



## WEEK TWO – OCTOBER 2024 – PRESCHOOL

**Bible Story:** *Hagar + Ishmael | Daniel 6:1-23*

**Key Question:** *Who is always with you?*

**Bottom Line:** *God is always with me.*

**Memory Verse:** *“God is with you wherever you go.”– Joshua 1:9 NLT*

**Basic Truth:** *God loves me.*

**Series Overview:** If you’ve ever been near a playground when an airplane flies by, you know the sound of the airplane is quickly followed by the sound of kids shouting with excitement! Their innate sense of wonder is immediately turned up as they ask questions like: Where do you think that plane is going? How big is that plane? How can it fly so high in the sky? Today, our preschoolers will go to places like school, daycare, church, and grandparents’ houses. We know God has plans for each of them, and as they grow, they will go to even more places that might be even further away. We want to make sure that wherever they go, they can look to God with a trusting heart and say, “Let’s fly!” because they know God is always with me.

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**9:05 - 9:20 | 11:05 – 11:20 | EARLY ARRIVERS ACTIVITY**

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**Opening Small Group Activity**

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

**What You Need:** Fun, fast-paced preschool music; and a music player

**What You Do:**

- Gather the children in the activity area.
- Encourage children to pretend to be airplanes—flying through the room while the music plays and freezing when the music stops.
- Repeat as desired.
- Introduce the Bible Story.

**What You Say:**

- *“Friends, what is something that is really big and flies in the sky? (Pause.) Good guesses! This carries people and takes them from place to place. (Pause.) You guessed it! It’s an airplane! Today, we’re going to pretend to be airplanes flying through the sky.” When you hear the music, I want you to fly all around the room. But when the music stops, you all need to freeze! Are you ready? Okay, let’s fly! (Start music.) Fly all over the room. (Pause the music.) Everyone, freeze! (Start the music.) Let’s fly again! (Repeat as desired.) Wow, you guys are great at this!” Whew, friends! “I know you are all SO tired from flying all over the room! Did you know that no matter where we go, God is ALWAYS with us? On a plane, in a car, and even on a bus, God is always with us! Let’s go hear a true Bible Story about how God was with a boy and his mom when they were in the desert.”*

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**9:20 - 9:50 | 11:15 – 11:45 – LARGE GROUP**

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**Story Focus: God always hears me.** Hagar and her son Ishmael were in a desert, and they ran out of water to drink. They were very thirsty. Hagar began to cry, and her son began to cry too. An angel of God told Hagar, “God has heard the boy crying.” God was with Hagar and Ishmael! God helped Hagar see a well of water. Hagar quickly gave Ishmael some water to drink. God heard Hagar and Ishmael because God was always with them.

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**9:50 – 10:10 | 11:50 – 12:10 – SMALL GROUP**

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### **Wherever Door Hanger**

#### **[Hear From God | Memory Verse Review]**

*Create: An activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible Story, Bottom Line, or Memory Verse by creating a craft*

**What You Need:** Wherever Door Hanger” Activity Page, cardstock, washable markers or crayons, stickers, self-inking stamps, scissors, baby wipes, and permanent marker

#### **What You Do:**

- Say Write each child’s name on their door hanger.
- Review the Memory Verse and motions together.
- Encourage children to decorate their door hanger.
- Say the Memory Verse one more time with the motions.
- Review the Bottom Line.

#### **What You Say:**

- *BEFORE THE ACTIVITY*
  - “Friends, come stand with me! Let’s do the motions as we say our Memory Verse. Ready? ‘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.*) Fantastic! Now, sit down at the table with me.”

- *DURING THE ACTIVITY*
  - “Let’s make a door hanger to help you remember that God is with you. Use the crayons, markers, stickers, and stamps to decorate your door hanger. (*Pause.*) Wow! You did a fantastic job decorating your door hangers. Let’s say our verse one more time as we do the motions. ‘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.*) Great job, friends!”
- *AFTER THE ACTIVITY*
  - “The Bible teaches us that God is always with us, no matter where we are or where we go. Just like God was with Hagar and Ishmael in our Bible Story today. **[Bottom Line] God is always with me. Who is always with you? [Bottom Line] God is always with me.**”

### **Pick a Picture**

#### **[Talk About God | Bible Story Review]**

*Play: An activity that encourages preschoolers to follow guidelines while having fun and learning new concepts*

**What You Need:** “Pick a Picture” Activity Page, and cardstock

#### **What You Do:**

- Copy “Pick a Picture” on cardstock, one set per Small Group.
- Review the Bible Story using the story pictures.
- Each time you get to a set of pictures, hold them up and let the children choose which picture goes with the story.
- Lay the correct pictures in front of the children.
- Review the Bottom Line.

#### **What You Say:**

- *BEFORE THE ACTIVITY*

- “Hey, everyone! Come sit with me. I have some pictures that will help us review today’s Bible Story, but I need your help picking the right ones.”
- *DURING THE ACTIVITY*
  - “Today, we heard a true story from the Bible about a woman named Hagar and her son Ishmael. *(Hold up the pictures of Hagar and Ishmael.)* Were Hagar and Ishmael happy *(point to the picture with the happy Hagar and Ishmael)* or were they sad *(point to the picture with the sad Hagar and Ishmael)* in our story? *(Pause.)* You’re right. Hagar and Ishmael were very sad because they had been walking in a desert and they had run out of water to drink. They were so hot and thirsty that they both began to cry. Someone told Hagar, ‘*God has heard the boy crying*’ *(Genesis 21:17, NLT)*. *(Hold up the picture of the angel and the picture of the mail carrier.)* Did a mail carrier *(point to the picture of the mail carrier)* or an angel *(point to the picture of the angel)* speak the message to Hagar? *(Pause.)* Yes! An angel told Hagar that God had heard the boy crying! And then God helped Hagar see something wonderful! *(Hold up the picture of the well and hold up the picture of the juice box.)* Did God show Hagar a juice box *(point to the picture of the juice box)* or did God show Hagar a well of water *(point to the picture of the well)*? *(Pause.)* Yes! God helped Hagar see a well of water! Hagar quickly got some water and gave it to Ishmael! Yay! Hagar and Ishmael weren’t thirsty anymore.”
- *AFTER THE ACTIVITY*
  - “God heard Hagar and Ishmael even though they were in a desert because God was always with them. Friends, God is always with us! **Who is always with you? [Bottom Line] God is always with me.** Again! **Who is always with you? [Bottom Line] God is always with me.**”