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BIBLE STORY

God is with me
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MOSES' MOM
EXODUS 1:22-2:10

MEMORY VERSE

"We have the Lord
our God to help us."

2 CHRONICLES 32:8, NLT

KEY QUESTION

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PRELUDE: Setting the tone for the experience

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LARGE GROUP

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WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God
STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways
"Very Big Things"
Bible Story
Prayer

SMALL GROUP

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GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

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Baby Moses Foldable
Moving Trough the Tall Grass
Journal and Prayer

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CUP GAME

WHAT YOU NEED: Green SOLO® cups; Little People® figure or one smiley face sticker

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Put several cups on the table upside down. Place the figure under one of the cups or stick a smiley face sticker on the inside of one of the cups.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Leader mixes the cups and children try to find the figure or smiley face.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Talk about how we'll hear a story about a baby who was hidden in some tall grass.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Hello, friends! I'm so glad you're here today. Let's play the cup game together."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "I have these green cups, and we'll pretend they're grass. Hiding underneath one of them is a [person or smiley face]. (*Lift the cup hiding the figure or sticker and show the children.*) I will move them around, then I want you to guess which one it's under. (*Pause.*) Which 'grass' do you think it's hiding under? (*Pause.*) Let's see! (*Lift the cup to see if the figure is underneath. Lift all the cups until you find it.*) Let's shuffle and try again! (*Repeat as many times as desired.*) Thanks for helping me find the hiding person!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Just like there was a [person or smiley face] hiding under these cups, we'll hear a story about a baby who was hidden in some tall grass today."

TRANSITION: Move to Worship and Story by making swishing sounds and using your hands to "push" the grass out of the way, similar to what you do in "Going on a Bear Hunt."

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BABY MOSES FOLDABLE

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Baby Moses Foldable" Activity Page; cardstock; and green crayons or markers

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Baby Moses Foldable" on cardstock and fold the paper, one per child. Write child's

name on their paper.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage the children to color the front folds green for the grass. Open up to find Baby Moses.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bible story.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "In our Bible story today, we learned how Baby Moses' Mom helped keep him safe by hiding him in the tall grass near the river."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Color your paper green to make the tall grass like in our story. (Pause.) Now open your paper to find Baby Moses. (Pause.) Good job, you found him! There he is, safe and sound!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "When Baby Moses' mom heard the king wanted to get rid of all the baby boys, she knew that she had to protect him. She knew that God was always with her and would always be with Baby Moses. She and her daughter, Miriam, went to the river and put Baby Moses in a basket then hid him in the tall grass next the river. Miriam hid nearby to watch what would happen. A princess walked by and found Baby Moses. She decided to take him home with her, but she needed help. Miriam told the princess that her mother could help. Baby Moses was safe, and his mom got to take care of him! God was with Moses and Moses' mom. No matter where you go or what you do, God is with you, too! God is always with us! **Who is always with you? God is always with me.**"

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MOVING THROUGH THE TALL GRASS

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Green crinkle paper or tissue paper and brown paper bags or butcher paper

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EXODUS 1:22-2:10

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Deconstruct the paper bags, then crinkle bags or butcher paper and lay it on the ground. Spread green crinkle paper or crumpled tissue paper over the brown paper.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage children to take turns moving in different ways through the "tall grass" and saying "God is always with me." Repeat as long as desired.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bible story.

MEMORY VERSE

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2 CHRONICLES 32:8, NLT

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Come join me at the grassy area."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Line up behind me. Let's pretend this is tall grass like Baby Moses' mom hid him in. (Pause.) One at a time, hop through the grass. When you get to the end say, 'God is always with me.' (Pause.) Awesome! This time, tip toe through the grass. When you get to the end, say 'God is always with me.' (Pause.) Super! This time, skip. (Pause.) Last time, jump through. (Pause.) Everyone say it with me, God is always with me. (Repeat.) Great job!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Baby Moses' mom knew that God was with her and that God would always be with Moses. That helped her be brave. No matter where you go or what you do, God is always with you, too.

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MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that encourages personal application and prayer



6. JOURNAL AND PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Paperclip "Memory Verse Card" in your Bible at 2 Chronicles 32:8, journal, and fun-shaped pen

SMALL GROUP LEADER (SGL): "It's Small Group time!

Today, we'll pretend to carry Baby Moses to our small group spot. Hold your arms like this (*demonstrate*) and pretend to carry Baby Moses. Shh . . . be very quiet. Baby Moses is sleeping. (*whispering*) Follow me. (*Pretend to carry Baby Moses as you lead the children to your small group spot.*)

"Now gently lay Baby Moses down so he can finish his nap. (*Demonstrate.*) Okay, now we can sit down and talk about today's Bible story. One, two, three, sit down with me! (*Open the Bible and lay it in front of the children.*)

SGL: "Our Bible story, today, was about how God was always with Moses, even when his mom hid him in the tall grass. Moses' mom couldn't see God, but she believed that God was always with her and that God would always be with her baby, Moses. That is what helped her be brave enough to safely hide Moses in the tall grass. Was God with Moses in the tall grass? (*Pause.*) Yes, He was!

"God is always with us because God loves us. God loves you, and **God loves me!** So anytime someone asks '**Who is always with you?**', you can say, '**God is always with me!**' Let's try it! **Who is always with you?**"

CHILDREN AND SGL: "**God is always with me.**"

SGL: "One more time. **Who is always with you?**"

CHILDREN AND SGL: "**God is always with me.**"

SGL: "He sure is! And I have the perfect Bible verse for us to learn to help us remember that God is with us and wants to help us. It says . . . (*Turn the pages of your Bible to the Memory Verse Card.*) 'We have the Lord our God to help us,' 2 Chronicles 32:8. (*Close Bible and lay it down.*)

"Let's stand up and say that Bible verse together with these motions I'll teach you. Just say what I say and do what I do."

CHILDREN AND SGL:

"'We have (*bend wrists and tap fingertips to chest*) the Lord our God (*point up*) to help us,' (*right thumbs-up on top of left palm*) 2 Chronicles 32:8." (*Open hands like a book.*)

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(JOURNAL AND PRAYER, CONTINUED)

(Repeat the verse with motions a few times.)

SGL: "Wonderful! (Clap.) Now let's sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. *(Hold journal and fun-shaped pen.)*

"Moses' mom was brave because she knew God was always with her and always with Moses. Let's make a list of things we need to be brave to do. Maybe you need to be brave to sleep in the dark, or maybe you need to be brave to go to the dentist. Sometimes we have to be brave to talk to a new friend. God is always with us and will help us be brave.

"When I say your name, tell me something you need to be brave to do, and I will write it in our prayer journal. Get ready and listen for your name!

