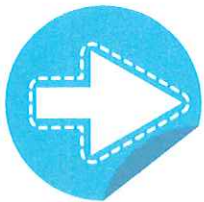




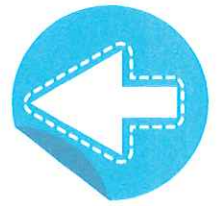
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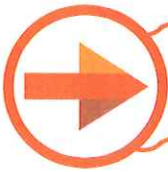
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God's Plan
to Save Me



Here are three fun ways to teach Helping Hands about God's plan to save them. Adapt the activities to meet the needs of your Helping Hands or create your own activities.





The following activities fulfill the requirements for My God I: God's Plan to Save Me. See the Helping Hand Activity Book for accompanying worksheet(s).

ACTIVITY

1

Question Cube

10

MINUTES

WHAT YOU DO

MATERIALS NEEDED

- Square boxes with lids or flaps 6 × 6 in (15 × 15 cm)
- Tape
- Butcher or construction paper
- Markers

Ahead of time: Make your own question cubes by first taping the top of each box shut. If the boxes you are using are not blank, cover them with paper. Then on each side of the box and the top and bottom, write one of the following words: who, what, when, where, why, how. You will need one cube for each group of children.

Divide the children into small groups (five or six children per group) and assign one adult to each group. In the group, the adult will review a Bible story that illustrates God's salvation plan, such as Noah, Abraham, Moses, David, or Daniel. Each group should focus on a different story. If you have a child in the group who is not familiar with the Bible stories, you may want to read from a children's Bible story book. Make sure to emphasize God's love.

Have the children sit in a circle on the floor. Give the cube to one child and have him or her roll it. That child will now ask a question about the story based on the word that is facing up. For example, if "why" lands face up, the child might ask, "Why did the people laugh at Noah for building the ark?" The other children can answer the question. Continue around the circle until time is up.

This activity was adapted from The Big Book of Bible Games (Gospel Light, 1996).

who

why

what

Alternate Investiture Activity

Create a story chart or lapbook using the Helping Hand Activity Book or coloring sheets on pp. 118-122. Have the Helping Hands use their story chart or lapbook to show someone how to live for God.

Bible Doodles

15
MINUTES

WHAT YOU DO

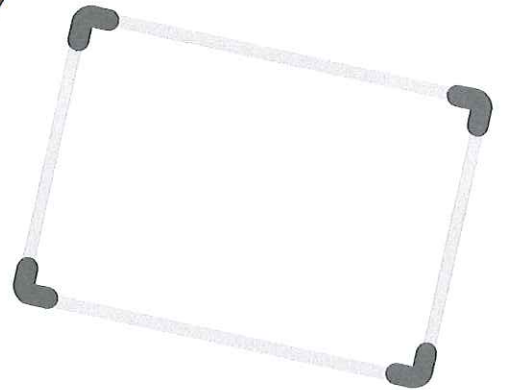
Ahead of time: Write names, events, or activities of Bible characters that illustrate God's salvation plan on strips of paper and put the papers into an envelope or small box. You will be dividing the children into small groups, so you'll need an envelope or container for each group.

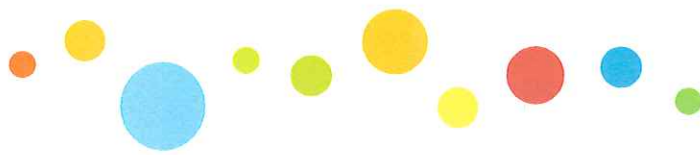
Begin by explaining how to play doodles. It is like charades but instead of acting out the clue, a person draws a picture of the clue for the rest of the team to guess. Model drawing a clue and have the entire group guess what it is. Then divide the children into groups of four or five. Assign one adult to each group. The children in each group will take turns selecting a clue out of the envelope and then drawing it for the rest of the group to guess.

2 ACTIVITY

MATERIALS NEEDED

- Dry erase boards or large pads of paper
- Easels
- Markers
- Strips of paper listing Bible characters and events that illustrate God's salvation plan (include the stories from Activity 1)
- Containers for the strips of paper





ACTIVITY

3

News Reporters

20
MINUTES

WHAT YOU DO

MATERIALS NEEDED

- Paper
- Pencils

Divide the children into the same groups that they were in for Activity 1. (If you did not do Activity 1, you may need to have the children review their assigned Bible story.) In each group, one child will be a news reporter and the other children will be the Bible character, family members, or observers from the assigned Bible story. The reporter for each group will interview the other characters to get information about the event. For example, a reporter might ask Noah's neighbor what she thinks about Noah building the big boat. Encourage the children to ask questions about God's love or plan for salvation.

Give the children about ten minutes to come up with the questions and answers. Depending on the size of your group, you can then have each group act out their skit for the entire group or you can have two or three groups act out their skits for each other.



Requirement: My God I, A and B