



Who Is Always With You?

God Is Always With Me

Oyster Bay Small Group Guide

Week 1 • September 5/6/7

Side 1 • Small Group # 1 • 15 minutes



WELCOME

Welcome each kid by name.

Ask:

- Raise your hand if you can make a ROAR sound.
- Who has ever been to the zoo and seen a real lion?



BIBLE

Give each kid a Bible.

Say: Our Bible Story says that God was with Daniel and kept him safe in the lion's den. Can you give me a big ROAR?

Any time you read about the Lions, have the kids **say:** ROAR!

Take out the Story Cups with Lions, Daniel, and Crown Pictures to help tell the Bible story.

Read: Daniel and the Lions: Page 251

Review:

- Who was in our Bible story? (Daniel)
- Where was Daniel? (In the lion's den)
- What animal was with Daniel? (Lions)



PRAY

Pray: Dear Jesus, thank you for loving us, and being with us everywhere we go. Amen.



ACTIVITY

Take out the Butcher Block Paper and lay it on the floor. This will be used as your "road." Gather all the Toy Cars. Encourage the kids in your Group to take turns pushing the toy cars down the "road".

Say: Let's play on this big, long road today. In our Bible Story, a man named Daniel always did what was right. He stayed on the right path! Let's practice staying on the right path by driving down our road.

Allow two kids to push their cars down the "road" on each side of the Butcher Block Paper. Encourage kids to cheer each other on while other kids are pushing their cars down the road.

Next, take out the Lion Coloring Page and allow kids to color it while talking about the lions in the story.

Continue the activity until Large Group.



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Side 2 • Snack Time • 10 minutes



SNACK TIME

Provide snack to kids while they are seated around a table.

- Review the Bottom Line
- Say the Memory Verse for your Group

Two-year-olds struggle to stay in Small Group during this time, however there is value in having them sit in a community. Leverage the tool of a snack and creative conversation to help kids remain seated around the table until Parent Pick Up.



TAKE HOME

- Lion Coloring Page (1 per kid)
- Block Bash Weekend Invites (a few per kid, at the door)



PRO TIP

Even the youngest kids can invite others. As kids are eating their snack, talk with them about what they love to do in their environment. Help them to name the toys they play with, friends they see, and songs they dance to. Then, ask them if someone in their life would enjoy that, too. When they name a friend or family member, celebrate it and tell them they can invite them to Block Bash Weekend.

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Joshua 1:9



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Week 2 • September 12/13/14

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WELCOME

Welcome each kid by name.

Ask:

- Raise your hand if you like animals.
- Raise your hand if you like when someone helps you.



BIBLE

Give each kid a Bible.

Say: Our Bible Story says that God was with Daniel and kept him safe in the lion's den. Can you give me a big ROAR?

Any time you read about the Lions, have the kids **say:** ROAR!

Take out the Story Cups with Lions, Daniel, and Crown Pictures to help tell the Bible story.

Read: Daniel and the Lions: Page 251

Review:

- Who was with Daniel? (God)
- Did God keep Daniel safe? (Yes!)



PRAY

Pray: Dear Jesus, thank you for loving me, and being with me everywhere I go. Amen



ACTIVITY

Take out the Blocks. Scatter small piles in 3-4 spots around the room (a corner, under a table, by the door, etc.).

Gather your Group together in the middle of the room.

Say: Let's take a walk around our room today. In our Bible story, we learned that God is always with us – everywhere we go! Let's visit some different spots and build a tower together as we walk.

Walk the group to the first pile of blocks. Have a child add one block to a shared tower that the group carries along, and say together, "God is with me here!"

Continue walking to each remaining pile, adding a block and repeating the phrase at every stop, until your tower includes pieces from all around the room.

Continue the activity until Large Group.



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SNACK TIME

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- Review the Bottom Line
- Say the Memory Verse for your Group

Remain seated around the table until Parent Pick Up.



TAKE HOME

- Building Block Bag (1 per kid, at the door)



PRO TIP

Two-year-olds are on the move! Whenever you can, add movement into your activities. Whether you are having them hop to Small Group, rock a baby as you learn about Daniel, or clap while waiting for snack- movement keeps them engaged and having fun!

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Week 3 • September 19/20/21

Side 1 • Small Group # 1 • 15 minutes



WELCOME

Welcome each kid by name.