(Say each child's name and write down what they say. Remember to print the names so the children can recognize their names and the letters.)

"This list is so good! Let's use it when we pray. Would anyone like to pray before I pray?"

(Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.)

PRAYER

SGL: "Dear God, You are so amazing and wonderful. There is no one else like You. Thank You for loving us and always being with us. Thank You for helping us be brave so we can *(read the list the children made)*. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."



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GETTING READY

HERE'S EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW TO GET READY FOR THIS WEEK

SOCIAL: PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION (15 MINUTES)

Activities that encourage preschoolers to enter the classroom and begin engaging with peers and Small Group Leaders by providing age appropriate and hands on fun while introducing new concepts they will hear in the day's Bible story.

Prepare to offer one or more of the following activities as Your 3-, 4-, or 5-year-olds arrive. Let one or two teachers lead activities in different areas of the room while another teacher greets parents and kids at the door.

CUP GAME

Made to Play: An activity that encourages preschoolers to follow guidelines while having fun and learning new concepts

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Green SOLO® cups
- Little People® figure or one smiley face sticker

GROUPS: CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT (25 MINUTES)

Create a safe place to connect through activities that are written to reach every learning style while reinforcing the Bottom Line that was introduced during the Bible Story and applying it to real life experiences. In addition, these activities provide preschoolers with an opportunity to build relationships with their Small Group Leader.

Offer as many of the following activities as your time, facilities, resources, and leadership allow. You may want to lead one activity at a time. Or, offer two activities at once and allow half the kids to participate in each. Then switch groups and repeat the activities.

BABY MOSES FOLDABLE

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

Made to Create: an activity that explores spiritual ideas through the process of drawing, building, and designing

WHAT YOU NEED:

- "Baby Moses Foldable" Activity Page
- Cardstock
- Green crayons or markers

WHAT YOU DO:

- Copy "Baby Moses Foldable" Activity Page on cardstock and fold, one per child.

MOVING THROUGH THE TALL GRASS

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

Made to Move: An activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Green crinkle paper or tissue paper
- Brown paper bags or butcher paper

WHAT YOU DO:

- Deconstruct the paper bags, if using them, then crinkle bags or butcher paper and lay it on the ground.
- Spread green crinkle paper or crumpled tissue paper over the brown paper.

JOURNAL AND PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

Made to Reflect: An activity that encourages personal application and prayer

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Paperclip "Memory Verse Card" in your Bible at 2 Chronicles 32:8.
- Provide a journal and a fun-shaped pen for each Small Group.

HOME: PROMPTING ACTION BEYOND THE EXPERIENCE

- Make copies on cardstock or email this week's Parent Cue card.
- Copy "Going Home" and hang on the door where Small Group Leaders can reference and remind parents of the Bottom Line and Memory Verse as parents pick up their children.
- Tell parents about our additional family resource, the **Parent Cue app**.

FIRST LOOK PINTEREST PAGE

Visit our Pinterest page to see craft samples and suggested supplies. <https://bit.ly/FirstLookPinterest>

Today's Suggested Schedule—September 2021, Week 1

Today's Bible Story: God is with me so I can be brave.

Moses' Mom • *Exodus 1:22–2:10*

Memory Verse: "We have the Lord our God to help us." 2 Chronicles 32:8, NLT

Key Question: Who is always with you?

Bottom Line: God is always with me.

Basic Truth: God loves me.

LARGE GROUP (20 minutes)

WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

VIDEO: "Very Big Things" Dance Moves Music Video

STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

VIDEO: "Moses' Mom" from *Wonder*

LARGE GROUP: Worship (10 minutes) • Story (10 minutes)

Engage kids' hearts through a dynamic and interactive Bible story, worship, and prayer experience in a Large Group setting.

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WORSHIP

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LEADER: "Hello, friends! Do you know what time it is? *(Pause.)* It's worship time! This is our chance to dance and sing and tell God how much we love Him! Why? Because **[Basic Truth] God loves me** and God loves you! We have a brand-new song you'll to love! So, let's get on our feet and sing this out together.

VIDEO: "Very Big Things" Dance Moves Music Video

LEADER: "Nothing is too hard and nothing is too big for God! The BEST part is that God is always with us! We can face anything, no matter what, because we are not alone. When I ask, '**Who is always with you?**', you say, **[Bottom Line] 'God is always with me.' Who is always with you?**"

CHILDREN and LEADER: **[Bottom Line] "God is always with me."**

LEADER: "That's right! **[Bottom Line] God IS always with me!** The Bible teaches us that 'We have *(bend wrists and tap fingertips to chest)* the Lord *(point up)* our God to help us *(right thumbs-up on top of left palm)*,' 2 Chronicles 32:8. *(Open hands like a book.)*

Lead the children to say the verse with the motions.

"Great job! God is always with us, and He can always help us! I love worshipping with you, friends. Remember, **[Bottom Line] God is always with me! Who is always with you?**"

CHILDREN and LEADER: **[Bottom Line] "God is always with me."**

STORY

What You Need: Bible

LEADER: “Hello, friends! I’m [your name], and I’m here to tell you a true story from the Bible. (*Hold up the Bible.*) Today’s Bible story is about a very special baby. This very special baby was named Moses. What was the baby’s name?”

CHILDREN: “Moses!”

LEADER: “That’s right – now let’s go visit our friends at the Clubhouse to hear more!”

VIDEO: “*Moses’ Mom*” from *Wonder*

LEADER: “Do you know what? No matter where you go or what you do, God is with you, too! God is always with us. **Who is always with you?**”

CHILDREN: “God!”

LEADER: “Yes! When I ask, ‘**Who is always with you?**’, you say, **[Bottom Line]** ‘God is always with me.’ **Who is always with you?**”

CHILDREN and LEADER: **[Bottom Line]** “God is always with me.”

LEADER: “Yes! God is always with you. And just like He helped Moses’ mom be brave, God will help us be brave, too! It’s time to pray. Let’s close our eyes and talk to God together.”

PRAYER

LEADER: “God, You are AWESOME! We know that just like You were with Moses’s mom and his sister Miriam, You are with us, too! We can be brave because You are with us. Thank You, God. We love You. In Jesus’ name we pray, amen.”



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DEBORAH'S TREE

WHAT YOU NEED: Brown butcher paper, permanent marker, scissors, painter's tape, and green sticky notes

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Draw a tree trunk and branches on the brown paper, cut out if desired. Tape to the wall at preschooler height.

