

GOD TO THE RESCUE!

BIBLE STORIES

Any story with drama and suspense:

Crossing the Red Sea • Exodus 13:17—14:31

Gideon's Victory • Judges 7:1-22

Man Through the Roof • Matthew 9:1-8;
Mark 2:1-12; Luke 5:17-26

Jairus' Daughter • Matthew 9:18-26; Mark
5:21-43; Luke 8:40-56

Jesus Walks on Water • Matthew 14:22-33;
Mark 6:45-52; John 6:16-21

BOOK JACKET

MATERIALS

Bible, Book Jacket (p. 82 or 83), markers,
pencils.

PREPARE THE ACTIVITY

Select a Bible story from the list provided above. Choose the Book Jacket page that is appropriate for the writing ability of the children you teach. Make a copy of the Book Jacket for each child.

LEAD THE ACTIVITY

1. **Listen to this Bible story to hear some exciting ways God answered prayer and helped people.** Read or tell a Bible story selected from above. **What did the people in this story learn about God? God still helps us today.** Read Psalm 9:10. **How is God described in these verses? How did**

the person in the story experience the message of this verse? Children respond.

2. **Create a Book Jacket for the Bible story we just talked about.** Distribute Book Jacket pages, markers and pencils. **On the flap about the author, draw a "photo" of the author and then write what you know about the author of the Bible book in which the story is found. On the flap about the book, summarize the story. Remember not to give away the ending! Tell just enough to make readers want to know more.** (Adapt directions as needed if using Book Jacket page for younger children.)

3. Children work on book jackets. Be available to help them think of ideas if needed. Talk with them about ways God helped the people in the story.

4. Display completed book jackets in classroom or other public area of your church.

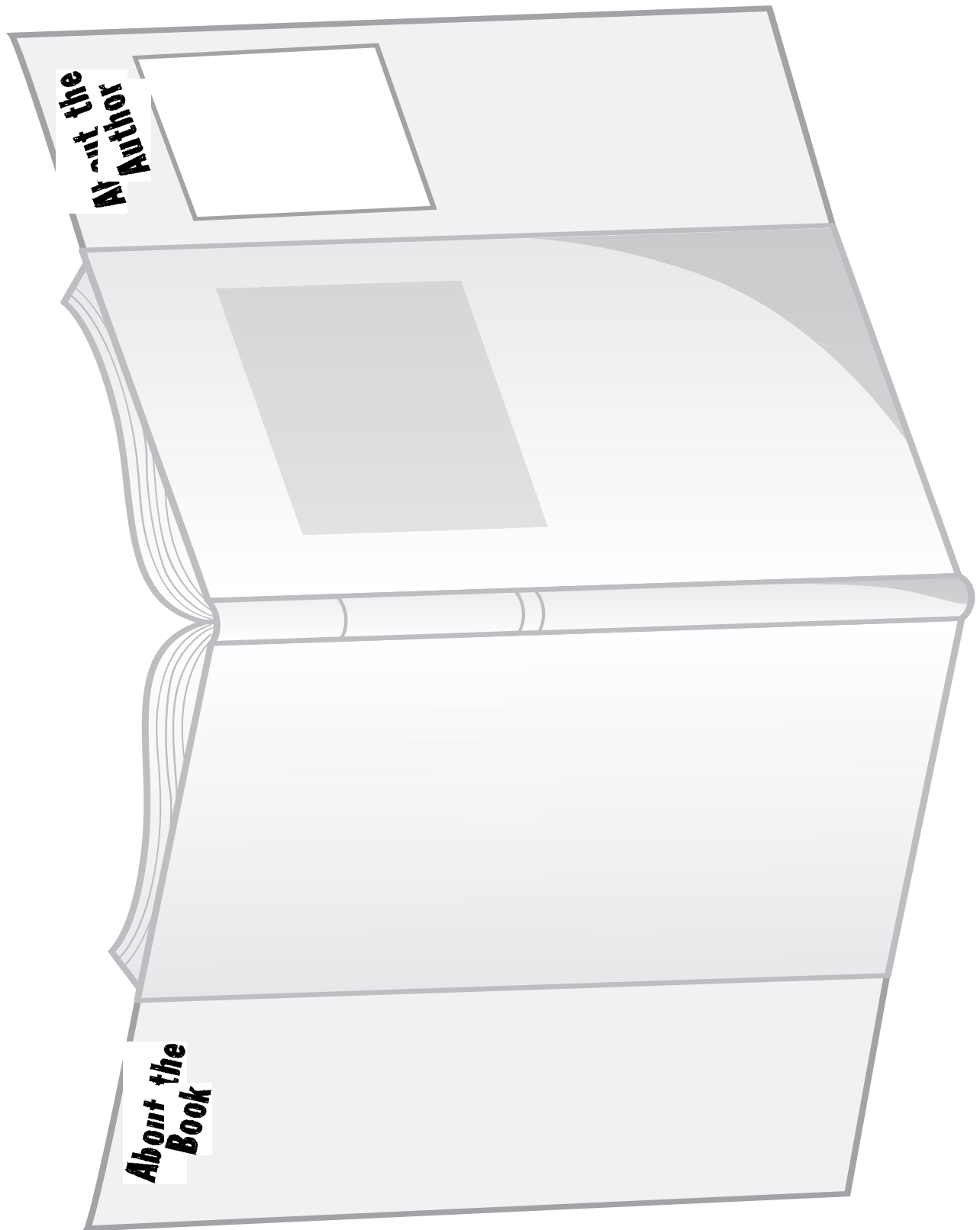
BONUS IDEAS

- Show library books that have appealing book jackets. Talk with children about what makes these book jackets attractive to potential readers.

- Instead of using the Book Jacket page provided, cut plain paper to fit around a large book and let child design a book jacket on that paper. Attach the book jacket to the book with removable tape. Display finished books on a Bible Library table. This project would work well to summarize and review a series of Bible stories.

BOOK JACKET

AUTHOR'S NAME:



Book Jacket

Author's Name:

Draw a picture on this book cover of what happened in the Bible story.



Write a sentence telling about the story.

CLAY CREATIONS

MATERIALS

Bibles, play dough, craft sticks.

PREPARE THE ACTIVITY

Select a Bible story from the list on page 81.

LEAD THE ACTIVITY

1. **Listen to this Bible story to hear some exciting ways God answered prayer and helped people.** Read or tell the selected Bible story. **What did the people in this story learn about God? We can rely on God to help us too.** Read Psalm 9:10. **How is God described in these verses? How did the person in the story experience the message of this verse?** Children respond.

2. **Today we will make tablets from play dough to remind us of what we know about God.** Give each child a fist-sized lump of dough and a craft stick. Allow children time to experiment with dough.

3. Children flatten and shape play dough into tablets on which they carve truths about God they've learned from the Bible (see sketch).

BONUS IDEAS

- Provide a piece of cardboard or sturdy paper plate for each child to use as a tray to carry their tablet home.

- Provide other materials (forks, spoons, buttons, etc.) for children to use to decorate their projects.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- **What is one of your favorite Bible stories?** (David fights Goliath. Jesus is born. Paul's shipwreck.)
- **What have you learned about God's help from the Bible?** (God answers prayer. God will help us know what to do in hard times.)
- **When is a time a kid your age needs to remember God's help?** (When taking a test. When having a problem getting along with others.)