



LOW-ENERGY GAME

You're Invited

[10 min]

Supplies

- parachute or large, flat bedsheet
- ping-pong balls (1 for every 2 people)
- upbeat music (optional)
- music player (optional)

Bounce Ping-Pong Balls

Say: **Today's Bible story was *amazing* because God worked through Paul to make Eutychus all better after he fell out of a window. God is miraculous, and God invites all of us to be a part of the awesome things he does. Let's play a game to see what it's like to be invited to be part of something awesome!**

- Have all the adult or teen helpers spread out the parachute between them and sit, holding the parachute taut.
- Have preschoolers gather around the helpers, standing about 5 feet away.
- Place the ping-pong balls on the parachute, and have the helpers start to wiggle and move the parachute to make the ping-pong balls bounce. If any balls fall off, simply put them back on the parachute.
- If you'd like, play upbeat music and let the preschoolers watch the fun the helpers are having for about 30 seconds.
- Then have the helpers begin to invite the preschoolers by name, one at a time, to join the parachute circle and be a part of the fun.
- Cue the helpers to call out a new name about every 10 seconds, or you can vary the time interval.
- Reset and play as many rounds as time allows. You could even play a round where the kids start at the parachute and call each teen and adult helper by name one by one.

Talk About It

Ask: • **What was it like to get to be part of the awesome fun?**

Say: **In the game, the helpers invited you to be part of the awesome thing they were doing. God invites us to be part of the awesome, miraculous things he does—like he invited Paul to be part of helping Eutychus. It's fun to think about what awesome things God might invite us to do with him.**

Let's imagine some together.

Share an example of something *you* hope God does through you, such as helping another person begin a relationship with Jesus.

Ask: • **What are awesome things *you* hope God does with you?** Kids may need you to continue helping them to imagine things, like helping someone who's very sad remember he or she is loved or helping a grown-up learn more about Jesus.

Say: **God is miraculous, and he works through us. That means he invites us to be a part of the amazing things he's doing in our world every day!**



TALK-ABOUT VIDEO
Caution: Open Window

[10 min]

Supplies

- “Caution: Open Window” teaching video

Discuss and Watch “Caution: Open Window”

Say: In today’s Bible story, Paul was preaching to a group of people really late. And then a guy named Eutychus fell out the window and died! Thankfully, God is miraculous, and he works through us. He worked through Paul to bring Eutychus back to life.

Ask: • What would you say to Eutychus about this story? to Paul?

Say: Let’s see what a girl about your age has to say about Eutychus’ fall.

Watch “Caution: Open Window.”

Ask: • **Have you ever seen a miracle? Tell about it.** If you have a story of your own, share it first.

• **Why do you think God chooses to work through people to do miracles?**

• **What amazing things do you think God might have in store for you?**

Say: God is miraculous, and he works through us. As the narrator said, “God can do some amazing things through some very ordinary people.” He might just have some incredible miracles planned to do through you!



DEEPER BIBLE Help the Water Move

[15 min]

Supplies

- popcorn
- small cups (2 per child)
- straws (1 per child)
- sweetened powdered lemonade mix
- pitcher of water

Easy Prep

- Put a small amount of lemonade powder in 1 cup per child (enough to sweeten about half a cup of water). Fill each child's second cup half full with water.

Tip

- You may want to have a pitcher of lemonade already prepared and set aside for refills at the end.

Eat a Snack

Have kids sit at a table. Give each child a small amount of popcorn. While the kids are eating, tell them about a time someone let *you* help do something. Share an example from your childhood, if possible—for example, your mom let you help make cookies, or your dad let you help him fix something.

Ask: • **Tell about a time *you* helped your mom or dad with something.** Kids might share about times they helped Dad sweep the floor or times they helped Mom plant a vegetable plant. Encourage children to tell how it made them feel to help.

Say: **In our story today, God brought Eutychus back from the dead, and Paul got to help. I bet that made Paul feel pretty special. It's so great that God works through us. When God takes care of people, sometimes he lets us help, too.**

Move the Water

Say: **That popcorn was good, but it sure did make me thirsty. God wants to take care of our needs, even when we need a drink. And God can use us to help our thirsty neighbors. Let's be helpful now and make a drink for a neighbor.** Hold up a straw. **We'll each use a straw in a surprising way to make a drink!**

- Give each child a set of cups and a straw. Ask kids not to drink the water with the straw.
- Show kids how to put one end of the straw into the water and use a finger to cover the opposite end of the straw to hold the water in the straw when it's lifted.
- Help kids practice holding the water in the straw in this way, lifting the straw, and then letting the water out into the same cup by releasing the finger covering the top of the straw.
- When kids understand how to do it, help them use the same technique to move the water to their second cups.
- When all the water has been moved to the lemonade cups, have the kids offer it to a thirsty neighbor, making sure each child ends up with a cup of

lemonade.

Talk About It

Say: Thanks for being great helpers! You used the straw in a surprising way to help make the lemonade. Sometimes God uses *us* in a surprising way to help people.

Share what *you* like about being a part of something and helping.

Ask: • What did you like about being a helper in making lemonade?

Say: It's fun to be a helper, and it feels good to help someone. I guess I could've just given you all lemonade myself, but I was happy to include you as helpers! I thought you'd want to be a part of it! Like that, God likes when we're a part of the miraculous things he does. That's why God works through us. God gives us his power to help others, like God gave his power to Paul to help Eutychus.



LIFE APPLICATION WRAP-UP

God, Do a Miracle Through Me

[5 min]

Supplies

- bulletin board paper
- heart stickers (1 per child)

Easy Prep

- Draw a basic human shape on the bulletin board paper.

Share About Needs

Say: **Today we found out that God is miraculous, and he works through us. We found out that we can look for people who need help, and we can ask God to give us his power to help them.**

Share about someone *you* know who has a need. Say: **I want God to use his power to work through me and help [person's name].** Place a sticker on the body part of the basic human shape on the bulletin board paper that symbolizes the need your friend or family member has. If the person is going through a divorce, you might put the sticker on the person's heart. If the person needs a job, you might put the sticker on the person's hand so he or she can find a job to do with his or her hands. If the person hurt his knee, you'd put the sticker on the person's knee.

Ask: • **Share about someone *you* know who needs help or is sad or hurt.** As each child shares, help him or her place a sticker in a place that could symbolize the need.

Pray

Say: **God can help these people because God is miraculous, and he can help the people using his power through us. Let's talk to God now. We'll ask him to help our friends and families with their needs. And we'll ask God to show us how we can help them, too. God can give us his power to help them.**

Lead children in a brief prayer, asking God to use his miraculous powers to help all the people the kids prayed about. Let kids say prayers for their friends and families if they want to. Then ask God to use his power to work through all of you.



ACTIVITY PAGES WITH A POINT Back Together

[10 min]

Supplies

- “Paul Brings Eutychus Back to Life” Coloring Page (1 per non-reader)
- crayons

Younger Kids: Color a Coloring Page

Distribute the coloring pages and crayons. Say: **God is miraculous.**

When a young man fell out the window and died, God used Paul to bring the man back to life!

Allow time for kids to color.