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ACTIVITY

BIGSMALLOW SHOOT

INSTRUCTIONS: *Instruct the kids to make their own marshmallow shooter (like this). Give the kids a bucket to shoot their marshmallows into. Divide the kids into two teams and have them stand behind a line to shoot their marshmallows. Big marshmallows are worth one point and small marshmallows are worth five points. Have one kid from each team go at a time. Give both teams a two-minute time limit. The team with the most points at the end wins.*

Okay, now that we have our shooters, we're going to split into teams and see how we do with shooting both big and small marshmallows . . . bigsmallows! **Which was easier, shooting the big marshmallows or the small marshmallows?**

POLL

HAVE YOU EVER?

INSTRUCTIONS: *Take a poll of the room by having the kids respond to the questions below.*

Make a big 'Y' with your arms if you've ever helped someone cross the street.

Hold up your smallest finger if you've ever helped a parent wash the dishes. Spread your arms out as big as possible if you've ever helped a friend find a toy.

Make a small squeaking noise if you've ever helped someone you have never met before.

Do a big jump if you've ever helped a neighbor or someone in your community. It always feels good to be helpful!

How does it feel to be able to help people in both big and small ways?

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BIBLE STORY

JOB'S FRIENDS

We've been hearing quite a bit about Job during the last several weeks, but today, we are going to talk about Job's friends.

Who can tell me what a friend is?

Yes! A friend is someone who loves and cares for you and is there for you through the good and the bad times.

Have you helped a friend in the past or has a friend ever helped you?

Yes! Me, too! Job had friends who saw he was going through a tough time and they came to be with him.

What do you think Job's friends did when they heard about all the bad stuff that was happening to him?

Those are all good guesses! Let's read and find out what they did.

INSTRUCTIONS: *Open your Bible to today's passage, Job 2:11-13, and encourage the kids to follow along in their Bibles as you read.*

PRETEEN HACK: *Invite preteens to brainstorm about songs that have to do with friends. Write the titles on a dry erase board. What do these songs tell us about friends? What do they think it means to be a friend?*

Those are some cool names, right?**What did Job's friends do to help?**

That's right. They sat with Job and were sad right along with him.



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Most of our friends mean well and want to help whenever we have trouble.
But sometimes, their help can make us feel worse.

Has a friend ever told you that what you're going through is nothing compared to something they've experienced?

Has a friend ever tried to fix your problem without really listening to you?

Has a friend ever dismissed your problem as no big deal?

Job's friends tried to help him later on by the things they said, but the greatest help they offered was simply being with him while he was hurting and sad.

Sometimes, the biggest help we can offer comes in the simplest actions.

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INSTRUCTIONS: Write the Big Idea in a really small font on a huge piece of paper. Choose a kid to come up to the front and choose a really big magnifying glass or a small one to read the Big Idea with. Have the rest of the kids repeat the Big Idea after you.

By now, we know that this really small writing is going to reveal a really big truth!

Who can come up here and read what this says?

Let's say it together: **We can be a big help in small ways!**
Even if we don't have the right answer or can't fix a problem, God wants us to be there for each other and help each other.



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CRAFT

HELPING HANDS

INSTRUCTIONS: *Instruct the kids to trace their hands on paper and then cut them out. Then, tell them to write on each finger a different way they are going to help someone this week. On the other side, tell them to decorate their hands however they'd like. Let them know that once they complete their list, they can fold down their fingers to make a "thumbs up!"*

PRETEEN HACK: *Give each preteen a vinyl glove and a permanent marker. Write ways to help others on each finger of the glove and today's Big Idea on the palm. Then, ask preteens to think of a way they could help at church today and write that idea on the other side of the glove. Select one of the ideas for helping at church today and lead the class in performing that task.*

We've been talking about a lot of ways we can be helpful to our friends, families, and the people around us. Let's make something that can remind us of that this week.

We're going to trace our hands on paper, cut them out, and then write a different way we can be helpful on each finger. We can take this with us as a reminder that **we can be a big help in small ways!**

What are some of the ways that you wrote down?

Let's all go and be helpful this week!



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MEMORY VERSE

JOB 37:5 (NIV)

INSTRUCTIONS: Practice this month's memory verse with the signs (a combination of SEE and ASL) available in your Programming folder or at growcurriculum.org/Job37-5.

Let's practice this month's memory verse together!

"God's voice thunders in marvelous ways; he does great things beyond our understanding."