

BIBLE STORY

Four Friends Who
Helped
Mark 2:1-12

MEMORY VERSE

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You are really worthy
of praise. No one can
completely understand
how great you are.
Psalm 145:3 (NIRV)*

LIFE APP

Creativity

Imagining what you
could do because
you're made in God's
image

KEY QUESTION

How can working with
others make you more
creative?

BASIC TRUTH

I should treat others
the way I want to be
treated.

ACTIVITY: MITT MADNESS

WHAT YOU NEED: Oven mitts or thick gloves; and any of the following: marker with cap, sheet of paper, coin, scissors, book, candy or gum in the wrapper

WHAT YOU DO:

Gather the supplies. Find a hard surface (like the floor or a table) and spread out the items.

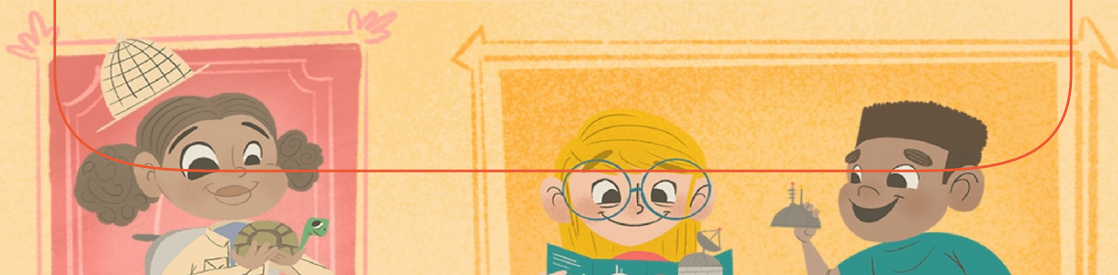
Tell your child that it's time to play a game. Say, "Here are some oven mitts to wear. You'll have a challenge to do all on your own, without taking off the mitts. Ready?"

Here are some challenges to consider depending on your supplies:

- Take the cap off the marker
- Pick up the sheet of paper without sliding it
- Spin the coin on the table/floor
- Cut out a circle from the sheet of paper
- Turn to page (##) in the book
- Unwrap the candy/gum

WHAT YOU SAY:

"How many of those were you able to do on your own? Let's try them again. This time, I'll help you. But I can only use one hand. Let's be creative and get these challenges done together." (*This time around, with only one hand, help your child complete each challenge.*)



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GOSPEL MOMENT

The four men in the story worked together to get their friend to Jesus. They didn't let anything stop them, because they knew Jesus could help.

We can work together, just like they did. God can do big things through us when we join with others and use our creativity. You see . . .
[Bottom Line] "God created you to work with others."

After all, God made us in His image. He made us to do His work in this world and show love to the people around us. With His help, we can join forces and find ways to lend a hand.

So, the next time your teacher asks for help cleaning up, jump in with everyone else to help. If your big brother or sister is cleaning the dishes after dinner, ask if you can dry them. Maybe, one of your classmates is sick. You and your friends could work together and draw some pictures to cheer her up.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- How does working with others make YOU more creative?
- When have you had to show some extreme creativity to solve a problem?
- What could happen if we don't work together?
- When is it hard to work with others? What can you do when that happens?
- What are some rules we should always follow when working with others?

PRAYER

God, thank You for putting people in our lives who can help us. Alone, we can only do so much. But when we combine our skills and our creativity with other people's creativity, we can do so much more! Help us to remember to look for ways we can work together. We love You! Amen.

