



This July we are teaching your preschoolers that God cares when they hurt through our new Theme, *Help Is on the Way!* Whether your preschoolers are happy, sad, worried, or hurt, God's love and care for them never change.

Your Father knows the things you need before you ask him.

MATTHEW 6:8b

July 5: I Need God Every Day

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

This week we are learning about how God helped guide His people, the Israelites, with a cloud by day and a fire by night, showing them that He was always with them. God promised to be with them and provide what they needed when they needed it. We need God, just like the Israelites did. We cannot see God in a pillar of cloud and pillar of fire today, but we can trust His promise to always be with us. When we trust and follow Him, God guides us, forgives us, helps us, and leads us.

July 12: I Need God to Forgive Me

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

This week your preschoolers are learning that they need God's forgiveness. In John 4:1-42, Jesus offered the Samaritan woman "living water." Jesus was offering her forgiveness and a relationship with God. We all need God's forgiveness, no matter who we are or what we have done.

July 19: I Need God's Help

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

Your preschoolers are learning this week that they need God's help. In the Gospels, the first four books in the New Testament (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John), preschoolers will see that Jesus cared deeply about the people in the crowd and helped them. We need God's help, too, and He gives it to us. The people in our Bible story did not have to do anything to earn care and help from Jesus, and we do not have to do anything for His care and help either. We all sin and make wrong choices, but God showed His love for us by sending Jesus so we can be forgiven and have a friendship with Him. Remind your preschoolers how Jesus cared for people and helped them even when they didn't do anything to deserve it. Explain that God shows love and helps everyone, and we can show love and help others too.

July 26: I Need God's Hope

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

This week your preschoolers will learn that they need God's hope. When there was a famine taking place, the prophet Elijah needed food. He trusted God to take care of him. God worked through a widow to provide food for Elijah. Your preschoolers will see that we can have hope, even in our broken world filled with challenging situations. We can know that no matter what happens, God loves us, cares for us, and provides for us—like He did for Elijah. When we are worried, afraid, or unsure, we can turn to God and have hope that He loves us and will take care of us.