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DEBORAH
JUDGES 4 AND 5

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage children to add the sticky notes to the tree as leaves. Repeat as long as desired.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Talk about how we'll hear a story about a lady who stood under a tree and answered everyone's questions.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Hello, friends! I'm so glad you're here today. Join me at the tree."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Our tree needs some leaves. Take a sticky note in each hand and put them on the tree. Then, come get two more. *(Pause.)* Fill the tree with leaves. *(Pause.)* Get more sticky notes and fill that tree! *(Pause.)* Nice job of filling the tree with leaves. Let's sit down by the tree."

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Today, we'll hear a story about a lady who would stand under a tree like this and answer people's questions."

TRANSITION: Move to Worship and Story by standing tall like a tree then swaying your branches as you walk.

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DEBORAH PUPPET

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Deborah Puppet" Activity Page; cardstock; lunch size paper bags; crayons; glue sticks; scissors; and a permanent marker

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Deborah Puppet" on cardstock and cut, one per child. Write child's name on their bag.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage the children to color their puppet and glue it to their lunch bag. Sit under the tree from "Deborah's Tree" Activity and let children act-out the story with their puppets.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bible story.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "In our Bible story today, we learned about a woman named Deborah. Let's make a Deborah puppet."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Color your picture of Deborah. (Pause.) Now glue the top half of Deborah's head on the flap of the bag. (Pause.) And glue the bottom part of her head just under the flap like this. (Demonstrate.) Stick your hand inside the bag and move your hand up and down to move her mouth. (Pause.) Bring your puppets to sit under the tree with me."

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Deborah was the leader of all God's people. She was their judge. Every day, she would stand under a tree, and the people would come to her with their big questions. Deborah knew that God was with her. She trusted God to help her be wise and tell the people the right thing to do. God was with Deborah and helped her be wise. God is always with you. He will help you be wise and do the right thing, too. **Who is always with you? God is always with me.**"

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WISE CHOICE

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed.

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Gather children in an open area of the room.

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DURING THE ACTIVITY: Describe situations when children need to decide what they should do to be wise. Go to this wall or that wall to show the wise choice. Repeat as long as desired.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Talk about how when God is with you, can make the wise choice.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, come stand with me. I have a fun game for us to play. You need to listen, then decide which is the wise choice and move to the side of the right choice."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Okay, everybody listen. Go to that wall (*point to the wall to your right*) if you should eat all the cookies BEFORE dinner. Go to that wall (*point to the wall to your left*) if you should wait and eat all your dinner. (Pause.) The wise choice is to eat all your dinner! Okay, come back to the middle. (Pause.) Go to that wall (*point to the wall to your right*) if you should share your toys with your brother. Go to that wall (*point to the wall to your left*) if you should keep all the toys to yourself. (Pause.) The wise choice is to share with your brother."

"Come back to the middle. Go to that wall (*point to the wall to your right*) if you see someone get hurt and don't help them. Go to that wall (*point to the wall to your left*) if you see someone get hurt and try to help them. (Pause.) The wise choice is to help them. Come back to the middle. (Continue as long as interest holds.) Good job, friends!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "God is always with you and will help you be wise and do the right thing. **Who is always with you? God is always with me.**"

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BASIC TRUTH

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an activity that encourages personal application and prayer



6. JOURNAL AND PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Paperclip "Memory Verse Card" in your Bible at 2 Chronicles 32:8, journal, and fun-shaped pen

SMALL GROUP LEADER (SGL): "It's Small Group time! Today, we'll silly dance all the way to our small group spot.

Be silly and follow me! (*Encourage the children to do a silly dance with you as you lead them to your small group spot.*) And stop! We made it. Now we can sit down and talk about today's Bible story. One, two, three, sit down with me! (*Open the Bible and lay it in front of the children.*)

"Our Bible story, today, was about how people would go to Deborah when they had hard questions. I don't think they silly danced to Deborah though, because they had very important questions to ask her. Deborah had a very important job. She would listen to people then tell them the wise thing to do. Deborah was able to do this because she knew God was always with her, helping her be wise.

"God is always with us, too. That's why when I ask, '**who is always with you?**', you say, '**God is always with me!**' Let me hear you say it. **Who is always with you?**"

CHILDREN AND SGL: "**God is always with me.**"

SGL: "Again! **Who is always with you?**"

CHILDREN AND SGL: "**God is always with me.**"

SGL: "And the Bible verse we're learning will help us remember that God is with us and wants to help us. It says . . . (*Turn the pages of your Bible to the Memory Verse Card.*)

"'We have the Lord our God to help us,' 2 Chronicles 32:8. (*Close Bible and lay it down.*)

"Let's stand up and say that together with the motions. Just say what I say and do what I do."

CHILDREN AND SGL: "'We have (*bend wrists and tap fingertips to chest*) the Lord our God (*point up*) to help us,' (*right thumbs-up on top of left palm*) 2 Chronicles 32:8." (*Open hands like a book.*)

(*Repeat the verse with motions a few times.*)

BIBLE STORY

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DEBORAH
JUDGES 4 AND 5

MEMORY VERSE

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2 CHRONICLES 32:8, NLT

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(JOURNAL AND PRAYER, CONTINUED)

SGL: "Yay! Good job! (Give two thumbs-up.) Now let's sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (Hold journal and fun-shaped pen.)

"Deborah needed help knowing the wise things to say and do. She knew God was always with her, helping her be wise. Today, we'll make a list of things we need help with. We all need help, right? Right!

"So when I say your name, tell me something you need help with. I will write it in our prayer journal. Get ready and listen for your name!

(Say each child's name and write down what they say. Remember to print the names so the children can recognize their names and the letters.)

"Thank you for making this list with me. We can use it when we pray. Would anyone like to pray before I pray?"

(Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.)

PRAYER

SGL: "Dear God, Thank You for the Bible. It is full of so many stories about people You have helped, like Deborah. You were always with her and helped her be a wise leader. We believe You are always with us and will help us, too. Please help [child's name] with [what they listed], and [child's name] with [what they listed] . . . *(continue with each child)*. You are the best, God, and we love You. In Jesus' name, amen."



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DEBORAH'S TREE

Made to Play: An activity that encourages preschoolers to follow guidelines while having fun and learning new concepts

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Brown butcher paper
- Permanent marker
- Scissors
- Painter's tape
- Green sticky notes

WHAT YOU DO:

- Draw a tree trunk and branches on the brown paper, cut out if desired.
- Tape to the wall at preschooler height.

GROUPS: CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT (25 MINUTES)

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DEBORAH PUPPET

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

Made to Create: an activity that explores spiritual ideas through the process of drawing, building, and designing

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WHAT YOU NEED:

- "Deborah Puppet" Activity Page
- Cardstock
- Lunch size paper bags, one per child
- Crayons
- Glue sticks
- Scissors
- Permanent marker

WHAT YOU DO:

- Copy "Deborah Puppet" on cardstock and cut, one per child.
- Write child's name on their bag.

