



WEEK
ONE
SEPTEMBER 2021

SMALL GROUP
3-5 YEAR
-OLDS

PRELUDE SOCIAL WORSHIP STORY **GROUPS** HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO MOVE

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



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 following motions in front of the children.

BIBLE STORY

God is with me
so I can be brave.

MOSES' MOM
EXODUS 1:22-2:10

"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.*)

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! '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.*)

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

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Our memory verse tells us that God is always with us and will always help us! We are fearfully and wonderfully made. **Who is always with you? God is always with me!**"

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.





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PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION
15 MINUTES

MADE TO PLAY

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



BASKETS

WHAT YOU NEED: Six small baskets, six small squares of scrap paper, marker, clear tape, and 21 pom poms

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Numbers the scrap paper #1-6. Each piece of paper should only have one number on it. Tape one number to each basket. Place the baskets in a

row in the activity area in random order (for example 2, 4, 6, 3, 1, 5). Place all of the pom poms in a pile next to the baskets.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Ask the children to identify the number on the first basket. Challenge the children to pick up the corresponding number of pom poms for each basket and place the correct number of pom poms inside the baskets. For example, if #2 is on the first basket, then the children should place two pom poms inside the basket. Continue the activity until all of the baskets have the correct number of pom poms inside them.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "We have baskets in our room today. We'll hear an amazing Bible story about a special basket today."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "I see six baskets with numbers on them and a big pile of pom poms. (Point.) Let's all look at the first basket. (Pause.) What number do you see on this basket? (Pause.) Yes! It is a [number]. Let's count out [number] pom poms and place them in the basket! (Do activity.) Great job! Let's look at the next basket!" (Continue and finish activity.)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Nice work! We put all of the pom poms in the correct baskets! Today, we'll hear a Bible story about a how a basket was used in a very special way!"

TRANSITION: Move to Worship and Story pretending to hold a basket as you walk to the story area.

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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



ALL THE TIME

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Clock" Activity Page, copy paper, safety scissors, and glue sticks; Optional crayons

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Clock" Activity Page on paper, one per child.

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DURING THE ACTIVITY: Assist the children in cutting off the four picture rectangles at the bottom of the activity page. Tell them to glue the pictures in the spaces on the clock that have the matching number as you talk about the pictures.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Talk about how God is always with us, no matter where we go or what we do.

MEMORY VERSE

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

2 CHRONICLES 32:8, NLT

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Hi, friends! Come sit with me. We're going to make something to help us remember that God is always with us."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "In our Bible story, Moses' mom trusted that God would always be with Moses, no matter where he went. That is what helped her be brave enough to leave Moses safely hidden in the tall grass. Was God with Moses in the tall grass? (Pause.) He sure was! God was with Moses in the tall grass, and God is always with YOU, too!

KEY QUESTION

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"Today, we'll make a clock that will remind us that God is always with us. (Cut and glue as you discuss the pictures.) What is this picture? (Pause.) Yes, this is food. God is with you when you eat.

BOTTOM LINE

God is always with me.

"What is this picture? (Pause.) It looks like a playground. I love to play! God is with you when you play.

"What is this picture? (Pause.) Right again! This is a car. God is with you everywhere where you go.

BASIC TRUTH

God loves me.

"What is this picture? (Pause.) You got it. This is a bed. What do you do in a bed? Yes! You sleep in a bed. God is with you when you sleep. God is always with you, and **God is always with me!**"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "There is only one person who can always be with you . . . GOD! That's why when I ask, 'Who is always with you?', you say 'God is always with me.' Who is always with you? God is always with me. One more time, **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



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.*)

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group spot. Hold your arms like this (*demonstrate*) and pretend to carry Baby

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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:

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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."