Ask:

- How big do you think lions mouths are? (Stretch your arms part wide to give kids an example)
- Raise your hand if you like to make big lion sounds? (Roar)

Give each kid a Bible.

Say: Our Bible Story says that God was with Daniel and kept him safe in the lion's den. Can you give me a big ROAR?

Any time you read about the Lions, have the kids **say:** ROAR!

Take out the Story Cups with Lions, Daniel, and Crown Pictures to help tell the Bible story.

Read: Daniel and the Lions: Page 251

Review:

- Who shut the lion's mouths? (God)
- Was God with Daniel in the den? (Yes!)
- Can God be with you at home? (Yes!)



PRAY

Pray: Dear Jesus, thank you for loving me, and being with me everywhere I go. Amen

Spread the Parachute out on the floor. Gather the kids around the edge of the Parachute. **Say:** Everyone grab a handle. Let's walk around and around. (Walk in a circle) Hold on tight! Everyone pick up the parachute. Awesome job!

As your Group walks around the Parachute, **say:** God is with you everywhere you go.

Say: Way up high and way down low, God is with you wherever you go! (Lift parachute up and down)

Say: Stand on top, then hop away. God is with you every day! (Jump up and down)

Say: Lift it up and go below, God is with you wherever you go! (Lift the parachute high and go under)

Say: That was so much fun! Our parachute game helps us remember that no matter where we are- up high, down low, or all together under the parachute- God is with us. Who is always with you? God is always with me!

Continue the activity until Large Group.



ACTIVITY



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Side 2 • Snack Time • 10 minutes



SNACK TIME

Provide snack to kids while they are seated around a table.

- Review the Bottom Line
- Say the Memory Verse for your Group

Remain seated around the table until Parent Pick Up.



TAKE HOME

As kids leave, **ask:** *Who is always with you?* Encourage kids to **respond:** *God is always with me!*



PRO TIP

Many two-year-olds are not able to completely communicate what they experience during a gathering with their parents. At pick up, prioritize sharing one thing with parents. This lets them know their child is having fun, is cared for, and is learning about God!

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Week 4 • September 26/27/28

Side 1 • Small Group # 1 • 15 minutes



WELCOME

Welcome each kid by name.

Ask:

- Raise your hand if you have a pet at home.
- What kind of pet do you have or would you like to have?



BIBLE

Give each kid a Bible.

Say: Our Bible Story says that God was with Daniel and kept him safe in the lion's den. Can you give me a big ROAR?

Any time you read about the Lions, have the kids **say:** ROAR!

Take out the Story Cups with Lions, Daniel, and Crown Pictures to help tell the Bible story.

Read: Daniel and the Lions: Page 251

Review:

- Was Daniel alone? (No)
- Did Daniel pray to God? (Yes!)
- Can we talk to God too? (Yes!)



PRAY

Pray: Dear Jesus, thank you for loving me, and being with me everywhere I go. Amen



ACTIVITY

Take out the Feed The Lion Activity Page, Pom-Poms, Tape and Brown Paper Bags. Write each child's name on their Bag.

Say: In our true story from the Bible, Daniel was in a den with lions. But God was with him and kept him safe! Let's make our very own lion to remember the story.

Remind kids to share and encourage each other as they all work to create great lions.

Say: Here is a lion face. Let's make him a happy lion! You can use the crayons to give him and your bag some color.

Allow time to decorate and provide help if needed. **Say:** Wow! Your lions look great! Help kids tape the lion face to their Bag. Give each child a handful of Pom-Poms.

Say: Let's feed them like this! Demonstrate dropping a Pom-Pom into a bag. **Say:** Your turn! Great job, friends!

Continue the activity until Large Group.



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Week 4 • September 26/27/28

Side 2 • Snack Time • 10 minutes



SNACK TIME

Provide snack to kids while they are seated around a table.

- Review the Bottom Line
- Say the Memory Verse for your Group

Remain seated around the table until Parent Pick Up.



TAKE HOME

- Feed The Lion Brown Paper Bag (1 per kid, in Small Group)



PRO TIP

Prioritize sharing with parents about the incredible things their kids are doing in their environment! At pick up, share something their child said, did, or experienced. This lets parents know that their kids are safe, seen, known, and growing closer to Jesus.

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