WISE CHOICE

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

Made to Move: An activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn

WHAT YOU NEED:

- No supplies needed.

JOURNAL AND PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

Made to Reflect: An activity that encourages personal application and prayer

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HOME: PROMPTING ACTION BEYOND THE EXPERIENCE

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Deborah • *Judges 4 and 5*

Memory Verse: "We have the Lord our God to help us." 2 Chronicles 32:8, NLT

Key Question: Who is always with you?

Bottom Line: God is always with me.

Basic Truth: God loves me.

LARGE GROUP (20 minutes)

WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

VIDEO: "Very Big Things" Dance Moves Music Video

STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

VIDEO: "Deborah" from *Wonder*

LARGE GROUP: Worship (10 minutes) • Story (10 minutes)

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WORSHIP

What You Need: Paperclip "Memory Verse Card" in your Bible at 2 Chronicles 32:8, NLT.

LEADER: "Friends, do you know what time it is? It's worship time! All month long, we're learning that **[Bottom Line] God is always with me! Who is always with you?**"

CHILDREN and LEADER: **[Bottom Line] "God is always with me."**

LEADER: "Yes, He is! When I'm up or when I'm down, I can do it because **[Bottom Line] God is always with me!** God can do VERY BIG THINGS! Sing this with me!

VIDEO: "Very Big Things" Dance Moves Music Video

LEADER: "That was so fun! Tell me, **who is always with you?**"

CHILDREN and LEADER: **[Bottom Line] "God is always with me."**

LEADER: "That is right! I'm so glad to know that no matter where I go or what I do, God is always with me. The Bible teaches us that 'We have *(bend wrists and tap fingertips to chest)* the Lord our God *(point up)* to help us,' *(right thumbs-up on top of left palm)* 2 Chronicles 32:8. *(Open hands like a book.)*

"Say that with me!

Lead the children to say the verse with the motions.

"It's true! God is with us, and He can help us. Outside on the swings, inside your room, God is always with you. I am never alone because **[Bottom Line] God is always with me! Who is always with you?**"

CHILDREN and LEADER: **[Bottom Line] "God is always with me."**

STORY

What You Need: Bible

LEADER: “Hello, friends! I’m [your name], and it’s time to hear a true story straight from the Bible.

Hold up the Bible and lay it open on the floor.

“Today’s true Bible story begins with a woman named Deborah. What was her name?”

CHILDREN: “Deborah!”

LEADER: “That’s right! Ollie and our friends at the Clubhouse are waiting for us—let’s go!”

VIDEO: “Deborah” from *Wonder*

LEADER: “You can be wise and remember that God wants us to help people. God was with Deborah and helped her be wise. God is always with you. He will help you be wise and do the right thing, too.

“Tell me, **who is always with you?**”

CHILDREN and LEADER: *[Bottom Line]* “God is always with me.”

LEADER: “Yes! One more time, **who is always with you?**”

CHILDREN and LEADER: *[Bottom Line]* “God is always with me.”

LEADER: “That’s the truth. God is with you, and He will help you be wise, just like He helped Deborah. It’s time to talk to God. Let’s pray.”

PRAYER

LEADER: “God, You are the One true God! You know everything. As we make choices this week, help us remember that You are with us and You will help us be wise! We love You, God. In Jesus’ name we pray, amen.”



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Deborah • Judges 4 and 5



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Deborah Puppet • *Deborah Puppet* • September Week 2

Copy on cardstock and cut on dotted lines. One cutout per child.

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TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

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I can be courageous.

RAHAB AND THE SPIES
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MEMORY VERSE

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PRELUDE: Setting the tone for the experience

See the Getting Ready pages at the end of this document for a detailed description of what you'll need for today.

In the Prelude folder of your curriculum, you'll find a variety of other resources to help you prepare.

SMALL GROUP

15
MIN

SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction

Offer one or more of these activities as preschoolers arrive.
Walk like a Robot

LARGE GROUP

20
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WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God
STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways
"Very Big Things"
Bible Story
Prayer

SMALL GROUP

25
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GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Offer as many of these activities as your time, facilities, resources, and leadership allow.
Add to the House
Find the Spy
Journal and Prayer

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

Going Home
Parent Cue Card (print or email)
Parent Cue App



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MADE TO MOVE

an activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn



WALK LIKE A ROBOT

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed.

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Gather the children in an open area of the room.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage children to walk, tip-toe, crawl, etc. like a robot. Repeat as long as desired.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Talk about how we'll hear a story about a lady who helped two sneaky spies.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Who knows how a robot moves? (Pause.) Let's see your best robot. (Pause.) Those a great robot moves."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Today, we'll pretend to be a robot and move in different ways. Show me a robot tip-toeing. (Pause.) Okay, show me a robot crawling. (Pause.) How about a robot dancing? (Pause.) What about a robot marching? (Pause.) Show me a robot jumping. (Pause.) Now, let's tip-toe one more time robots. Nice job, robot friends!" (Repeat as long as desired being sure to end with tip-toe.)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Today, we'll hear a story about two spies that had might of tip-toed as they were sneaking around the city and a lady who helped them.

TRANSITION: Move to Worship and Story by sneaking around like spies.

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MADE TO CREATE

an activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible story, bottom line, or memory verse by creating a craft to take home



ADD TO THE HOUSE

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Add to the House" Activity Page; cardstock; brown dot markers; red yarn; crayons; glue sticks; scissors; and a permanent marker

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Add to the House" on cardstock, one per child. Cut yarn in three-inch lengths, one per child. Write child's name on their paper.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage the children to dot marker their house then glue the red yarn to the window.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bible story.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "In our Bible story today, we learned about a woman named Rahab. She helped two spies from God's army hide and leave the city of Jericho."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Color Rahab's house brown. (Pause.) Now glue the piece of red yarn to the window. (Pause.) In our story, Rahab helped the two sneaky spies hide from the soldiers of Jericho. She knew if anyone found out she helped the spies, she would be in big trouble. But she knew that these men were friends of God. She had heard about God and knew God could do amazing things. That gave her courage so she helped them leave the city. The spies told Rahab to leave a red rope hanging outside her window."

