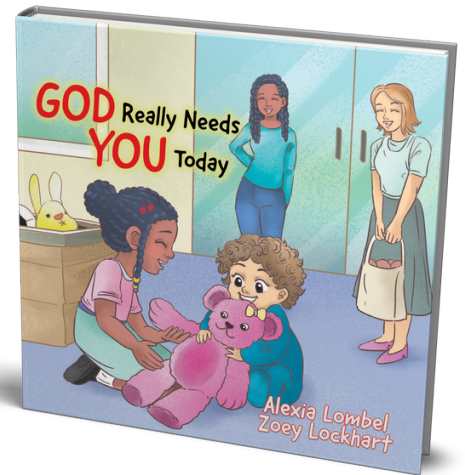


CLASSROOM RESOURCE

God Really Needs You Today inspires young children to be themselves, help others, and share God's love!

WELCOME EDUCATORS!

This resource has been developed to help grade K-3 teachers extend the use of *God Really Needs You Today* in their classrooms.



Classroom Activities

BUBBLES

NOTE: some resources are required for this craft

1 Cup water
1 Tablespoon of dish soap - best brand to use is Dawn dishwashing liquid
Pipe cleaner (2 for each student)
Small vial / container (1 for each student)

How to make bubbles:

Combine the water and dishwashing liquid in a cup, bottle or dish. Stir gently and thoroughly to combine.

Dip your bubble wand and get started!

CRAYON ART

3 pieces of paper (per student)
Wax crayons

On the first sheet of paper have the students completely cover the page with a design of their choice - the more colors, the better.
Once completed- take the two remaining pieces of paper and lay it on top of the colored page. (paperclips can be used to hold the pages together).

Students can now draw an image on page 3 (the top page). Be sure to press hard when drawing the image.

Students can flip over page 2 to find their design has been transferred with all the fun colors and patterns.

SPECIAL PEOPLE

Have your students brainstorm special people in their lives - this could be friends, family members, coaches, whoever!

Have them write down a time when this person displayed one of the attributes discussed in the book, like being helpful, being caring, or being supportive.

Have them think of ways they can be a special person for their school mates on the playground and in class by behaving like their special people.

TIPS ON USING GOD REALLY NEEDS YOU TODAY IN THE CLASSROOM

Authors Alexia Lombel and Zoey Lockhart have combined the scripture Ephesians 2:10 and real life interactions to help children grow in spirit "Work with your students on identifying how this scripture relates to their everyday lives with their friends and family.

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IMAGINATION STATION

Create 5 imagination stations around your classroom

MY JOYFUL DAY

Have your students create a picture board of a day God used them or someone they know to care, share, and love others.

FRIENDSHIP YARN GAME

Have your students sit in a circle. Give one student a ball of yarn. The first person throws the ball of yarn to someone else (while holding onto the end piece) and says something they like about that person, or why they are a good friend. The next person goes, and so on. You will end up with a web of yarn connecting everyone. Be sure to make a rule that everyone has to be picked once so that nobody is excluded. Be ready with some suggestions for those kids who have a hard time thinking of a positive comment for their peers.

Bible Stories

Have your students, in pairs, think of their favorite Bible story where God uses someone to help others. Ask them how God used that person and how their actions helped.

If kids are stumped provide examples like David and Goliath, Jonah's trip to Nineveh, etc.

STORY TIME

Create a story station, students will be encouraged to remember a time they were helpful and make it into a story! Help them create a story about how God used them to help solve a problem big or small.

DRAW WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP

This exercise is good for children to visualize ways they can serve God by helping others. Get children to fold a page in half and on the first half of the page instruct them to draw a problem. On the other side of the folded page guide them into drawing a solution. For example, if a friend lost a toy they would draw a sad friend on the first half of the page, and then on the second half they would draw themselves finding the lost toy and which would solve their friend's problem and make them feel happy.

