



WEEK
THREE
OCTOBER 2024

SMALL GROUP
3-5 YEAR
-OLDS

PRELUDE SOCIAL WORSHIP STORY GROUPS HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO THINK

an advanced activity specifically designed for older preschoolers



3. AIRPLANE PATTERNING

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Airplane Patterns" and "Airplane Cards" Activity Pages, cardstock, and scissors

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Airplane Patterns" on cardstock and cut, one set per Small Group. Copy "Airplane Cards" on cardstock and cut, one set per child. Place a set of cards at each spot at the table.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: 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.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: 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!**"

BIBLE STORY

God has plans for me.

JOSEPH
GENESIS 37, 39-47

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

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an activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible Story, Bottom Line, or Memory Verse by creating a craft



5. CREW CREDENTIALS
[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]
WHAT YOU NEED: "Crew Credentials" Activity Page, cardstock, washable markers, stickers, laminating pouches, yarn, scissors, hole punch, and permanent marker; *Optional: Camera, photo paper, and glue sticks*

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Crew Credentials" on cardstock and cut, one per child. Write each child's name on their paper. Cut yarn in 36-inch lengths, one per child.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage children to color and decorate their paper, including drawing a self-portrait in the blank space. *Optional: Take each child's picture, print, and cut. Ask children to glue their picture to the blank space on their paper.*

Laminate each child's card and cut. Punch a hole at the top of each child's credential card. Ask children to thread the yarn through the hole in their card and help knot the ends. Encourage children to wear their credentials as you review the story.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bible Story.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Hello, hello friends! Come sit at the table with me."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "We're going to make our crew credentials today. Anyone who works on a plane has a badge that has their name on it. Our credentials are special because they will have our name, picture (*hand drawn or photo*), and it says, **God is always with me**. Use the markers and stickers to decorate your card. Make sure to draw your picture. (*If using a photo, help glue their picture to the front.*) These are looking great! (*Laminate each child's picture, cut, and hole punch.*) Now thread the end of a piece of yarn through the hole, and I'll knot the ends for you. (*Knot the ends of each child's yarn.*) Now you can wear your credentials as we review today's story."

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AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "In our Bible Story today, we learned about a young man named Joseph and how God had plans for him. Everywhere he went and in everything he did, God was with him. God had plans for Joseph and God was with him when his dad gave him a special coat, when his brothers got mad, and when they sent him away to work. God had plans for Joseph and God was with him when Joseph was put in jail for something he didn't do. God had plans for Joseph and God was with him when Joseph helped Pharaoh understand his dream. God had plans for Joseph and God was with him when Pharaoh put Joseph in charge. God had plans for Joseph and God was with him when Joseph saved up food for seven years then gave it all to help hungry people, including his family. God had plans for Joseph and God was always with him. God is always with you too. **Who is always with you? God is always with me!"**



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an activity that encourages personal application and prayer



6. JOURNAL AND PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Memory Verse Card" Activity Page from Week One in Bible, a journal, and a fun-shaped pen

Note: You can find examples of hand motions in the "Memory Verse Hand Motions" PDF and video, included in the Prelude folder and on Pinterest.

BIBLE STORY

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WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: If you do not have the "Memory Verse Card" in your Bible, copy "Memory Verse Card" on cardstock and cut, one per Small Group. Place one card in your Bible at Joshua 1:9. Keep this card in your Bible all month.

Lead the children to pretend they are riding an animal while you lead them to your Small Group spot. Sit down and gather the children around you.

MEMORY VERSE

"God is with you wherever you go."

JOSHUA 1:9, NLT

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bible Story and the Memory Verse and hand motions. Then, encourage the children to help you make a list in the journal of their favorite foods.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Pray with the children using the list you made in the journal.

KEY QUESTION

Who is always with you?

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "It's Small Group time! Today we're going to pretend we're riding an animal to our Small Group spot. Pick what kind of animal you want to ride and follow me! (Pretend you're riding an animal as you lead the children to your Small Group spot.) Whoa, [name of animal]! It's time to sit down and talk about today's Bible Story. One, two, three, sit down with me!"

BOTTOM LINE

God is always with me.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: (Open the Bible and lay it in front of the children.) "In our Bible Story today, Joseph's brothers sent him far away to a place called Egypt. Even though Joseph's brothers did something mean to Joseph, God had plans to use Joseph in Egypt to help a lot of people. God was always with Joseph and God is always with you too! **Who is always with you? God is always with me!**"

BASIC TRUTH

God loves me.

"The Bible verse we're learning even says that God is always with us. It says, '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 stand up and say that Bible verse together! Just say what I say and do what I do. '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.) And since God is with you wherever you go, then God is always with you! (Give high fives.)"



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"Now let's sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (*Open journal.*) Since God used Joseph to help save food for so many people, we're going to make a list of some of our favorite foods. When I say your name, tell me one of your favorite foods, and I will write it by your name." (*Remember to print as you write in the journal, so the children can recognize their names and the letters.*)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "All of these yummy foods are making me hungry! (*Hold up journal.*) Would anyone like to pray before I pray? (*Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.*) Dear God, thank You for giving us foods like (*read the list the children made*) to eat. You had plans to use Joseph to help save all of that food to help others. I pray (*say each child's name*) will trust that You have plans for them and You are always with them, just like You were with Joseph. We love You, God. In Jesus' name. Amen."