

SOCIAL 1/3

Match the Helpers



What You Need

- ☐ "Match the Big Helpers" Activity Page
- ☐ "Match the Small Helpers" Activity Page
- ☐ Cardstock
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Painter's tape
- ☐ Chairs

EveryChild Tips



If any child has limited mobility, modify by bringing the chairs closer or having children point instead of walking.

Use simple, repeated language for comprehension (e.g., "Find the same helper. Match it. Sit!")

① What You Do

Before the Activity

1. Copy "Match the Big Helpers" on cardstock, one set per Small Group.
2. Copy "Match the Small Helpers" on cardstock and cut, one set per Small Group.
3. Space the chairs around the room and position them with the backs facing the open area.
4. Tape one big helper picture to the back of each chair.
5. Give each child one small community helper card.

During the Activity

1. Encourage children to look for the big helper who matches their small helper card.
2. When they find the matching chair, ask them to sit in it.
3. Celebrate once all children are seated.
4. Collect all the cards, shuffle, and repeat as desired.

After the Activity

Introduce the Bible Story.

② What You Say

Before the Activity

"Friends, come play a fun game with me! These chairs have big pictures of community helpers. These are people who help us every day, like doctors, firefighters, and mail carriers. I'm going to give you a card with a picture of a small community helper that matches the big pictures." **(GIVE EACH CHILD A SMALL CARD.)**"

During the Activity

"Look at your cards and go find the big match. **(PAUSE.)** Sit down in the chair with the matching picture. **(PAUSE.)** Hooray! Everyone is sitting, which means that we matched all the helpers! Hop up and bring me your card, and we'll play again! **(REPEAT AS DESIRED.)** That was awesome!"

After the Activity

"God gives us people to help us, and today we're going to hear a true story from the Bible about someone who helped a man named Elisha. He traveled around telling everyone about God! Let's go hear more about Elisha and the people who helped him!"

Transition → Move to Worship and Story by asking children if they found the firefighter to line up. If they found the police officer, line up. Repeat until all the children are in line.

3-5 Year-Olds

Small Group

November — Week 4

SOCIAL 2/3

Sandwich Builders

What You Need

- ☐ "Sandwich Builders" Activity Page
- ☐ Cardstock
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Plastic container
- ☐ Paper plates



EveryChild Tips



Pair children up to do the activity.

① What You Do

Before the Activity

1. Copy "Sandwich Builders" on cardstock and cut, five sets per Small Group.
2. Place the sandwich pieces in the container on the table with the paper plates.

During the Activity

1. Encourage children to select a sandwich card and follow the directions to build it.
2. Encourage children to come up with their own combinations if desired.

After the Activity

Introduce the Bible Story.

② What You Say

Before the Activity

"Friends, can you help me? Look at all this food, let's use it to build a sandwich!"

During the Activity

"Pick a card. **(PAUSE.)** Your card will give you directions on how to build that sandwich. Start with a plate then stack the parts to make your sandwich. **[CHILD'S NAME]**, what is the first picture on your card? Bread! That's right, find a slice of bread and put it on your plate. **(PAUSE.)** If you have bread as your first ingredient, put that on your plate. Look at the next picture on your card and find that ingredient. **(PAUSE.)** Stack it on top of the bread. Add all the ingredients. **(PAUSE.)** You built a sandwich! We can feed a lot of people with these sandwiches! Put everything back in the container and pick another sandwich to build. **(REPEAT AS DESIRED.)** Great job!"

After the Activity

"In today's true story from the Bible, we'll hear about some people who helped a man named Elisha by giving him food and a place to stay. Let's go hear more about Elisha."

Transition → Move to Worship and Story by calling the children to be different parts of a sandwich.

GROUPS 2/6

Bible Story Hopscotch

Bible Story Review

Faith Skills

Hear from God

Pray to God

Talk about God

Live for God

What You Need

- ☐ "Bible Story Hopscotch" Activity Page
- ☐ Cardstock
- ☐ Painter's tape
- ☐ Small beanbag

EveryChild Tips



For a version with less movement, place picture cards in order on a child-sized table. Toss the bean bag on the table, then read the sentence on the card.



① What You Do

Before the Activity

1. Copy "Bible Story Hopscotch" on cardstock, one set per Small Group.
2. Follow the numbers on the pictures as you tape them to the floor to make a hopscotch board.

During the Activity

1. Before playing hopscotch with the children, walk them through each picture on the hopscotch board while reading the story sentences on the pictures aloud.
2. Invite children to sit along the sides of the hopscotch board.
3. Encourage children to take turns tossing the beanbag.
4. Read the sentence on the picture the beanbag lands on, then encourage the children to hop to the end of the board, skipping the picture the beanbag landed on, and hopping back, picking up the beanbag on the way back.
5. Continue playing as time and interest allow.

After the Activity

Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.

② What You Say

Before the Activity

"Everyone, come over here. We're going to play Bible Story Hopscotch!"

