

City SG - September 7-8, 2019

Bible Story: Bad Day (Joseph Sold by His Brothers) • *Genesis 37, 39:1-2*

Bottom Line: When you think you're alone, you can trust God is with you.

Memory Verse: *Trust in the LORD with all your heart. Do not depend on your own understanding.* Proverbs 3:5 (NirV)

1. Just for Fun

What You Need: Colored Gems in plastic bags (21 gems per bag, 2 bags per group)

What You Do:

- Divide your group into two teams.
- Set out the gems and challenge kids to work together to arrange them in groups of:
 - two
 - four
 - five
- Guide kids to observe what happens each time. (There's one left over!)

2. Pass the Pack

What You Need: Drawstring Backpack with Memory Verse Cards (1 per group)

What You Do:

- Guide kids to sit in a circle.
- Hand the backpack to one kid. Instruct him to pull out a phrase strip.
- If it's the first phrase of the verse, he keeps it. If it's not, he puts it back and hands the backpack to the next kid. Continue until the first phrase has been found. (*Note: If this takes too long, tell kids not to put the "wrong" phrases back until the right one has been found.*)
- Play continues in the same way with the next phrase, and so on.
- Once the entire verse has been found, kids line up the phrases in order and say it together several times.
- *Note: The same cards will be used in Week Four, so consider saving them for a couple weeks.*

What You Say:

"This game was frustrating at times, just like life can be frustrating. Things don't happen the way you think they should or as fast as you think they should. And sometimes you feel alone. You might have felt alone in this game—even though you were surrounded by other people—because you never could seem to pull out the right phrase at the right time. But even **[Bottom Line] when you think you're alone, you can trust God is with you.**"

3. Riddle Walk

What You Need: Riddle Walk Cards (1 set per group), Riddle Walk Clues (1 per group), tape

What You Do:

- Guide kids to sit in a circle.
- Tape a "Riddle Walk Card" to each child's back. (No peeking!)
- Guide kids to silently mingle ("trek") around the environment.

- Call out a riddle from “Riddle Walk Clues” Activity Page, and lead kids to gather around the child whose picture answers the riddle.
- Continue through all the cards.
- For variety, lead kids to “trek” in different ways: rock climbing, snow skiing, rowing a boat, swimming, etc.

What You Say:

“We all know what it’s like to feel alone. We’ve felt alone when we’ve gotten lost in a store. We’ve felt alone in our rooms at night. We’ve felt alone when no one wants to play with us. Sometimes being alone can feel uncomfortable—even scary.

“But **[Bottom Line]** when you think you’re alone, you can trust God is with you. He loves you, and when you believe in Jesus, God promises that He will never EVER leave you. So remember: **[Bottom Line]** When you think you’re alone, you can trust God is with you. Talk to Him and tell Him how you feel. He loves you!”

4. Alone or Together

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

- Guide kids to stand up around your environment.
- Call out different things that are done either alone or with others, such as:
 - playing tag
 - playing soccer
 - drawing
 - playing “Tic-Tac-Toe”
 - reading
 - playing “Marco Polo”
 - watching TV
 - playing “Go Fish”
 - playing “Mother, May I?”
 - playing tug of war
 - playing an instrument
- If the activity is something that’s done with others, kids quickly huddle all together to form a group.
- If it’s something that *can* be done alone, kids separate and stand alone.
- *NOTE: For some activities, some kids may vote for “alone” while others may vote for “with others,” and that’s okay.*
- Vary your voice and pace to keep interest high.
- End by calling out something that’s usually done alone.

What You Say:

[Transition] “Great job everyone! In Large Group today, we heard something ELSE that we can do when we’re alone. Pray and trust God is with us at all times!”

5. Pray and Dismiss

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

- Explain that a lot of times when Jesus was alone, He prayed.
 - When He was sad, exhausted, or if He just wanted to spend time with God, Jesus prayed.
 - He prayed for himself, and He prayed for His friends.
- Tell kids to partner up so they can pray with a friend.
- Encourage kids to each share at least one thing they'd like their friend to pray about for them right now and throughout this week.
- It should be something that relates to them feeling alone.
- Ask kids to pray a sentence prayer for their friend right now. If they're not comfortable praying aloud, they can pray silently.

What You Say:

"You may have to remind yourself that God is with you. You can do that by praying, which helps you to not feel alone. It also helps to know that OTHER people are praying for you. Don't forget to pray for your friend this week, and also pray for yourself, so that ***[Bottom Line]*** when you think you're alone, **you can trust God is with you."**

BEFORE DISMISSAL: AT "COMMUNION CALL"

HAND OUT "GOD TIME" CARDS TO EACH CHILD AND ALLOW THEM TIME TO BEGIN WORKING ON THE WEEKLY ACTIVITY

IF CHILDREN BRING THEM BACK THE FOLLOWING WEEK, THEY RECEIVE A PRIZE!