

Preschool Large Group

September 24, 2017

Basic Truth: God loves me.

Key Question: Who is always with you?

Bottom Line: God is always with me

Memory Verse: "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid . . . for the LORD your God goes with you." DEUTERONOMY 31:6, NIV

Bible Story Focus: When God is with me, I can be brave. Elijah and the Fire
1 KINGS 18:1-39

Here's an overview of what you'll be teaching in Rising Pre-K & Kindergarten this week.

8:30 Hour

Make It True

Worship

- What You Need: Paperclip "Memory Verse Card" in your Bible at Deuteronomy 31:6. You will also need a CD player and this month's worship song, "Take Care of Me," which is included in your monthly files. The dance moves video of this song is available on the "Everybody Sing" Dance Moves DVD. You will also need "Wherever I Go" available at www.AmberSkyRecords.com or on the "Wherever I Go" CD and Dance Moves DVD.

Bible Story (Video)

- What You Need: Bible, "Super Kid Logo"; white cardstock; scissors; masking tape; all the stand-up SUPER characters from the month: Elijah, Esther, Rahab, and Joshua; toy sword, shield, and trumpet

Prayer

9:30 & 10:55 Hours

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After children have participated in Make It Fun, tell the Bible story and then encourage the children to have fun singing with you. When sharing the Bible story, guide children to gather around you on the floor.

Worship: Inviting People to Respond to God

Engage kids' hearts through dynamic and interactive worship in a Large Group setting.

A Worship 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.

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WORSHIP LEADER: "Hello, hello, friends. I can't wait to sing with you. But first, tell me: Who is always with you?"

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: [Bottom Line] "God is always with me."

WORSHIP LEADER: "Yes! [Bottom Line] God is always with me. You got it! Let's sing this month's song.

Lead children in singing "Take Care of Me," this month's worship song.

"Wonderful singing, my friends. Tell me: Who is always with you?"

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: [Bottom Line] "God is always with me."

WORSHIP LEADER: “Yes indeed, [Bottom Line] God is always with me. Who can help me remember what we do next? We sang our first song. What do we do now? (Pause.) Yes! We say our memory verse. Are you ready to say it with me? Be strong (put right forearm and wrist out in front of you, similar to Wonder Woman) and courageous! (Put left forearm and wrist out in front of you and hit wrists together.) Do not be afraid . . . (wind up in a crazy karate chop pose and chop down on the word “afraid”), for the LORD (point your right hand up) your God (point your left hand up) goes with you (put both hands on hips in a ‘strong’ pose), Deuteronomy 31:6 (hold out hands like a book). Let’s do it again.”

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: “Be strong (put right forearm and wrist out in front of you, similar to Wonder Woman) and courageous! (Put left forearm and wrist out in front of you and hit wrists together.) Do not be afraid . . . (wind up in a crazy karate chop pose and chop down on the word “afraid”), for the LORD (point your right hand up) your God (point your left hand up) goes with you (put both hands on hips in a ‘strong’ pose), Deuteronomy 31:6” (hold out hands like a book). (Repeat several times.)

WORSHIP LEADER: “Yes! You’ve got it totally memorized now! Way to go! Let’s sing one more song about how God is with us wherever we go.

Lead children in singing “Wherever I Go.”

“So great! Remind me one more time: Who is always with you?”

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: [Bottom Line] “God is always with me.”

8:30 Bible Story

What You Need: DVD Player, “Wonder” DVD

What You Do: Play “Wonder” DVD

9:30 & 10:55 Bible Story

Bible Story

First Look offers weekly Bible stories on our DVD titled Wonder! Look at God's Story, which you may choose to use rather than a live Storyteller this week. This DVD is available for purchase at the Orange Store on our Website.

What You Need: Bible, "Super Kid Logo"; white cardstock; scissors; masking tape; all the stand-up SUPER characters from the month: Elijah, Esther, Rahab, and Joshua; toy sword, shield, and trumpet

What You Do:

Before the Story: Print four "Super Kid Logo" images onto white cardstock and cut them out. Each stand-up character will need a "Super Kid Logo" to go on their chest.

(Note: Display "Joshua the Wise" on a wall in your church along with "Elijah the Brave," "Esther the Strong," and "Rahab the Courageous" after Large Group. Encourage parents to take pictures of their child with "Joshua the Wise" when they pick their child up.)

What You Say:

STORYTELLER: (Hold Bible open.) "Like I said, we've been talking a lot about SUPER people from the Bible.

(Pull out Elijah stand-up and prop it up for the children to see.)

