



WEEK  
**ONE**  
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 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

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### LARGE GROUP

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

### WORSHIP

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Memory Verse Card" Activity Page; cardstock; scissors; 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 excited to see you today! Did you know that no matter where you go or what you do God is always with you? It's true! So, when I ask, '**Who is always with you?**' I want you to say, '**God is always with me!** Who is always with you?'"

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

**LEADER:** "Yes, **God is always with me.** Let's sing this together!"

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

"Great singing! 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 learn our Memory Verse together. Are you ready? Watch me say it and do the motions, and then you can do it with me!"

*Lead children to say the Memory Verse with the motions.*

"Great job, friends! 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 the Bible for children to see, then set it down.*

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

*(Option: Display Story Image W1 01)*

"Daniel loved God and prayed to God three times a day.

"Can you count to three with me?

*Hold up your fingers as you count.*

"One . . . two . . . three!

"When Daniel prayed, he went to his room to talk to God.

"We can pray and talk to God anywhere. Can you talk to God in your home? *(Pause.)* Can you talk to God on the playground? *(Pause.)* Oh, those are great places! We can talk to God anywhere.

"Well, Daniel had an important job working for the king. Because Daniel did such a great job, the king wanted to put Daniel in charge of the whole *(spread arms out wide)* kingdom.

*(Option: Display Story Image W1 02)*

"Now this was a good thing *(two thumbs up)* for Daniel, but there were other people who worked for the king who did not *(shake head)* want Daniel to be in charge.

"So, they did something very sneaky. They tricked the king into creating a new law that said no one could pray to God anymore. And if they did, they would be thrown into a den full of LIONS!

"Everyone, say, 'Oh no!' *(With children.)* Oh, no!

"What do you think Daniel did? *(Pause.)* Daniel did what he had always done.

*(Option: Display Story Image W1 03)*

"Daniel went to his room and prayed to God and asked for help.

"When the people saw Daniel praying to God, they ran and told the king. Even though the king really liked Daniel, he had to do what the law said. That meant Daniel was thrown into the lions' den!

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"The king told Daniel, 'I hope the God you pray to keeps you safe!'

"Well, let's think (*tap the side of your head*) about it. God was with Daniel at his job, and God was with Daniel when he prayed in his room. So, guess who was with Daniel in the lions' den? (*Pause.*) You're right! God! God was with Daniel in the lions' den!

(*Option: Display Story Image W1 05*)

"Because God was with Daniel, something amazing happened! God sent an angel to close the lions' mouths!

"Make a lion's mouth with me like this.

*Arms up like an alligator's mouth.*

"Now close it! Yay!

"God was with Daniel, and God kept Daniel safe!

"The next day, the king ran to see if Daniel was safe. And he was! The king was so happy that God was with Daniel and kept him safe!

"God was always with Daniel and God is always with you too! So, since God is always with you, is God with you when you're eating dinner? (*Hold hand behind ear to encourage children to respond.*) Yes! God is always with you.

"Is God with you when you go outside? (*Hold hand behind ear.*) Yes! God is always with you.

"Is God with you when you go to sleep at night? (*Hold hand behind ear.*) Yes! God is always with you. **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, thank You for always being with us no matter where we go or what we do. We are so glad to know You were with Daniel and that we can pray to You anywhere just like Daniel did. We love You. 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 Starter Script is written for those who pull their children to a rug (or area) on 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" Activity Page
- Cardstock
- Scissors
- Bible

##### 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:

- Copy "Memory Verse Card" on cardstock and cut.
- Place "Memory Verse Card" in Bible at Joshua 1:9.
- 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 W1 01
- Story Image W1 02
- Story Image W1 03
- Story Image W1 04
- Story Image W1 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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