



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 wherever I go.

JONAH
JONAH 1-3:3

MEMORY VERSE

"God is with you
wherever you go."

JOSHUA 1:9, 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

Streamers Everywhere

LARGE GROUP

20
MIN

WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

"Always with Me"

Bible Story

Prayer

SMALL GROUP

25
MIN

GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Jonah Finger Puppets

Wherever Jonah Goes 

Journal and Prayer

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

Going Home

Memory Verse Card

Parent Cue Card (*print or email*)

Parent Cue App



This symbol indicates an activity with potential allergens. Be sure to post allergy alert sign and inform parents at drop-off.



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PRELUDE SOCIAL **WORSHIP** STORY GROUPS HOME

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LARGE GROUP

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

WORSHIP

WHAT YOU NEED: "Memory Verse Card" from Week One in Bible; instruments or music player; this month's worship song, "Always with Me," included in your monthly files; *Optional: Dance Moves Video for "Always with Me," available in the Media Package if you subscribe or from Store.ThinkOrange.com*

LEADER: "Hi, friends! My name is [your name], and I'm so SO happy to see you here today! This is our time to tell God we love Him and worship God together. Why do we worship God? Because God loves us and because God is always with us. **Who is always with you?"**

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

LEADER: "Yes, **God is always with me!** Stand up on your feet and sing this with me."

Lead children in singing "Always with Me," this month's worship song.

"What a great song! **God is always with me!** And the Bible teaches us that, 'God (*flat hand with thumb to forehead, pull down*) is with you (*bring two fists together*) wherever you go,' (*march in place*) Joshua 1:9. (*Open hands like a book.*) Let's say the Memory Verse with the motions.

Lead children to say the Memory Verse with the motions.

"Great job, friends! God is with us wherever we go! I'm SO glad to know that **God is always with me!"**

"Thanks for worshipping with me today! [**Transition**] And now it's time to turn around, sit down, and shake the wiggles out (*wiggle hands*), so we can hear (*cup hands behind ears*) what the story's all about!"



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STORY

WHAT YOU NEED: Bible ; *Optional: Story Images and cardstock*

LEADER: "Hello, friends! I'm [your name], and I can't wait to tell you a true story from the Bible.

Open Bible for children to see, then set it down.

"Today's true story from the Bible begins with a man named Jonah.

(Option: Display Story Image W4 01)

"One day, God told Jonah to go to the city of Nineveh to tell the people who lived there to do what God says and love one another.

"But there was one problem. Jonah did not want to go to Nineveh. So, what do you think Jonah did? *(Pause.)* Jonah went the other way and got on a boat! Uh-oh!

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"Do you think God was with Jonah even when he went the other way? *(Pause.)* Yes! God loved Jonah and was always with him.

(Option: Display Story Image W4 03)

"While Jonah was on the boat, there was a big storm.

Begin to rock side to side, like you're on a boat in a big storm.

"There was rain, and wind, and thunder.

"Can you rock like the boat?

Rock side to side and encourage the children to do so.

"Great job! You can stop rocking now.

"The other people on the boat were afraid, but Jonah was sleeping!

"Can you help the people wake Jonah up and say, 'Wake up, Jonah!'"

CHILDREN AND LEADER: *(With children.)* "Wake up, Jonah!"

LEADER: "When Jonah woke up, he saw the storm. He knew that if he got off the boat, the storm would stop. So, Jonah told the people on the boat to put him in the water.

"So that's what they did, and the storm stopped.



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"Do you think God was with Jonah in the water? (Pause.) Yes! God loved Jonah and was always with him.

(Option: Display Story Image W4 04)

"While Jonah was in the water, God sent a big fish. Can you make a fish face?

Make a fish face.

"Those are some great fish faces!

"God sent the fish to swallow Jonah and keep him safe. Jonah was in the fish for three days and three nights.

"Can you count to three with me?"

Hold up your fingers as you count.

CHILDREN AND LEADER: (With children.) "One . . . two . . . three!"

LEADER: "Do you think God was with Jonah inside the belly of the big fish? (Pause.) Yes! God loved Jonah and was always with him.

(Option: Display Story Image W4 05)

"While Jonah was inside the fish, he prayed to God, and then, guess what happened? God made the fish spit Jonah out onto dry land. Wow!

"Once again, God told Jonah to go to Nineveh. This time, Jonah did what God said, and he went to Nineveh.

"Do you think God was with Jonah when he went to Nineveh? (Pause.) Yes! God loved Jonah and was always with him—in the boat, in the fish, and when he went to Nineveh.

"God loves you, and God is always with you too!

"So, tell me, is God with you at home?

Cup hand behind ear to encourage responses.

"Yes! Is God with you at the playground?

Cup hand behind ear to encourage responses.

"Yes! Is God with you at the store?

Cup hand behind ear to encourage responses.

"Yes! That's right, wherever you go, God is always with you. **Who is always with you?"**

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



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LEADER: "Yes, **God is always with me.** [Transition] Our story time is over (*pick up and close Bible*), but we're not through. Let's talk to God because God loves you!"

PRAYER

LEADER: "Dear God, thank You for being with Jonah, and thank You for loving us so much that You are with us wherever we go. In Jesus' name. Amen."

[Transition] "And now it's time for more Bible fun. There's more to learn. Come on, everyone!"

Lead small group to the first activity.



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GETTING READY

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

Gather children for a Large Group time that includes interactive Worship and the Bible Story. The Rug Script is written for those who pull their children to a rug (or area) to one side of their preschool space to tell the Bible Story. If you gather your preschoolers together from multiple rooms and have a larger space on which to present the Bible Story, you may benefit from using the Stage Script.

WORSHIP: INVITING PEOPLE TO RESPOND TO GOD (10 MINUTES)

A leader and live instruments are recommended to sing along with the music tracks. Encourage children to be active during worship by incorporating the appropriate hand motions.

STORY: COMMUNICATING GOD'S TRUTH IN ENGAGING WAYS (10 MINUTES)

Choose an engaging adult to tell the Bible Story. This person should be able to command the attention of preschoolers and control the group through animated storytelling. These scripts are written to be "told" and not "read." Advance preparation is necessary.

1. WORSHIP

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Leader(s)
- Instruments or music player
- "Memory Verse Card" from Week One, placed in Bible at Joshua 1:9

MUSIC AND SOUND EFFECTS:

- This month's worship song, "Always with Me," included in your monthly files

OPTIONAL VIDEOS (AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE):

- Dance Moves Music Video for "Always with Me," available in the Media Package if you subscribe or from Store.ThinkOrange.com

WHAT YOU DO:

- Download the song and have it ready to use.

2. BIBLE STORY

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Bible
- *Optional: Story Images and cardstock*

LARGE GROUP VISUALS:

- Story Image W4 01
- Story Image W4 02
- Story Image W4 03
- Story Image W4 04
- Story Image W4 05

WHAT YOU DO:

- *Option: Copy the Story Images on cardstock or download them to display on a screen.*

SUPPLEMENTAL RESOURCES

WONDER! LOOK AT GOD'S STORY: First Look offers weekly videos to engage preschoolers with the Bible Story. Join our Bible storytellers, Clubhouse friends, and, of course, Ollie the Owl to discover the wonder in God's story. Available in the First Look Media Package or can also be purchased monthly at Store.ThinkOrange.com.

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