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Sept. 18-20

STEP 1

Worship-Bible Lesson-Craft

WORSHIP and BIBLE LESSON

⇒ Play this week's worship and Ollie Bible lesson video.

Craft for Sept. 18-20, What You DO and SAY:

⇒ Pass out the "God is Always with Me" page

- "In our true Bible story today, we learned that God was with Rahab.
 And because he was with her, she was able to help protect God's people and keep them safe.
- God is with you, too! God is with you wherever you go. And he loves you!"

⇒ Pass out crayons.

o "Do you see the person in the middle of the heart? That's you! Can you decorate the person to make it just like you?"

⇒ Pass out dot markers.

- o "Your people look great! Do you see the heart? That heart is to remind you how much God loves you and that He is always with you!
- Now let's see if we can trace the heart with our dot markers."

⇒ Complete activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus

- "Friends, these look great! God was with Rahab and he is with you, too!
- Who is always with you? God is always with me!"

SUPPLIES: God is Always with Me page, crayons, dot markers

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Sept. 25-27

STEP 1

Worship-Bible Lesson-Craft

WORSHIP and BIBLE LESSON

⇒ Play this week's worship and Ollie Bible lesson video.

CRAFT Sept 25-27, What You DO and SAY:

⇒ Have children join you at the table.

- "In our Bible story today, Esther did something that you have to be very strong to do. And I'm not talking about this kind of strong (do a muscle pose with your arms). I'm talking about the kind of strong that is brave, wise, and courageous, all at the same time! The kind of strong that makes someone a hero!
- Who remembers what Esther did? That's right! She went to the king and asked him to save her family, even though the king had not invited her to see him. You had to be very strong to do that!
- Today we are going to do a craft that helps us remember this story!

⇒ Pass out Stick to the Story page and 1 strip of stickers per child.

- "Our first sticker is <u>the king</u>. The king was married to a woman named Esther. Put the king in your first circle. (Assist when needed.)
- Our next sticker is a man named <u>Haman</u>. (Give each child a Haman sticker.)
 Haman worked for the king and wanted to hurt Esther's family, God's people.
 Put Haman in the next circle beside the king. (Assist when needed.)
- This sticker is <u>Queen Esther</u>. (Give each child an Esther sticker.) Esther trusted that God was with her and risked her life to ask the king to save her family. Put Esther in the next circle beside Haman. (Assist when needed.)
- Our last sticker is <u>Esther's family</u>. (Give each child a God's People sticker.)
 The king listened to Esther and saved all of her family! Put the people in the last circle beside Esther." (Assist when needed.)

⇒ Pass out crayons.

 "Now we can color our pages. When you bring this home you can retell your true Bible story for your family and friends and teach them that God is always with them, too!"

⇒ Complete craft and Bring it Back to Jesus

"God is always with us, just like He was with Esther, so we can be strong like she was. Who is always with you? God is always with me!"

SUPPLIES: Stick to the Story page, strips of story circle stickers, crayons

Sept. Weeks 3 & 4

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STEP 2 - Activities

Who is Always with you? Parachute

SUPPLIES: Parachute

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ Have children join you around the Parachute and each hold on to a handle/corner.
 - o "Everyone join me around the parachute! Now I am going to pick one person to stand in the center of the parachute.
 - o Let's all take a handle of the parachute.
- ⇒ Guide children in walking the parachute into the friend in the middle and back out.
 - Now and we are going to walk the sides of the parachute in to the friend in the middle and then back out. Let's do it a couple times!
 - Now, friend, let me ask you Who is always with you?
 - God is always with me!
- ⇒ Repeat activity with each child taking a turn in the center of the parachute. Bring it Back to Jesus.
 - o "That was fun friends! Let me ask you one more time -
 - Who is always with you?
 - o God is always with me!"

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STEP 2 – Week 3 Activity Where is Rahab?

SUPPLIES: 3 cups decorated with windows, Rahab cut out

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ Gather children around you on the floor or at a table.
 - "In today's story, we heard about a lady named Rahab who helped hide and get the two spies from God's army out of the city of Jericho. If she was caught hiding the spies, she would have been in big trouble. Rahab had heard about God and knew that He could do amazing things. This gave her courage.
- ⇒ Hide Rahab under a cup and then move the cups around and mix them up.
 - "See these cups? Let's pretend they are houses. I am going to hide Rahab under one and then mix them up and I want to see if you can find her.
 - Can you guess which house Rahab is hiding in? Lift up the cup to see!
- ⇒ Continue to repeat the game until every child has had a chance to guess.
- ⇒ Complete the activity and Bring it Back to Jesus.
 - "Nice job, friends! After Rahab hid the spies, the spies told Rahab to hang a red rope outside her window, and they would make sure her and her family were safe. Sometime later when God's army came to battle the city of Jericho, they saw the red rope and remembered Rahab. They made sure to keep her and her family safe. God was with Rahab all along, and God is always with you.
 - Who is always with you? God is always with me."

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STEP 2 – Week 4 Activity Pin the Crown on the Queen

SUPPLIES: Queen poster, crowns, wall tape

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ Gather children near the Queen poster.
 - "Today in our true Bible story we learned about a woman. Do you remember her name? Esther! That's right! But Esther wasn't just any woman – she was the queen! But look – she doesn't have a crown!
 - We are going to take turns trying to pin the crown on Queen Esther's head.
- ⇒ Take one child at a time and have them close their eyes and try to stick the crown to the Queen's head.
- ⇒ Complete the activity and Bring it Back to Jesus.
 - "Nice job, friends! Thanks for helping make Esther the Queen! Queen Esther knew that God was always with her and that God made her strong! God can make you strong, too, because God is always with you!
 - o Who is always with you?
 - o God is always with me!"

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Sept. 4-6/Sept. 11-13

STEP 3

Read-Ask-Practice-Pray

Here are some ideas to try in a group or one-on-one.

2-year-olds are all at different stages of development! Some are ready to answer big questions and say the memory verse, while others aren't ready to talk yet. Even if they aren't ready to answer, they are listening!

READ A STORY

- The Beginner's Bible
 - Joshua and the Spies, p. 128
 - Beginner's Bible: The Brave Queen, p. 240

ASK A QUESTION

Who is always with you? God is always with me!

PRACTICE THE MEMORY VERSE

"We have the Lord our God to help us." Chronicles 32:8

SAY A PRAYER

Dear God,

Thank you for making me.

Thank you for loving me.

Thank you for sending Jesus to be my friend forever.

Amen.