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OCTOBER 2024

SMALL GROUP  
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## 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 always with me.

**DANIEL AND THE LIONS**  
**DANIEL 6:1-23**

### 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

Find and Feed 

### 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

Fingerpainted Mane

Wherever It Lands

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

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



### FIND AND FEED\*

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Allergy Alert Poster;" cardstock; dried split peas; plastic toy animals, including a lion or two; plastic container; plastic tablecloth; baby wipes; and plastic spoons

*Note: Be sure to list the items you will be using today on the "Allergy Alert Poster" (in the Prelude folder) and post it at the*

*door to your room.*

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#### WHAT YOU DO:

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Copy "Allergy Alert Poster" on cardstock, list dried split peas, and post at the door. Cover the table with the tablecloth. Place the animals in the bin, and cover the animals with dried split peas. Place the spoons next to the bin.

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Ask children to find all the hiding animals and identify them. Encourage children to use the spoons to feed the animals the peas.

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** Introduce the Bible Story.

### MEMORY VERSE

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**JOSHUA 1:9, NLT**

#### WHAT YOU SAY:

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** "Hello, hello, friends! Come join me at the table! I need your help finding the animals that are hiding."

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** "Can you dig around and see if you can find any animals in this bin? (Pause.) Wow! You found one! What animal is this? (Pause.) It's a(n) [animal]! Let's look for more animals! (Continue until all the animals are found.) These animals look hungry! Can you help me feed them? We can scoop up some of these green peas with these spoons and feed the peas to the animals. (Pause.) Great job!" (Clean hands as needed.)

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** "Today in our Bible Story, we're going to hear about a man named Daniel who was put with some (hold up the lions) lions, and God protected him! It's an amazing story—let's go hear all about it!"

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**TRANSITION:** Move to Worship and Story by making the sounds of the animals that were hiding in the bin.

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CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT  
25 MINUTES

**MADE TO CREATE**  
an activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible story, bottom line, or memory verse by creating a craft



**FINGERPAINTED MANE**  
[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Fingerpainted Mane" Activity Page; cardstock; yellow, orange, and brown washable paint; plastic tablecloth; baby wipes; and permanent marker

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Copy "Fingerpainted Mane" on cardstock, one per child. Write each child's name on their paper. Cover the table with the tablecloth. On each child's paper, dot the paint around the lion's face, alternating colors.

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Encourage children to place their pointer finger on one dot of paint and pull or drag it away from the lion's face. Repeat the process with each paint dot. Clean hands, and set aside to dry.

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

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** "Everyone, come join me at the table! I have a fun painting activity for us to do today!"

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** "On your paper is a lion face, and all around it are dots of paint. We are going to paint the lion's mane. Put your pointer finger up, place it on one paint dot, and drag the paint away from the lion's face. (Demonstrate.) Do that for each of the paint dots. (Pause.) Wow! Your lions look great! Roar! Let's clean hands and set these aside to dry while we talk about our Bible Story."

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** "Today we learned about a man named Daniel who loved God and prayed to Him every day. Daniel had an important job working for the king. He was really good at his job, so the king wanted Daniel to be in charge of the whole kingdom! But there were some people who didn't like this and tricked the king into making a law that said Daniel could not pray to God anymore. But that didn't stop Daniel! He continued to pray, and when people saw Daniel praying to God, they told the king. The king had to do what his law said and throw Daniel to the lions. Friends, God was with Daniel when he worked for the king. God was with Daniel when he prayed. And God was with Daniel when he was thrown in with the lions! And because God was always with Daniel, God sent an angel to shut the lions' mouths! God kept Daniel safe! God was always with Daniel, and God is always with you too! **Who is always with you? God is always with me!"**

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### MADE TO PLAY

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



### WHEREVER IT LANDS

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Wherever It Lands" Activity Page, and copy paper

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Copy "Wherever It Lands" on copy paper, one set per Small Group. Fold each airplane.

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Fly the airplanes in different directions. Ask the children to go with you to collect each plane. Come back to the middle of the room, and open each plane to reveal parts of the Memory Verse. Put the planes in the correct order, and say the verse together.

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** Review the Bottom Line.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** "Friends! Come look at what I have for us to play with today. (*Hold up the airplanes.*) I have five paper airplanes."

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** "I'll fly one of them this way, (*fly a plane*) and one that way. (*Fly a plane.*) One plane over here, (*fly a plane*) another over there, (*fly a plane*) and the last one there. (*Fly a plane.*) Let's walk together to collect all the planes. (*Pick up the first plane.*) God is with us here. (*Pick up the next plane.*) God is with us over here. (*Pick up the next plane.*) God is with us over here too. What about over here? (*Pick up the next plane.*) Yes, God is with us over here. That's four airplanes—one more makes five! (*Pick up the last plane.*) God is with us here! Let's take these paper airplanes back to the middle of the room and sit down. (*Open the first airplane.*) This plane has a message. It says, '[word(s)]!' (*Open each plane and read the words.*) These are the words to our Memory Verse! I'll put them in order as I say it. 'God is with you wherever you go.' Joshua 1:9. Let's say it together. 'God is with you wherever you go.' Joshua 1:9. (*Repeat several times.*) No matter where we followed the airplanes, God was with us."