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "God's army came back to the city. They saw the red rope hanging in the window and remembered Rahab. The army made sure Rahab and her family were kept safe. God was with Rahab all along. And God is always with you, too. **Who is always with you? God is always with me.**"

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MADE TO PLAY

an activity that encourages preschoolers to follow guidelines while having fun and learning new concepts



FIND THE SPY

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Music player; the monthly song, "Very Big Things;" construction paper; and a marker

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Cue the music. Draw stick people spies on one side of one piece of paper. Lay paper all around the floor, turning the paper with the spies face down.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Play the music. When the music stops, have children look for the spies on the papers. Shuffle and repeat as long as desired.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bible story.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, we're going to play a game. When the music plays, move around the room. When the music stops, look under the paper for the spies."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Ready? (*Start music.*) Start moving! (*Stop music.*) Look under the papers to find the spies. (*Pause.*) You found the spies! Let's mix up the papers and play again! (*Repeat as many times as desired.*) Everyone sit down where you are."

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "God's army was led by a man named Joshua. He sent two sneaky spies into Jericho to check things out. Some soldiers were coming to look for them so they needed to hide, but they needed someone to help them. A lady named Rahab knew that these men were friends of God. She had heard about God and knew that God could do amazing things. This gave her courage so she helped them hide and get out of the city. They told her to put a red rope outside her window, and when they returned, they would keep her and her family safe. God was with Rahab all along. And God is always with you, too. **Who is always with you? God is always with me.**"

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SMALL GROUP LEADER (SGL): "It's Small Group time!

Today, we'll tip-toe like sneaky spies all the way to our small group spot. We have to be very quiet so no one finds us. Follow me! (*Tip-toe like a sneaky spy as you lead the children to your small group spot.*)

"We made it without anyone catching us. Good job little spies! Now let's sit down and talk about today's Bible story. One, two, three, sit down with me! (*Open the Bible and lay it in front of the children.*)

"Our Bible story, today, was about how Rahab had courage because she had heard of the amazing things God had done. She had the courage to do the right thing and hide the spies. When God is with us, we can have the courage to do the right thing, too. And guess what! God is always with us! **Who is always with you?**"

CHILDREN AND SGL: "God is always with me."

SGL: "Whisper it like a sneaky spy. **Who is always with you?**"

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SGL: "He sure is! And the Bible verse we're learning will help us remember that God is with us and wants to help us. It says . . . (*Turn the pages of your Bible to the Memory Verse Card.*)

"'We have the Lord our God to help us.' 2 Chronicles 32:8. (*Close Bible and lay it down.*)

"Let's stand up and say that together with the motions. Just say what I say and do what I do."

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(*Repeat the verse with motions a few times.*)

SGL: "You sound so good! Now let's sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (*Hold journal and fun-shaped pen.*)

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"Knowing about the amazing things God has done gave Rahab the courage to do the right thing and help the spies. Today, we'll make a list of ways we can have courage and help others, too. So when I say your name, tell me one way you can have courage and help someone. I will write it in our prayer journal. Get ready and listen for your name!"

(Say each child's name and write down what they say. Remember to print the names so the children can recognize their names and the letters.)

"This is an awesome list! We can use it when we pray. Would anyone like to pray before I pray?"

(Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.)

PRAYER

SGL: "Dear God, You are SO amazing! Only You have the power to always be with us. Knowing that You are always with us gives us the courage to help others and do things like *(read the list the children made)*. We want everyone to know how much You love them. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."



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Rahab and the Spies • *Joshua 2:1-22; 6:22-25*

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WORSHIP

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LEADER: "Look at all our sweet friends here today! I'm so glad to see you. We've had SO much fun this month talking about how God is always with us. Tell me, **who is always with you?**"

CHILDREN and LEADER: *[Bottom Line]* "God is always with me."

LEADER: "It's true! Is God with us at the very top of the slide when we're a little scared to take off? *(Pause.)* Yes! Is God with us when we turn out the light to go to sleep? *(Pause.)* Yes! We can be brave. We don't have to be afraid, because God is with us. He can do VERY big things! Sing this with me!

VIDEO: "Very Big Things" Dance Moves Music Video

LEADER: "That was awesome. With God, we can do very big things! In fact, the Bible teaches us that 'We have *(bend wrists and tap fingertips to chest)* the Lord our God *(point up)* to help us,' *(right thumbs-up on top of left palm)* 2 Chronicles 32:8. *(Open hands like a book.)* Let's say our verse together.

Lead the children to say the verse with the motions.

"That's right! God can help us. God is always with us. One more time, **who is always with you?**"

CHILDREN and LEADER: *[Bottom Line]* "God is always with me."

LEADER: "That's right! Thanks for worshipping with me, friends!"

STORY

What You Need: Bible

LEADER: “Hello, friends! I’m [your name], and it’s time to hear a true story from the Bible.

Hold up the Bible and lay it open.

“Our true story starts with an army. God’s army. Whoa! I can’t wait to hear more! Are you all ready to go see our friends at the Clubhouse? *(Pause)* Let’s go!”

VIDEO: “*Rahab and the Spies*” from Wonder

LEADER: “God was with Rahab all along. And God is always with you, too! Tell me, **who is always with you?**”

CHILDREN and LEADER: *[Bottom Line]* “God is always with me.”

LEADER: “Who is always with you?”

