



10 MINUTES

BIBLE STORY

God is with me
so I can be wise.

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

ENGAGE CHILDREN'S HEARTS THROUGH A DYNAMIC AND INTERACTIVE WORSHIP, BIBLE STORY, AND PRAYER EXPERIENCE IN A LARGE GROUP SETTING.

WORSHIP

WHAT YOU NEED: Paperclip "Memory Verse Card" in your Bible at 2 Chronicles 32:8, NLT. You need a music player and this month's worship song, "Very Big Things," which is included in your monthly files. The dance moves video for "Very Big Things" is available on the Very Big Things Dance Moves DVD, at OrangeKidsMusic.com, or in your media package if you subscribe. You also need "God Is with Me," which is available on the Love Like Jesus CD, iTunes®, and Spotify®. The dance moves video for this song is available on the Love Like Jesus Dance Moves DVD and at OrangeKidsMusic.com.

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

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP LEADER: "**God is always with me.**"

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

Lead children in singing "Very Big Things," this month's worship song.

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

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP LEADER: "**God is always with me.**"

WORSHIP 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. Get up on your feet and let's sing 'God is with Me' together!

Lead children in singing "God Is with Me."

"I just love worshipping with you friends. Remember, **God loves me**, and God loves you! I am never alone because **God is always with me! Who is always with you?**"

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP LEADER: "**God is always with me.**"



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INTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED: Table, thinking cap with a spinner, apple, granola bar, two different colored markers, pair of flip flops, and a pair of rain boots

WHAT YOU DO: Set the table in the middle of the storytelling area. Place the other props except the thinking cap on the table.

The Host, very excited, enters carrying the thinking cap.

HOST: "Hello, everyone! I'm [your name], and I can't wait to show you . . ."

Put on the thinking cap.

" . . . my thinking cap! I put it on when I need to know what to do. Like, what should I eat for snack?"

Set the granola bar on one side of the table and the apple on the other.

"I'll spin this, and you tell me which way it points. Ready, one, two, three, spin."

Spin spinner on the cap. Wait for children to point to the choice, then pick up that snack.

"Awesome! Or . . . which color of marker should I draw with?"

Set the markers on opposite ends of the table, spin the spinner. Wait for children to point to the choice, then pick up that marker.

"I love this color! Great choice. Or . . . should I wear my flip flops or my rain boots?"

Set the flip flops and rain boots on opposite ends of the table, spin the spinner. Wait for children to point to the choice, then pick up the pair chosen.

"This thinking cap is SO great. I'll wear it everywhere. See you guys later!"

The Host gathers up the props and exits.

BIBLE STORY

WHAT YOU NEED: Bible, artificial tree, box, ball, blocks, and large bandage; *Optional Story Images*

WHAT YOU DO: Preset the tree in the storytelling area. Put the ball, blocks, and bandage in the box.

The storyteller enters carrying a Bible and box of props.

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



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Set the box of props on the table. Hold up the Bible and lay it open on the table.

"Today's true Bible story begins with a woman named Deborah. What was her name?"

(Option: Display Story Image W2 01)

CHILDREN: "Deborah!"

STORYTELLER: "Yes! Deborah was the leader of all God's people. She was their judge.

Walk over and stand near or under the artificial tree.

(Option: Display Story Image W2 02)

"Every day, Deborah would stand under a tree. The people would come to her with their big questions and ask her what to do. Deborah knew God was with her. She trusted God to help her be wise and tell the people the right thing to do.

"When God is with you, He helps you be wise and do the right thing.

Walk to stand behind the table.

"We make choices all the time! Like when you and your friend both want to play with the same toy.

(Option: Display Story Image W2 03)

Pick up the ball and toss it from hand to hand.

"You can be wise and remember that God wants us to love others by sharing!

Put the ball away and start stacking the blocks on the table.

"Or when your brother knocks over your blocks.

(Option: Display Story Image W2 04)

Knock over the tower you built.

"You can be wise and use kind words instead of yelling at him.

Put the blocks away.

"Or when you see someone get hurt.

(Option: Display Story Image W2 05)



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Pick up the bandage.

"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 STORYTELLER: "God is always with me."

STORYTELLER: "Yes! One more time, who is always with you?"

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

STORYTELLER: "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 bow our heads as we pray."

PRAYER

STORYTELLER: "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.

"You guys are amazing! See ya later."

The Storyteller exits with the Bible.

OUTRO SKETCH

What You Need: Thinking cap

The Host enters wearing the thinking cap.

HOST: "That was an awesome TRUE story! God helped Deborah be wise and know what to do. I think I got the story. Did you get it? If you did, give me two thumbs-up. (Pause.) Awesome!

Spin the spinner of the cap.

"My thinking cap is fun to wear.

Take cap off.

But I don't really need it to tell me what to do. I have God to help me make wise choices. And you do, too! See you next time, friends!"

Host exits, waving to the children.