next steps to secure those items for your room.

Treehouse Music & Worship:

Using the Treehouse TVs select the **Preschool Worship** or **Kid's Worship Sing & Dance Along** playlist to play 3 songs for worship time. Pray to open your time in the treehouse and then after the final song send kiddos back to their classrooms to do Super Clue and Bible Story.

Please note: ***THE PUPPET STAGE DOOR SHOULD BE CLOSED AT ALL TIMES FOR SAFETY AND SECURITY. Both the door to the treehouse storage closet and the door to the back of the treehouse must remain closed during programming as both pose a safety and security risk for children.***

Activity:

Preschoolers will build a community using blocks and talk about community helpers.

Big Goal: Share with friends.

Leader Prep: Print and cut out "Build A Community" printables, one per group. Tape the pictures of the community helpers to blocks.

Supplies:

“Build A Community” printable 1 per group

Adult scissors 1 per group

Blocks Several

Tape 1 per group

Script: Hello, friends! I’m so glad you are here today! I have a question for you. Have you ever heard of a community helper before? *(Allow responses.)* A community helper is someone in our community who does a special job to help us with many different things. Some keep us safe, some teach us, and some deliver our mail. You know, we have community helpers all around us—at the library, at hospitals, at grocery stores, and even at the firehouse. Let’s all work together and build a community. We can make houses, parks, the library, or even the doctor’s office. What are we going to use to make our community? *(Blocks!)* I also have some community helpers here. *(Show the helpers taped to the blocks.)* You can use these to move around your community. I can’t wait to see the community you build together.

This was so much fun working together. Everyone did a great job sharing ideas and sharing blocks with each other. Today we are going to learn about how God helps us. You know, one way that God helps us is by helping us share with others. If you are ready to have some fun and learn together, I want you to give me an air high five. *(Allow preschoolers to respond.)*
Awesome!

Countdown Video:

Play Countdown Video

Welcome Video:

Play Welcome Video

Music Video:

Script: Let’s sing our Theme song. We can sing together and celebrate God together. Ready? Let’s sing and have some fun.

Play Theme Song Video.

Super Clue & Bible Story Video:

Supplies:

Super Box 1 per group

“Super Clue: Weather Chart” printable 1 per group

Weather Chart 1 per group (optional)

Bible 1 per group

Big Deal Motions:

Help Is on the Way! *(Bring hands to mouth like you are yelling.)*

God Cares When I Hurt! *(Give yourself a hug.)*

Script: Today’s Big Deal talks about how God cares for us when we hurt. God cares about us all of the time, but when we are sad, scared, mad, or worried, we can know that God will help us because He cares for us even when we hurt. Our Big Deal teaches us something important about God. It is, “Help Is on the Way! God Cares When I Hurt!” *(Say the Big Deal using the motions above.)* Let’s say our Big Deal together. I’ll say it first, and you say it after me. Help Is on the Way! *(Help Is on the Way!)* God Cares When I Hurt! *(God Cares When I Hurt!)* You catch on quickly! Super!

Did you hear that? That means there is a Super Clue in our Super Box. Our Super Clue is something that connects to our Big Deal, “Help Is on the Way! God Cares When I Hurt!” I am so excited to see what our Super Clue is. If you are excited to see what it is, give me a thumbs-up. *(Allow responses.)* Great! Let’s open our Super Box and see what is inside.

(Open the Super Box and pull out the physical Super Clue or Super Clue printable.)

Our Super Clue today is a weather chart. A weather chart tells us what the weather could be like. It tells us if the weather outside is sunny, cloudy, rainy, or snowy. But I wonder how a weather chart connects to our Big Deal, “Help Is on the Way! God Cares When I Hurt!” I know some friends who can help us out—the Super Crew! These friends can help us connect our Super Clue to our Big Deal! Let’s send this Super Clue over to the Super Crew at the Clubhouse.

(Place the Super Clue back in the Super Box.)

We can count down and press the “Go” button to send the Super Clue to the Super Crew. When I say, “Go,” I’ll press the button on this Super Box. You can pretend to press the button by pressing one hand on top of the other, like this! *(Hold one palm faceup and press the other palm to it facedown, like pressing a button.)*

Ready? 3-2-1 Go!

Play Bible Story Video.

Script: *(To screen)* Thank you, Super Crew! That is just what we needed.