During the Activity:

"Gather around and let's look at the game board before we play. (POINT TO EACH PICTURE, NAME IT, AND READ THE STORY SENTENCE ALOUD.) Okay, now everyone can sit down because we're ready to play! [CHILD'S NAME] stand at the front of the board and toss the beanbag at a picture. (PAUSE.) You landed on the [PICTURE], it says [SENTENCE ON THE CARD]. Hop all the way to the end, skipping that picture. (PAUSE.) Now hop back, stop, pick up the beanbag, and come all the way back. Great job! [CHILD'S NAME], it's your turn! (CONTINUE WITH EACH CHILD.) That was such a fun game!"

After the Activity:

"I liked hearing about how the woman and her husband helped Elisha. We have people who help us too! We can thank God for the people who help us, because we can thank God for everything! Who can thank God for everything? [BOTTOM LINE] I can thank God for everything!

3-5 Year-Olds

Small Group

November — Week 4

GROUPS 3/6

Guess Who? Game

Application Activity

Faith Skills

Hear from God

Pray to God

Talk about God

Live for God

What You Need

- ☐ "Guess Who? Game" Activity Page
- ☐ "Guess Who? Game Cards" Activity Page
- ☐ Cardstock
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Box

EveryChild Tips



Allow children to point to the pictures on the card to play the game.



① What You Do

Before the Activity

1. Copy "Guess Who? Game" on cardstock, one set per Small Group.
2. Copy "Guess Who? GameCards" on cardstock and cut, two sets per Small Group.
3. Divide children into groups and give each group a game card.
4. Set the box between the two groups to keep their selections hidden.

During the Activity

1. Give each team a set of community helper cards.
2. Invite one child from each team to secretly choose a helper card for the others to guess.
3. Encourage children to take turns asking questions and guessing.
4. Make sure every child who wants to participate gets a chance.
5. Celebrate every guess and continue playing as long as the children are engaged.

After the Activity

Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.

② What You Say

Before the Activity

"Hello friends! Today we learned about a man named Elisha and how God gave him people to help him. Let's play a guessing game to think about people who help us too! We're going to split into two teams. Each team will get game card and a set of helper cards. We'll put a divider in the middle so we can keep our guesses a secret!"

During the Activity

"This team, pick a helper card to hide behind the divider. **(PAUSE.)** Now this group asks yes-or-no questions like 'Does this person help when people are sick?' or 'Does this person bring the mail?' **(HELP GUIDE QUESTIONS AS NEEDED.)** We're all learning together! Let's celebrate every good guess because this game is all about learning how people help us! You did a great job and guessed the **(HELPER)**! Now it's this team's turn to pick a helper card to hide behind the divider. **(REPEAT AS DESIRED.)** Wow! Look at all these helpers! Just like God gave Elisha people to help him, God gives us people who can help us, too!"

After the Activity

"We can thank God for people who help us, because we can thank God for everything! Who can thank God for everything? **(BOTTOM LINE)** I can thank God for everything!"

GROUPS 5/6

A Room for Elisha

Application Activity

Faith Skills

Hear from God

Pray to God

Talk about God

Live for God

What You Need

- ☐ "A Room for Elisha" Activity Page
- ☐ Cardstock
- ☐ Crayons or washable markers
- ☐ Glue sticks
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Permanent marker

EveryChild Tips

Create an example for children to see.



① What You Do

Before the Activity

1. Copy "A Room for Elisha" on cardstock, one per child.
2. Fold each child's picture and cut along the dotted lines.
3. Write each child's name on their paper.

During the Activity

1. Encourage children to decorate their picture of Elisha's room.
2. Ask children to rub glue on the two tabs and attach them to the sides.

After the Activity

Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.

② What You Say

Before the Activity

"Friends, come to the table and let's make a room for Elisha."

During the Activity

"Look! Do you see the bed, the table and chair, and the lamp the woman and her husband put in the room they made for Elisha? Let's decorate the room and the furniture in it. (PAUSE.) Great job! Now rub some glue on this part (POINT TO ONE TAB) and this part (POINT TO THE OTHER TAB) then fold it up like this and press the tabs to each side. (HELP AS NEEDED.) Wow! Look at the cool room you created for Elisha!"

After the Activity

"Elisha loved God. He was a prophet and walked around from town to town, giving people messages from God. In one town, there was a woman who wanted to help Elisha. So, the woman and her husband would have Elisha come to their house to eat. One day, the woman told her husband she wanted to help Elisha even more. So they made a room on the roof of their house so Elisha would have a place to rest when he came to their town. She put things in Elisha's room that she thought he would need, like a chair, a table, a lamp, and a bed. Elisha was so thankful that God gave him people to help him. God gives us people to help us too! We can thank God for the people who help us because we can thank God for everything! Who can thank God for everything? (BOTTOM LINE) I can thank God for everything."