



WEEK
TWO
OCTOBER 2024

LARGE GROUP
PRE-K
STARTER

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 always hears me.

HAGAR AND ISHMAEL
GENESIS 21:14-20

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

Fill with Water

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

Name in the Sand

Repeat After Me

Journal and Prayer

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

Going Home

Memory Verse Card

Parent Cue Card (*print or email*)

Parent Cue App



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PRELUDE SOCIAL WORSHIP STORY GROUPS HOME

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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 happy you're here today! It's time to sing and dance and show God we love Him because God is always with you and **God is always with me! Who is always with you?"**

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

LEADER: "That's right, **God is always with me.** We can trust God because God is always with us! Let's sing this together.

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

"That's right! **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.*) Say that with me.

Lead children to say the Memory Verse with the motions.

"What a great verse! And it's true—God is with us wherever we go! We don't have to worry because God is always with us.

"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 woman named Hagar and her son, Ishmael. Can you say 'Ishmael' with me?"

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "Ishmael."

LEADER: "Hagar and Ishmael were in a desert. Is it hot or cold in a desert? (*Fan yourself like you're hot.*) HOT! That's right! This desert was really hot and dry, and Hagar and her son, Ishmael, were very tired and hot.

"What do you need when you are tired and hot? (*Pause.*) That's right! You need something to drink.

"Can you pretend to drink water with me?"

Pretend to drink from the water bottle.

"Mmm . . . I feel much better now that I've had a drink.

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"Hagar and Ishmael were very thirsty, but they ran out of water to drink.

Do deserts have a lot of water in them? (*Pause.*) No. It's really hard to find water in the desert. Let's look and see if there is any water around. Look with me like this!

Hold hand over eyes and look around the room.

"Okay, let's look over here.

Point and look right.

"No, no water over there. How about over here?"

Point and look left.

"Nope. (*Put hands down.*) None over there either. Hagar and Ishmael didn't see any water.

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"Hagar began to cry, and her son began to cry too. (*Pause.*) But God was WITH Hagar and Ishmael!"



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"An angel of God said to Hagar, 'God has heard the boy crying' (*Genesis 21:17, NLT*). Right then, God helped Hagar see a well of water!

"Hagar quickly filled a bottle with water and gave Ishmael some water to drink. Ishmael wasn't thirsty anymore!

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"Yay! Let's celebrate.

Do the ASL for "celebrate": hold hands in fists with index finger bent as a hook and twirl hands as if twirling cheerleading pom-poms.

"God heard Hagar and Ishmael because God was always with them, and God hears you because God is always with you too! **Who is always with you?"**

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

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: "God, we are so grateful that You hear us—just like You heard Hagar and Ishmael. You hear us when we're sad, You hear us when we're happy, and You hear us when we're angry. We know we can always talk to You anytime, anywhere, and about anything. In Jesus' name, we pray. 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 W2 01
- Story Image W2 02
- Story Image W2 03
- Story Image W2 04

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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