

City SG—November 20th, 2022

Today's Bible Story: Safe and Sound (Daniel Is Thrown into a Den of Lions) • *Daniel 6*

Today's Bottom Line: You can do what you should because God is with you.

Monthly Memory Verse: *Be strong and brave. Do not be afraid. Do not lose hope. I am the LORD your God. I will be with you everywhere you go.* Joshua 1:9b (NIRV)

1. Stand on God's Promises

What You Need: "Stand on God's Promises" Activity Pages (1 Set per Group)

What You Do:

- Place all of the Activity Pages on the floor around the room with the "FEAR" and "FAITH" sides facing up.
- Place the pages with enough space to be apart but close enough THAT kids can jump from one page to the other.
- Instruct the kids to choose a piece of paper to stand on.
- Direct the kids to jump to a paper that has "FEAR" on it when you yell "Fear!"
- After all kids are standing on a "FEAR" page, direct them to step off and read the fear on the other side.
- Choose one or two kids to share out loud.
- Direct the kids to get back on their papers.
- Challenge the kids not to touch the floor when jumping from paper to paper.
- Direct the kids to jump to a paper that has "FAITH" on it when you yell "Faith!"
- After all kids are standing on a "FAITH" page, direct them to step off and read the verse written on the other side.
- Choose one or two kids to share their verse out loud.
- Repeat until all of the Fears and Faith papers have been shared.

What You Say:

"Wow! God has a lot to say about fear and worries. It may seem like a simple task, but standing on God's Word can help us as we face our fears with faith. We're not literally standing on our Bibles, of course, but knowing who God is and what God has promised us can give us courage to face the challenges that come our way!

"What does it look like to 'stand' on God's promises? (*Invite responses.*) **[Make it Personal] (Share a personal story about how knowing God's Word helped you face a challenge or scary time.)** One of the ways God is with us is through Scripture. That means we can feel God with us when we do things like read the Bible, ask a trusted adult questions about the Bible, or even sing our favorite worship songs.

"Next time you're facing a challenge, remember that **[Bottom Line] you can do what you should because God is with you.**"

2. Memory Verse Backpack Tags

What You Need: "Memory Verse Tags" (1 tag per kid), markers, scissors, clear packing tape, a single hole punch, and metal clip (1 per kid)

What You Do:

- Set out the markers.
- Pass out a "Memory Verse Tag" for each child to color.
- Point out the verse on the tag and review together as they work.
- Once finished, call kids one at a time to help them cover the front and backs of their tag with clear tape.
- Help the kids punch a hole in the top of the tag.
- Give each kid a metal clip to attach to tag
- Encourage them to attach their tag to their backpack.

What You Say:

“When you head to school, what do you take with you every single day? Your backpack! I thought it would be awesome to take our verse with us as a reminder that God is with us everywhere we go! Take this backpack tag home and ask a grown-up to help you attach it to your backpack! I’m so glad to know that we can be strong and brave because God is with us. God will give us the courage we need to do the right thing. Every time you read this verse, remember that **[Bottom Line] you can do what you should because God is with you.**”

3. True or False

What You Need: Sticky notes (2 per kid) and markers

What You Do:

- Give each kid two sticky notes and a marker.
- Have them write “T” for True on one and “F” for False on the other.
- Tell the kids to stick their sticky notes on their hands or feet.
- Read a series of statements about God and have the kids lift the hand or foot of their choice to answer.
- To create more of a challenge, have the kids raise their hands or feet as high as they can to answer.
- True Or False statements:
 - God is there for me when I need God.
 - God hears me when I pray.
 - God is too busy to take care of all of us.
 - When I want to ask God for help, I need to make an appointment.
 - God was with Daniel in the lions’ den.
 - God is only with me when I’m happy.
 - God is with me when I’m afraid.
 - God has given me the Bible so I can get to know God.
 - God sent Jesus to tell me to work harder and do better.
 - God sent Jesus to forgive me so that I can have a relationship with God forever.

What You Say:

“God was with Daniel when he chose to do the right thing, and the same is true for you and me. Even if it seems like you’re the only one making the wise choice, you aren’t alone! Just like God was with Daniel, God will be with you, too. We can have courage when we remember that God is with us, always. So this week, when it seems like everyone else is doing one thing that you know isn’t right, remember God is with you. He will help you to make the wise choice. Remember that **[Bottom Line] you can do what you should do because God is with you.**”

4. Pray and Dismiss

What You Do:

- Close your group time in prayer, asking God to help the group face their fears this week.

What You Say:

“God, thank You that You never leave us. Even in the dark, even when it’s hard, You are always with us. Although this doesn’t mean that all of our fears will disappear, we do know You will help us have courage to face the fears we encounter. Thank You for giving us Your Holy Spirit to help us as we navigate each challenge. Please help us show others that they can be brave as they face their fears, too. Use us to be an encouragement to others and remind them **[Bottom Line] you can do what you should because God is with you.**”