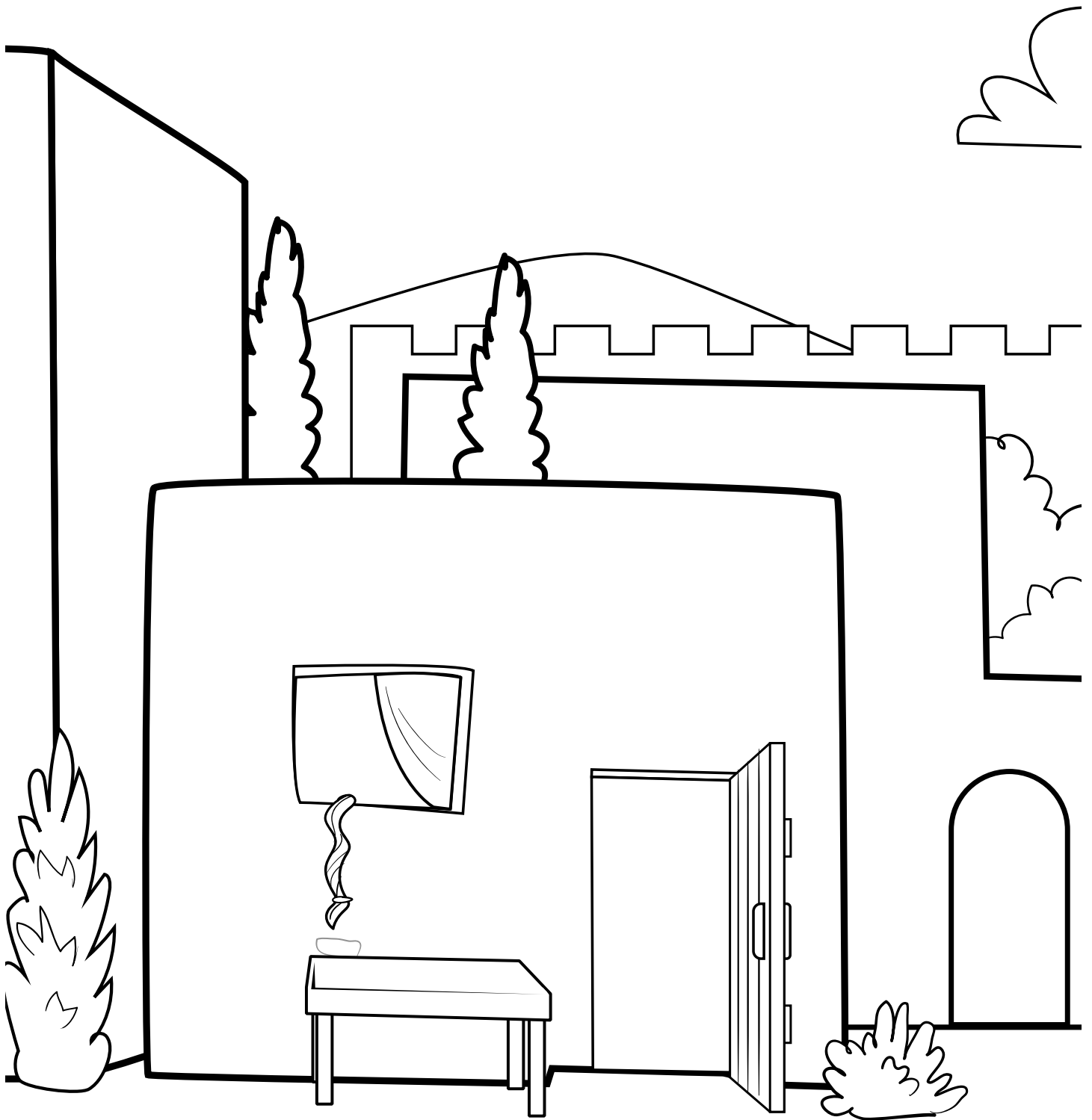
CHILDREN and LEADER: *[Bottom Line]* “God is always with me!”

LEADER: “Yes, He is! God was with the spies. God was with Rahab, and God’s with you and me.

“Okay friends, it’s time to pray. Let’s close our eyes and talk to God together.”

PRAYER

LEADER: “God, You are the best! There is no one like You. Help us remember that no matter where we go or what we do, You are with us. We don’t have to be afraid because we are never alone. You’re awesome God. In Jesus’ name we pray, amen.”



God is always with me.

Rahab and the Spies. • *Joshua 2:1-22, 6:22-25*

Add to the House • Add to the House • September Week 3

Copy on cardstock. One per child.

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TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

NOTE: This version of the curriculum is designed especially for churches with fewer leaders and preschoolers. You may want to use it if you have just one or two leaders and if you combine all your preschoolers for both Large and Small Group time.

BIBLE STORY

God is with me
so I can be strong.

ESTHER
ESTHER 2:2-8:17

MEMORY VERSE

"We have the Lord
our God to help us."

2 CHRONICLES 32:8, NLT

KEY QUESTION

Who is always with you?

BOTTOM LINE

God is always with me.

BASIC TRUTH

God loves me.

PRELUDE: Setting the tone for the experience

See the Getting Ready pages at the end of this document for a detailed description of what you'll need for today.

In the Prelude folder of your curriculum, you'll find a variety of other resources to help you prepare.

SMALL GROUP

15
MIN

SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction

Offer one or more of these activities as preschoolers arrive.
Toss the Crown

LARGE GROUP

20
MIN

WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God
STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways
"Very Big Things"
Bible Story
Prayer

SMALL GROUP

25
MIN

GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Offer as many of these activities as your time, facilities, resources, and leadership allow.
Crown on a Stick
The King Says
Journal and Prayer

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

Going Home
Parent Cue Card (print or email)
Parent Cue App



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MADE TO PLAY

an activity that encourages preschoolers to follow guidelines while having fun and learning new concepts



TOSS THE CROWN

WHAT YOU NEED: Paper or plastic crowns; cones or water bottles; and painter's tape

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Place cones or water bottles in a single or double line. Place a line of tape on the floor for a start line across from the cones or bottles.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage children to toss the crowns onto the cones like ring toss. Repeat as many times as desired.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Talk about how we'll hear a story about a woman who had to be strong.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, come line up behind this tape line."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "We're going to play ring toss but use these crowns. (Pause.) Let's take turns tossing and see if we can make it on the [cone or bottle]. (Pause.) Let's collect them and try again. (Pause.) That was fun tossing the crowns with you." (Repeat as long as desired.)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Today, we'll hear a story about a woman who had to be strong."

TRANSITION: Move to Worship and Story by walking like a king or queen with a pretend crown on their head and waving to their subjects.

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25 MINUTES

MADE TO CREATE

an activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible story, bottom line, or memory verse by creating a craft to take home



CROWN ON A STICK

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Royalty on a Stick" and "Crown Parent Note" Activity Pages; cardstock; scissors; large craft sticks; dot markers; glue sticks; masking tape; camera; and a permanent marker

BIBLE STORY

God is with me
so I can be strong.

ESTHER
ESTHER 2:2-8:17

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Royalty on a Stick" on cardstock and cut out, one set per child. Copy "Crown Parent Note" on cardstock and cut apart, one note per child. Write child's name on the back of each cutout.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage the children to dot marker their cutouts. Glue a craft stick to the back of each. Use props when retelling the story. This is a great time for a photo.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bible story. Send home parent note with craft.

MEMORY VERSE

"We have the Lord
our God to help us."

2 CHRONICLES 32:8, NLT

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "In our Bible story today, we learned about a woman named Esther. She was very beautiful and picked by the king to be his queen."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Color in your cutouts. (Pause.) Tell me what you have. (Pause.) You have a crown and a beard! Flip them to the back and glue one of your craft sticks to each. Then we'll add a piece of tape to secure it. (Pause.) Now let's use your props as we retell our story."

KEY QUESTION

Who is always with you?

"Esther was picked to be the queen. Hold up your crowns. (Pause.) Everyone was happy except for a man named Haman. Hold up the beard. (Pause.) He worked for the king, but he did not love God. Haman had a plan to do something very mean to Esther's family. Haman told the king he should get rid of a whole group of people—God's people. Esther, hold up your crown, (pause) was so upset when she heard this. The king didn't know that Haman's plan, hold up your beard, would hurt Esther's family and friends."

BOTTOM LINE

God is always with me.