(To preschoolers) We all need God's hope. *Hope* is waiting and trusting that something good is coming. In our Bible story today, Elijah was hungry and didn't have any food. He was hurting and needed God to take care of him. Elijah had hope that God would provide exactly what he needed because he trusted God. He knew that God would meet his needs and help him because God cared for him.

Our Super Clue today is a weather chart. When we look at a weather chart, we can hope that the weather chart shows us that there is a sunny day ahead so we will get to go outside and play. We need God's hope every day. God's hope helps us know that He is with us and cares about us, even when we hurt. Sometimes our hurts are on our bodies, like when we fall and scrape our knees. Other times our hurts are when we feel sad, mad, or lonely. No matter what kind of hurt we are going through, we can know that God cares for us, and He loves us!

Let's say our Big Deal again together. I'll say it first, and you say it after me. Ready? Help Is on the Way! *(Help Is on the Way!)* God Cares When I Hurt! *(God Cares When I Hurt!)* Good job!

Let's have a time of prayer where we talk and listen to God.

God, thank You so much for this day You have given us. Thank You that we can hope in and trust You to take care of us. We are so thankful for You! In Jesus' name, amen.

Game:

Preschoolers will play a game where they ask the "weather friend" what the weather is for the day and mimic the type of weather that is predicted.

Big Goal: Remember what is super about the Super Clue.

Script: Can anyone tell me what our Super Clue is today? *(A weather chart!)* That's right! Our Super Clue is a weather chart. A weather chart tells us the kind of weather that will be happening for the day. If we see snow on the weather chart, we will know it is going to be cold. If we see sunshine, we will know we can go outside and play. If there is rain, we might need to take an umbrella. For our game today, as a group you will call out, "Weather friend! Weather

friend! What's the weather?" Let's practice that! I'll say it first, and then you say it after me. Weather friend! Weather friend! (*Weather friend! Weather friend!*) What's the weather? (*What's the weather?*) Awesome! The weather friend will respond with a type of weather. The weather could be sunny, rainy, or snowy. It is your job to respond to what the weather friend says by playing out the type of weather mentioned. For a sunny day, we might open our arms high above our heads to represent the sun's rays. For a rainy day, we might pretend like we are opening an umbrella. For a snowy day, we might wiggle our fingers like snowflakes falling. After each round of weather, you will ask the weather friend for the next forecast by saying, "Weather friend! Weather friend! What's the weather?" Give me a thumbs-up if you are ready for the game. (*Allow responses.*) Let's play!

You did awesome playing like you were the weather! Those sunny days were my favorite! Our game reminds us of our Super Clue—a weather chart. When we look at a weather chart, we can hope there is a sunny day so we can go outside and play. We can hope and trust in God that He is going to take care of us and help us.

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Script: We can learn about more about God and the hope He gives us in the Bible. Today's Theme verse is going to teach us about how we can know God will help us. Our Theme verse is from the book of Matthew. Let me show you where that is in my Bible. (*Open the Bible to Matthew 6:8. Point out the verse to preschoolers and read it aloud.*) Let's watch this video together to learn our Theme verse.

Play Theme Verse Video.

Script: That was great! God will help us through anything we are going through and take care of us. He knows exactly what we need before we even ask Him. It is so nice to know that when I hope in God, He will take care of me. This is an excellent truth from God's Word for us to remember.

Craft:

Preschoolers will decorate “Hope” signs.

Big Goal: Reinforce the Main Idea: **I need God’s hope.**

Leader Prep: Print “Hope Sign” printables, one per child.

Supplies:

“Hope Sign” printable 1 per child

Stickers Several

Crayons Several

“Hope Sign Instructions & Example” printable 1 per group

Craft Instructions:

1. Before the session, print “Hope Sign” printables, one per child.
2. Give each child a sign, crayons, and stickers.
3. Lead preschoolers to trace the letters with crayons, then decorate the sign with crayons and stickers.

Script: Our Main Idea today is **I need God’s hope.** *(Hold up a copy of the printable.)* Hope means waiting and trusting that something good is coming. We are going to make a sign to take home to help us remember what we learned about today. We can hope in God and believe He will care for our needs. A leader is going to pass out a sign to you. I want you to trace the letters on the sign using a crayon. The letters spell the word *hope*. After you trace the letters, you can use stickers and crayons to decorate your signs. I can’t wait to see what you create to take home.

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