"Remember Elijah the Brave? He knew God was always with him and that made him SUPER BRAVE enough to stand up to the king and show the people that there is only one true God.

(Pull out Esther stand-up and prop it up for the children to see.)

“Then there was Esther the Strong. She knew God was always with her too and that helped her be SUPER STRONG and ask the king to help save her people from the mean Haman.

(Pull out Rahab stand-up and prop it up for the children to see.)

“And who can forget Rahab the Courageous? She knew how important it was that she did what God wanted her to do, and that gave her SUPER COURAGE to hide the spies from the mean soldiers.

“Now I have one more story to tell you about a guy we met last week.

(Pull out Joshua stand-up character and prop it up for the children to see.)

“This is Joshua. Can you say hi to Joshua? (Pause for responses.) He was the leader of God’s army. Remember how he sent the spies and Rahab the Courageous helped them? Well, in today’s story, Joshua had to go to battle.

(Hold up Bible.) “It’s all right here in the . . . (pause for responses) . . . Bible! That means it’s a true story that happened a long time ago. If you want to hear Joshua’s story, on the count of three, yell, ‘Tell me a story!’ One, two, three!”

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: “TELL ME A STORY!”

STORYTELLER: “You got it! This true story begins in the city of Jericho. Joshua was the leader of God’s army and he was getting ready to lead the army in a battle with Jericho.

“They had their swords. (Hold up toy sword.) They had their shields. (Hold up toy shield.) And they were ready for battle! BUT God had a different idea. God told Joshua, ‘I want you to lead the army and march around the city blowing your trumpets.’

(Put the sword and shield down and pick up the toy trumpet.)

“That was it. That’s all God wanted Joshua to do. No swords, no shields, no talking—just march around the city and blow the trumpets.

“This is when Joshua had to decide if he was going to be WISE and obey God, even though battling with a trumpet (hold up trumpet) didn’t make sense, OR Joshua could do things his own way with a sword and shield. (Hold up sword and shield.) Joshua decided to be WISE and do what God said! And that is when Joshua became SUPER Joshua!

(Stick the cardstock cutout “Super Kid Logo” onto the chest of the Joshua stand-up.)

“Joshua led God’s army to march around the city and blow their trumpets, just like God told him to do.

“Everyone, stand up and get ready to march in place with Joshua! Use your hand for a trumpet like this.

(Show the children how to blow in their hand like a trumpet.)

“Ready? March, march, blow your trumpet! March, march, blow your trumpet! March, march, blow your trumpet!

“Great job, everyone! You can sit down now. But the battle wasn’t over yet. The next day, God wanted the army to do it again. Okay, everyone, stand back up and get ready to march in place again!

“Ready? March, march, blow your trumpet! March, march, blow your trumpet! March, march, blow your trumpet!

“FREEZE! Now, you would think the army was done marching, but on the third day God said to do it again! Here we go!

“Ready? March, march, blow your trumpet! March, march, blow your trumpet! March, march, blow your trumpet!

“Keep marching! The army marched on day four and day five and day six and then . . . everybody FREEZE! It was day seven and God said, ‘This time, march seven times around the city and when Joshua tells you to yell, you yell!’

“Okay friends, we’re going to march to seven and then when I say, ‘Yell,’ everyone yell. Ready? March, march, march! Keep marching and let’s count to seven!”

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: “One, two, three, four, five, six, SEVEN!”

STORYTELLER: “Everybody yell! (Yell.)

“And FREEZE! Guess what happened next! They won the battle! Woo-hoo! Yay! Give a friend a high-five! And now you can sit down and rest!

“Joshua did what God said, even though it didn’t make sense to him. That is what made him SUPER WISE, which is why I like to call him Joshua the Wise.

“And you know what? God wants you to be wise and do what He says, even when it doesn’t make sense, just like Joshua did. And when you do, God will be with you and make YOU a super wise kid too! Who is always with you?”

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: [Bottom Line] “God is always with me!”

STORYTELLER: “Who is always with you?”

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: [Bottom Line] “God is always with me!”

STORYTELLER: “You got it! Sounds like a bunch of SUPER KIDS to me! Let’s pray to God and then go to our small groups.

Prayer

“Dear God, thank You for always being with us. I pray that every person in this room will trust You, so they can be BRAVE like Elijah, STRONG like Esther, COURAGEOUS like Rahab, and WISE like Joshua. Doing what You tell us to do and believing that You are always with us is what will truly make up SUPER KIDS! We love You, God. In Jesus’ name, amen.”

(Dismiss children and leaders to their groups.)