"Esther, hold up your crown, (pause) loved God with her whole heart, but going to the king to ask for his help would be scary. But Esther, hold up your crown, (pause) knew that God was with her and that He would make her strong. So, Esther, hold up your crown, (pause) asked the king to save her family and friends, hold up the beard. And the king said yes! He would save God's people!"

BASIC TRUTH

God loves me.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Esther knew that God was always with her, and He made her strong! And God can make you strong, too, because He is always with you. **Who is always with you? God is always with me.**"



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25 MINUTES

MADE TO MOVE

an activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn



THE KING SAYS

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed.

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Gather the children in an open area of the room.

BIBLE STORY

God is with me
so I can be strong.

ESTHER
ESTHER 2:2-8:17

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Play "Simon Says." Repeat as long as desired.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bible story.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, we're going to play a game called "The King Says." Only do the action when you hear me say, 'The King says.'"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Spread apart. (Pause.) The King says, jump up and down. (Pause.) The King says stop. (Pause.) Clap your hands. (Pause.) Oh, the King didn't say to clap your hands. My friends who clapped, sit down one turn. The King says turn around. (Pause.) The King says freeze. (Pause.) The King says everyone give a thumbs-up. (Pause.) The King says march around. (Pause.) The King says freeze. (Pause.) The King says sit down. (Pause.) Great job, friends! (Repeat as long as desired.)"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "In our Bible story today, Esther was picked to be the queen. But a man named Haman who did not love God, made a plan to do something very mean to Esther's family. Haman told the king he should get rid of a whole group of people—God's people. When Esther heard this, she was so upset. Esther loved God with her whole heart but going to the king to ask for his help would be scary. She knew that God was with her and that He would make her strong. So Esther asked the king to save her family and friends. And the king said yes! He would save God's people! Esther knew that God was always with her, and He made her strong. And God can make you strong too, because He is always with you. **Who is always with you? God is always with me.**"

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MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that encourages personal application and prayer



6. JOURNAL AND PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Paperclip "Memory Verse Card" in your Bible at 2 Chronicles 32:8, journal, fun-shaped pen, and reward stickers or a handstamp

SMALL GROUP LEADER (SGL): "It's Small Group time!

Today, we'll walk and wave like kings and queens on our way to our small group spot. Put your pretend crown on like this (*demonstrate*) and follow me. (*Pretend to walk and wave like a king or queen as you lead the children to your small group spot.*)

"That was fun! Now we can sit down and talk about today's Bible story. One, two, three, sit down with me! (*Open the Bible and lay it in front of the children.*) Our Bible story, today, was about how Esther was strong enough to go ask the king to save her family!

"A long time ago, a person would get in BIG trouble for trying to talk to the king if he didn't ask them to talk to him first. But Esther had to be strong, go talk to the king, and try and save her family. And she did it! She talked to the king and saved her family!

"God is always with us so we can be strong, too. That's why when I ask, '**Who is always with you?**', we say '**God is always with me!**' **Who is always with you?**'"

CHILDREN AND SGL: "**God is always with me.**"

SGL: "One last time. **Who is always with you?**"

CHILDREN AND SGL: "**God is always with me.**"

SGL: "And the Bible verse we learned this month will help us remember that God is with us and wants to help us. It says . . . (*Turn the pages of your Bible to the Memory Verse Card.*)

"'We have the Lord our God to help us,' 2 Chronicles 32:8. (*Close Bible and lay it down.*)

"Stand up with me, and let's say that Bible verse together one time with the motions. Just say what I say and do what I do."

CHILDREN AND SGL: "'We have (*bend wrists and tap fingertips to chest*) the Lord our God (*point up*) to help us,' (*right thumbs-up on top of left palm*) 2 Chronicles 32:8." (*Open hands like a book.*)

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(JOURNAL AND PRAYER, CONTINUED)

SGL: "Yes, we do! You can sit down, and anyone who wants to say it can try. I have my [stickers/handstamp] ready! (Give each child the opportunity to try to say the Bible verse.)

"You did it, [child's name]! Here is your [sticker/handstamp]! (Repeat with each child as they try to say the Bible verse.)

"Okay, when I count to three, I want everyone to stand up and show me their [sticker/handstamp]. One, two, three! (Pause to look.) Woo hoo! (Give fist bumps to the children.)

"Now let's sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (Hold journal and fun-shaped pen.) God was with Esther when she had to go to the king. Today, we'll make a list of places we have to go. When we pray, we can thank God for always being with us, no matter where we go.

"When I say your name, tell me one place you have to go, and I will write it in our prayer journal. Get ready and listen for your name!

(Say each child's name and write down what they say. Remember to print the names so the children can recognize their names and the letters.)

"Thank you for making this list with me. We can use it when we pray. Would anyone like to pray before I pray?"

(Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.)

PRAYER

SGL: "Dear God, There is no one else like You. Only You can always be with us wherever we go. We can go to (read the list the children made), and You will still be with us. You being with us makes us strong and brave, wise and courageous! You are amazing, and we love You very much. In Jesus' name, amen."



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GETTING READY

HERE'S EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW TO GET READY FOR THIS WEEK

SOCIAL: PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION (15 MINUTES)

Activities that encourage preschoolers to enter the classroom and begin engaging with peers and Small Group Leaders by providing age appropriate and hands on fun while introducing new concepts they will hear in the day's Bible story.

Prepare to offer one or more of the following activities as Your 3-, 4-, or 5-year-olds arrive. Let one or two teachers lead activities in different areas of the room while another teacher greets parents and kids at the door.

TOSS THE CROWN

Made to Play: An activity that encourages preschoolers to follow guidelines while having fun and learning new concepts

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Paper or plastic crowns
- Cones or water bottles
- Painter's tape

WHAT YOU DO:

- Place cones or water bottles in a single or double line.
- Place a line of tape on the floor for a start line across from the cones or bottles.

GROUPS: CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT (25 MINUTES)

Create a safe place to connect through activities that are written to reach every learning style while reinforcing the Bottom Line that was introduced during the Bible Story and applying it to real life experiences. In addition, these activities provide preschoolers with an opportunity to build relationships with their Small Group Leader.

Offer as many of the following activities as your time, facilities, resources, and leadership allow. You may want to lead one activity at a time. Or, offer two activities at once and allow half the kids to participate in each. Then switch groups and repeat the activities.

CROWN ON A STICK

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

Made to Create: an activity that explores spiritual ideas through the process of drawing, building, and designing

WHAT YOU NEED:

- "Royalty on a Stick" Activity Page
- "Crown Parent Note" Activity Page
- Cardstock
- Scissors
- Large craft sticks, two per child
- Dot markers
- Glue sticks
- Masking tape
- Camera (optional)
- Permanent marker

WHAT YOU DO:

- Copy "Royalty on a Stick" on cardstock and cut out, one set per child.
- Copy "Crown Parent Note" on cardstock and cut apart, one note per child.
- Write child's name on the back of each cutout.

