



WEEK
THREE
SEPTEMBER 2021

LARGE GROUP
3-5 YEAR
-OLDS
STAGE

PRELUDE SOCIAL **WORSHIP** STORY GROUPS HOME

10 MINUTES

BIBLE STORY

God is with me so
I can be courageous.

RAHAB AND THE SPIES
JOSHUA 2:1-22; 6:22-25

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 "Anything at All," which is available on the Very Big Things CD, iTunes®, and Spotify®. The dance moves video for this song is available on the Very Big Things Dance Moves DVD and at OrangeKidsMusic.com.

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

WORSHIP 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!

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

"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. He can do ANYTHING at all. Up on your feet and sing it out with me!

Lead children in singing "Anything at All."

"Nothing is too big for God! We can trust Him, always. So one more time, **who is always with you?**"

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

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



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INTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED: Wind-up robot or remote-control car, card in an envelope, and tape

WHAT YOU DO: Attach a piece of tape to the envelope so Host can tape it to the robot or car during the sketch.

The Host, smiling, walks out carrying the robot and the envelope.

HOST: "Hello there, friends! How are you today? Great! I'm [your name], and I'm SO happy to be here with you today."

"So I have some new neighbors who just moved in next door. I haven't really met them, but I know I need to welcome them to the neighborhood. Since I'm a little nervous about introducing myself, I thought I could send them a note saying, 'Welcome!'"

"So I've come up with the perfect thing. I'll tape this card to my [robot or car]."

Tape the note to the robot or car.

"Then I'll see how far he goes! Go robot go. Go robot go."

Watch as the robot moves slowly OR use the remote to make the car go.

"This is going to take a while. I think I'll see what happens when I take it outside. See you guys later!"

The Host gathers up the props and exits.

BIBLE STORY

WHAT YOU NEED: Bible, two adult volunteers, length of red string or yarn, and the artificial tree from previous weeks; *Optional Story Images*

WHAT YOU DO: Recruit two Small Group Leaders to act as the spies in the story. They will walk around, carrying the artificial tree to crouch behind during the story. Give the red string or yarn to one volunteer to place in their pocket.

The storyteller enters carrying a Bible.

STORYTELLER: "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 on the table in the center of the storytelling area.

(Option: Display Story Image W3 01)

"Our true story starts with an army. God's army. And they were led by a man named Joshua. Joshua knew God wanted his army to go to battle with Jericho, so he sent two sneaky spies to check it out."



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Volunteers enter with the artificial tree, set it down near the children and crouch down to “hide” behind it.

“Does anyone see the sneaky spies? Where’d they go?”

(Option: Display Story Image W3 02)

Volunteers move the tree to another spot and hide again.

“Wait! You saw them again? Where? Over there?”

Children should be waving and pointing at volunteers.

“Aha! I see them now! They are very sneaky.”

Volunteers head to the storytelling area with the tree.

“So the spies went into Jericho to check things out. Wait, someone’s coming. Quick, hide!”

Volunteers “hide” behind the tree again.

“Stay hidden guys. I think I hear someone coming. I think it’s soldiers. Be very, very quiet.”

“The soldiers were looking for the spies. They had to hide out, but they needed help. Thankfully, a woman named Rahab came to the rescue. What was her name?”

(Option: Display Story Image W3 03)

CHILDREN: “Rahab!”

STORYTELLER: “Yes! Hiding spies took a lot of courage because so many soldiers in the city were looking for them. And if the soldiers knew Rahab was hiding the spies, she would be in BIG trouble! But Rahab knew that these men were friends of God. She had heard about God and knew that He could do amazing things. That gave her courage.”

“So Rahab helped the spies get out of the city. Yay!”

Volunteers stand up and walk to the Storyteller. One of the volunteers pulls out the red string or yarn to hand to the Storyteller.

(Option: Display Story Image W3 04)

“The spies told Rahab to hang a red rope outside her window, and when God’s army came back to the city, they would make sure Rahab and her family were safe.”

Volunteers head offstage; leaving the tree behind.



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"Some time later, Joshua and God's army came to battle the city of Jericho. They saw the red rope (*hold up the string*), and they remembered Rahab. The army made sure Rahab and her family stayed safe. God was with Rahab all along. And God is always with you, too! Tell me, **who is always with you?**"

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

STORYTELLER: "Who is always with you?"

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

STORYTELLER: "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

STORYTELLER: "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."

"Thank you for being so, so wonderful! I'll see you next time. Bye!"

The Storyteller exits with the Bible.

OUTRO SKETCH

What You Need: Note from Intro Sketch

The Host enters with the note.

HOST: "Wow! God gave Rahab the courage to help the spies and keep them safe. God was with Rahab, and He's always with us, too! I think I got the story. If you did, say, 'Got it!' Get it?"

CHILDREN: "Got it!"

HOST: "Good! Since God is with me, I know He can give me the courage to go introduce myself to my new neighbor in person! The [robot or car] is a lot of fun, but God is with me so I don't need it! See you all next time."

Host exits with note while waving to the children.