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** "God is always with you, and **God is always with me.** No matter where you go—here, there, everywhere! **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:** "Memory Verse Card" Activity Page, cardstock, scissors, Bible, journal, and a fun-shaped pen

*Note: You can find examples of hand motions in the "Memory Verse Hand Motions" PDF and video, included in the Prelude folder and on Pinterest.*

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#### WHAT YOU DO:

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Copy "Memory Verse Card" on cardstock and cut, one per Small Group. Place one card in your Bible at Joshua 1:9. *Note: Keep this card in your Bible all month long.*

Encourage the children to pretend to be lions while you lead them to your Small Group spot. Sit down and gather the children around you.

### MEMORY VERSE

"God is with you wherever you go."

**JOSHUA 1:9, NLT**

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Review the Bible Story and Memory Verse Hand Motions. Then, encourage the children to help you make a list in the journal of places they can talk to God.

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** Pray with the children using the list you made in the journal.

### KEY QUESTION

Who is always with you?

#### WHAT YOU SAY:

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** "It's Small Group time! Today we're going to pretend we are lions while we walk to our Small Group spot. Come on, lions! Follow me! (*Pretend to be a lion as you lead the children to your Small Group spot.*) Roarr! Here we are! You can be children again so we can sit down and talk about today's Bible Story. One, two, three, sit down with me!"

### BOTTOM LINE

God is always with me.

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** (*Open the Bible and lay it in front of the children.*) "In our Bible Story today, we learned that God was with Daniel when he prayed. God was with Daniel when he worked for the king. God was even with Daniel when he was with the lions! God was always with Daniel, and God is always with you too! That's why every time I ask you, '**Who is always with you?**' I want you to say '**God is always with me!**' Let me hear you! **Who is always with you? God is always with me!** You got it!"

### BASIC TRUTH

God loves me.

"And the Bible verse we're learning will help us remember that God is always with us. It says, '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 stand up and say that together! Just say what I say and do what I do. '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.*) You sound awesome! (*Give fist bumps.*)"



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"Now, let's sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (*Open journal.*) Daniel talked to God in his room, so we are going to make a list of places we can talk to God. It can be any place because we can talk to God anywhere! When I say your name, tell me one place where you can talk to God, and I will write it by your name." (*Remember to print as you write in the journal, so the children can recognize their names and the letters.*)

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** "Look at all these places! (*Hold up journal.*) We can talk to God in all of them! Would anyone like to pray before I pray? (*Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.*) Dear God, Daniel loved You and talked to You no matter what. Help us remember that we can talk to You anywhere, like at the (*read the list the children made*). Thank You for being with Daniel and for always being with (*say each child's name*). We love You, God. In Jesus' name. Amen."



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## GETTING READY

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

### SOCIAL: PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION (15 MINUTES)

Encourage preschoolers to enter the classroom and engage with peers and Small Group Leaders by providing fun age-appropriate, hands-on activities that introduce new concepts they will hear in the Bible Story.

*Offer the following activity as preschoolers arrive. Let one Small Group Leader lead the activity while another leader greets parents and children at the door.*

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**Made to Move:** An activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn

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- Plastic tablecloth
- Baby wipes
- Plastic spoons

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### GROUPS: CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT (25 MINUTES)

Create a safe place to connect through activities written to reach every learning style while reinforcing the Bottom Line introduced during the Bible Story and applying it to real-life experiences. In addition, these activities provide preschoolers with an opportunity to build relationships with their Small Group Leader.

*Offer the following activities as your time, facilities, resources, and leadership allow. You may want to lead*

*one activity at a time. Or offer two activities at once and allow half the kids to participate in each. Then switch groups and repeat the activities.*

#### FINGERPAINTED MANE

##### [TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

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- Permanent marker

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### JOURNAL AND PRAYER

#### [PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

**Made to Reflect:** An activity that encourages personal application and prayer

#### WHAT YOU NEED:

- "Memory Verse Card" Activity Page
- Cardstock
- Scissors
- Journal (Check out the Ollie journal at [bit.ly/3B4Z71j](https://bit.ly/3B4Z71j).)
- Fun-shaped pen (Check out the Ollie Pen at [bit.ly/3Nwj0Wh](https://bit.ly/3Nwj0Wh).)

#### WHAT YOU DO:

- Copy "Memory Verse Card" Activity Page on cardstock and cut, one per Small Group.

### HOME: PROMPTING ACTION BEYOND THE EXPERIENCE

- Make copies on cardstock or email this week's Parent Cue card.
- Copy the Memory Verse Card to hand out or make available to parents.
- Copy "Going Home" and hang it on the door where Small Group Leaders can reference and remind parents of the Bottom Line and Memory Verse as parents pick up their children.
- Tell parents about our additional family resource, the **Parent Cue App**.

### FIRST LOOK PINTEREST PAGE

- Visit our Pinterest page to see craft samples and suggested supplies. [bit.ly/FL\\_LetsFly](https://bit.ly/FL_LetsFly)