

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

WORSHIP

STORY

GROUPS

HOME

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION  
15 MINUTES

## MADE TO MOVE

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



## SIMON SAYS

**WHAT YOU NEED:** No supplies needed.

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Spread the children out in your activity area. Stand in front of the group and lead them to perform different motions like those suggested below.

Before most of your instructions say, "Simon says [motion]." Every once in a while, simply give a directive without saying "Simon says" first. If a child performs a motion without the "Simon Says" command, don't have them sit out. Just remind them to listen close for "Simon Says" and keep going.

Suggested movements are: march, touch your toes, jog in place, clap your hands, pat your tummy, lift your left or right leg, jumping jacks, star jumps, squat, reach high with your right or left hand, stand your tiptoes, sing "la-la-la", and raise hands overhead.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** "Friends, come over here with me! It's time to play 'Simon Says.'"

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** "Everyone spread out. Put your arms out to your side like this. (*Demonstrate.*) Make sure you aren't touching any friends. Great job! You can put your hands down.

"I will lead you to make different motions, but you have to listen carefully. ONLY do what I say if I say 'Simon says' first. So, if I say, 'Simon says stomp your feet,' stomp those feet. But if I tell you a motion without saying 'Simon says' first, stay still! Are you ready? Okay. Simon says, 'March!'" (*Do activity.*)

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** "Great listening and following directions, friends! That was super fun. In our Bible story today, we'll talk about some men who followed the directions of the one TRUE God!"

**TRANSITION:** Move to Worship and Story by continuing to play "Simon Says," selecting motions they can do as they travel like march, tiptoe, raise arms overhead, clap, snap, touch head, touch nose, pull ears, raise eyebrows, etc.

## BIBLE STORY

God is always with me.

**SHADRACH, MESHACH,  
ABEDNEGO  
DANIEL 3:1-28**

## MEMORY VERSE

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart."

**PROVERBS 3:5, NIV**

## KEY QUESTION

Who can trust God?

## BOTTOM LINE

I can trust God.

## BASIC TRUTH

God loves me.

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## MEMORY VERSE WITH MOTIONS

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE REVIEW]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** No supplies needed.

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Say the memory verse and do the motions in front of the children.

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"Trust in the Lord (*point up*) with all (*arms out wide*) your heart," (*hands over heart*) Proverbs 3:5. (*Open hands like a book.*)

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Say the verse again with the motions and invite the children to do it with you. Repeat several times.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** "I will say our new memory verse. Everyone, watch me!"

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**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** "Now, let's do it together! Are you ready?"

"Trust in the Lord (*point up*) with all (*arms out wide*) your heart,' (*hands over heart*) Proverbs 3:5." (*Open hands like a book.*)

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**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** "Our memory verse tells us that we can always trust God! **Who can trust God? I can trust God!**"

### BOTTOM LINE

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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



**TRUST GOD SLIDE SHOW**

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Slide Show" Activity Page; cardstock; paper plates; red, yellow, and orange tissue paper; pencil; ruler; utility knife; scissors; glue sticks; and permanent marker

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Copy "Slide Show" on cardstock and cut, one per child. Cut two 4 ¼ inch slits in each plate, 4 inches apart. Write child's name on the back of their plate and story strip.

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Show children how to slip their "Slide Show" strip into the slits. Slide in from the back then into the next slit so when pulled up or down from behind, the picture changes. Then have the children rip tissue paper and glue around their plate.

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** Review the Bible story.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** "I have a craft that will help us retell today's story."

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** "Our craft is like a slide show. Put your picture strip through the two slits on your plate like this. (*Demonstrate.*) See how the pictures change when you move the strip up and down? (*Demonstrate.*) Now rip up some tissue paper and glue it to your plate around the pictures. (*Pause.*) Great job!"

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** "In our Bible story, we heard about a king named Nebuchadnezzar who built a statue of himself. He wanted everyone to bow down to it. But Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were friends of God and wouldn't bow to the statue. This made the king mad, and he threw them into the furnace. But Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego weren't afraid because they trusted that God was with them. Then something happened! Someone else was in the fire with them. God had sent an angel to be in the fire with them. They were all safe from the fire!

"The king was so surprised that he called them out of the fire. They weren't hurt! God is amazing! Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego trusted that God was with them, and we can trust that God is with us, too! I can trust God, and you can trust God! **Who can trust God? I can trust God.**"

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**MADE TO REFLECT**

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**JOURNAL AND PRAYER**

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Paperclipped "Memory Verse Card" in your Bible at Proverbs 3:5, journal, and fun-shaped pen

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

When I say, 'Press play,' I want everyone to start dancing and follow me! Press Play! (*Encourage all of the children to dance as you lead them to your small group spot.*)

"Here we are! You are great dancers! 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.*)

"Today's Bible story was about three guys who trusted that God was always with them, and it helped them 'press play' and do the right thing. We'll learn a new Bible verse that will help us trust God so we can press play and do the right thing, too. It says . . . (*Turn the pages of your Bible to the Memory Verse Card.*)

"'Trust in the Lord with all your heart,' Proverbs 3:5. (*Close Bible and lay it down.*) When we trust God with all our heart, we can be brave and do the right thing just like Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

"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:** "'Trust in the Lord (*point up*) with all (*arms out wide*) your heart,' (*hands over heart*) Proverbs 3:5." (*Open hands like a book.*)

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

**SGL:** "Wonderful! (*Give a thumbs-up.*) I want all of us to trust God with all our heart because He loves us and is always with us. So when I ask, '**Who can trust God?**', I want you to say, '**I can trust God.**' Let me hear you. **Who can trust God?**"

**CHILDREN AND SGL:** "**I can trust God!**"

**SGL:** "Louder! **Who can trust God?**"

**CHILDREN AND SGL:** "**I can trust God!**"

**SGL:** "You sure can! 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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**( JOURNAL AND PRAYER, CONTINUED)**

“Today, we’ll make a list of places we go. It can be your grandparents’ house, your favorite place to eat, dance lessons, preschool, the store . . . anywhere in the world! So think about it. When I say your name, tell me the place, 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.)*

“We have our list! 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, thank You for always being with us. Thank You for being with us when we go to . . . *(read the list the children made.)* We know we can trust You with all our hearts because You love us so much. In Jesus’ name, amen.”