THE KING SAYS

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

Made to Move: An activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn

WHAT YOU NEED:

- No supplies needed.

JOURNAL AND PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

Made to Reflect: An activity that encourages personal application and prayer

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Paperclip "Memory Verse Card" in your Bible at 2 Chronicles 32:8.
- Provide a journal and a fun-shaped pen for each Small Group.



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GETTING READY

HERE'S EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW TO GET READY FOR THIS WEEK

HOME: PROMPTING ACTION BEYOND THE EXPERIENCE

- Make copies on cardstock or email this week's Parent Cue card.
- Copy "Going Home" and hang on the door where Small Group Leaders can reference and remind parents of the Bottom Line and Memory Verse as parents pick up their children.
- Tell parents about our additional family resource, the **Parent Cue app**.

FIRST LOOK PINTEREST PAGE

Visit our Pinterest page to see craft samples and suggested supplies. <https://bit.ly/FirstLookPinterest>

Today's Suggested Schedule—September 2021, Week 4

Today's Bible Story: God is with me so I can be strong.

Esther • *Esther 2:2–8:17*

Memory Verse: "We have the Lord our God to help us." 2 Chronicles 32:8, NLT

Key Question: Who is always with you?

Bottom Line: God is always with me.

Basic Truth: God loves me.

LARGE GROUP (20 minutes)

WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

VIDEO: "Very Big Things" Dance Moves Music Video

STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

VIDEO: "Esther" from *Wonder*

LARGE GROUP: Worship (10 minutes) • Story (10 minutes)

Engage kids' hearts through a dynamic and interactive Bible story, worship, and prayer experience in a Large Group setting.

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WORSHIP

What You Need: Paperclip "Memory Verse Card" in your Bible at 2 Chronicles 32:8, NLT.

LEADER: "Are you ready to worship? Yay! Let's sing our song for this month called 'Very Big Things!'

VIDEO: *"Very Big Things" Dance Moves Music Video*

LEADER: "When God is with us, we can be brave. When God is with us, we can be strong! Tell me, **who is always with you?**"

CHILDREN and LEADER: *[Bottom Line]* "God is always with me."

LEADER: "Yes! It's true. *[Bottom Line]* God is always with me. The Bible teaches us, 'We have *(bend wrists and tap fingertips to chest)* the Lord our God *(point up)* to help us,' *(right thumbs-up on top of left palm)* 2 Chronicles 32:8. *(Open hands like a book.)* Say that with me!"

Lead the children to say the verse with the motions.

"Yes! God is always with us, and He can help us, no matter what we face. Wherever you go, God is always with you. I'm SO glad to know that *[Basic Truth]* God loves me and *[Bottom Line]* God is always with me! Thanks for worshipping with me, friends!"

STORY

What You Need: Bible

LEADER: “Hello, friends! I’m [your name], and it’s time to hear a true story from the Bible.

Hold up the Bible and open it as if reading from it

“Today’s true story begins with a king. This king looked everywhere for the most beautiful queen. Let’s visit our friends in the clubhouse and see if he found a queen!

VIDEO: “*Esther*” from *Wonder*

LEADER: “Esther knew that God was always with her, and He made her strong! And God can make YOU strong too, because He is always with you.

“Tell me, **who is always with you?**”

CHILDREN and LEADER: *[Bottom Line]* “**God is always with me!**”

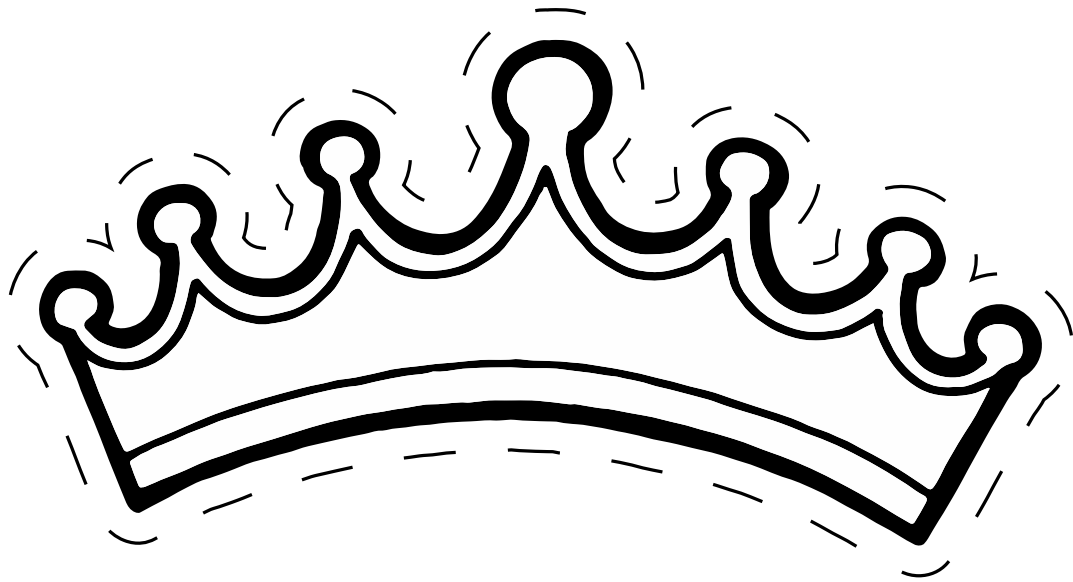
LEADER: “Yes, He is! Turn to a friend and say it. **Who is always with you?**”

CHILDREN and LEADER: *[Bottom Line]* “**God is always with me!**”

LEADER: “No matter where you go, no matter what you do, you can be strong because God is with you. Okay friends, it’s time to pray and talk to God. Let’s close our eyes.”

PRAYER

LEADER: “God, You are SO strong! You are the strongest. Help us remember that we can be strong too, just like Esther, when we remember that You are with us. Thanks for being awesome, God. We love You. In Jesus’ name we pray, amen.”



Use the props to retell the story of Esther.

Crown: Esther was picked to be the Queen.

Beard: Everyone was happy except for a man named Haman. Haman told the king he should get rid of a whole group of people – God’s people.

Crown: Esther was so upset when she heard this. She loved was one of God’s people and loved God very much.

Beard: The king didn’t know that Haman’s plan would hurt Esther’s family and friends.

Crown: Esther knew that God was with her and that He could make her strong. So, Esther asked the king to save her family and friends.

Beard: The king said yes! He would save God’s people!

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