



WEEK TWO – OCTOBER 2024 – PRESCHOOL

Bible Story: *Jospeh | Genesis 37, 39-47*

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.

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

Opening Small Group Activity

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

What You Need: “Pumpkin” Coloring Pages; various Halloween stickers; markers/crayons

What You Do:

- Welcome kids and spend time engaging in conversation and asking about their past week
 - If you have any first-timers, take time to make them feel welcomed
- Explain that today is a party and that there will be chances to win candy and other big prizes for your entire group and grade
- As you explain the day, set out the coloring pages and drawing utensils
- Tell them to decorate the pumpkin in whatever that they desire • As they are coloring, ask these questions:
 - You all looks MEGA AWESOME! How did you decide what costume you were going to wear today?
 - What is your favorite costume you have ever worn?
 - What is the funniest costume you have seen so far today?
 - If you were _____ (kid's costume), what would you do?
 - What's the best costume you have seen so far today?

What You Say:

- *“Who’s excited about the MEGA AWESOME COSTUME PARTY?! I know that I am. And you all are looking sharp (Look around and name some of your “special guests” // “_____, we are honored you have taken time out of your busy schedule of _____ [fighting Thanos, putting out fires, ruling Arendelle] to be with us today”). You look totally, MEGA AWESOME! Are you ready to go have some MEGA AWESOME F-*

U-N? [Transition] Well, then let's head to over to our dots for LG to partake in all the fun that we are going to have today!"

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

Story Focus: God has plans for me. Joseph's dad gave him a very special coat, which made some of his brothers so mad they sent Joseph far away to work in a place called Egypt. While Joseph was there, he was sent to jail for something he didn't do! But one day, the king of Egypt, named Pharaoh, had a dream, and God helped Joseph understand the dream. It meant that lots of food would grow for seven years, but after that, there would be seven years where no food would grow. Pharaoh was so happy that Joseph helped him that he put Joseph in charge of all of Egypt. Joseph saved up food and helped a lot of people—including his family! God had plans for Joseph, and God was always with him.

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

Airplane Patterning

[Live For God | Application Activity]

Think: an advanced activity specifically designed for older preschoolers

What You Need: “Airplane Patterns” and “Airplane Cards” Activity Pages, cardstock, and scissors

What You Do:

- Show the children one pattern card and encourage them to follow the pattern with their airplane cards.

- For instance, if the pattern card is blue plane, blue plane, red plane, red plane; the children will place their airplane cards in the same color pattern in front of them.
- Repeat as time and interest allow.
- Review the Bottom Line.

What You Say:

- *BEFORE THE ACTIVITY*
 - “Friends, come find a spot at the table.”
- *DURING THE ACTIVITY*
 - “When I show you the plan on this card, you can use the airplane cards in front of you to follow the plan and match the pattern. Here’s the first one. (Pause.) Can you match the pattern? The pattern goes [color], [color], [color], [color]. (Pause.) Yay! You followed the plan and matched the pattern! Let’s do another one. (Repeat as desired.) You all did a great job following the plan to match the patterns!”
- *AFTER THE ACTIVITY*
 - “God had a plan for Joseph, and God has plans for you too. And just like God was with Joseph, God is with you too! Tell me: Who is always with you? God is always with me! One more time! Who is always with you? God is always with me!”

Memory Verse With Motions

[Hear From God | Memory Verse Review]

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

What You Need: N/A

What You Do:

- Say the memory verse and teach the motions to the children
- Repeat the verse with the motions and invite the children to do it with you.
- Repeat several times.
- Review the Bottom Line.

What You Say:

- *BEFORE THE ACTIVITY*
 - “Friends, come stand with me, and let me tell you our brand-new Memory Verse! Ready to hear it? It goes like this. ‘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.*)
- *DURING THE ACTIVITY*
 - “Now let’s learn the motions. The first part of our verse says: ‘God.’ (*Flat hand with thumb to forehead, pull down.*) Put one hand out in front you with your thumb like this. (*Hand out in front of you like you’re signaling ‘stop.’*) Now turn your hand and put your thumb on your forehead like this, (*rotate your hand and place your thumb on your forehead*) then move your hand down in front of your face like this. (*Flat hand with thumb to forehead, pull down.*) Great, let’s do that together. Hands up, thumb on your forehead, and pull down. Say ‘God’ with me. (*With children.*) ‘God.’ (*Flat hand with thumb to forehead, pull down.*) The next part of our verse says: ‘is with you.’ (*Bring two fists together.*) Make a fist with both hands, then put them together in front of you like this (*bring two fists together*) and say, ‘is with you.’ (*With children.*) ‘Is with you.’ (*Bring two fists together.*) Wonderful! Now let’s put that together. ‘God (*flat hand with thumb to forehead, pull down*) is with you.’ (*Bring two fists together.*) Great job! The next part says, ‘wherever you go.’ All we are going to do is march in place. (*March in place.*) and say: ‘wherever you go.’ (*With children.*) ‘Wherever you go.’ (*March in place.*) Can we do all three together? ‘God (*flat hand with thumb to forehead, pull down*) is with you (*bring two fists together*) wherever you go.’ (*March in place.*) “Now the last part is: ‘Joshua 1:9.’ (*Open hands like a book.*) Put your hands together in front of you and open them like you’re opening a book (*open hands like a book*) and say, ‘Joshua 1:9.’ (*With children.*) ‘Joshua 1:9.’ (*Open hands like a book.*) Great job! I think we’re ready to do it all together! Ready, friends? ‘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.*) Nice job. Let's do it again." (*Repeat several times.*)

- *AFTER THE ACTIVITY*
 - “The Bible teaches us that God is always with us, no matter where we are or where we go. [***Bottom Line***] **God is always with me.** Let's say that one more time, friends. **Who is always with you? [***Bottom Line***] **God is always with me.**”**