

Who Is Always With You?

God Is Always With Me

Treasure Cove Small Group Guide

Week 1 • September 5/6/7

Side 1 • Small Group # 1 • 10 minutes



PRO TIP

Support kids as they plan to invite others to church. One way you can do this is by helping kids to learn and share what they love about church. In Small Group, discuss each kid's favorite activity in the environment. Then, ask them who they know that would have fun doing that with them. Encourage them to invite that friend to come to Block Bash Weekend.



WELCOME

Welcome each kid by name.

Ask: Would you rather roar like a lion or a big bear?



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?

Anytime you read about the lions, have the kids make a roar sound.

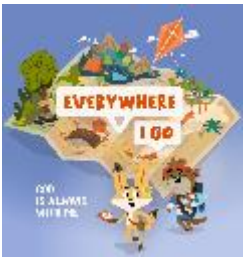
Read: Daniel and the Lions: Page 251

Review:

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

Continue to review and discuss until Large Group.

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



Take out the Toy Animals, Building Blocks, and Popsicle Sticks. **Say:** Today, we are going to pretend to be zookeepers and take care of all these animals. We can use all these supplies to build our very own zoo!

Say: What animals do you think live at a zoo? (Pause for answers) A zoo has special homes for all kinds of animals. Let's use the blocks to build some walls. And we can use these craft sticks to make fences to keep the animals safe. (Allow time to build)

Say: Now we need to put the animals in their homes.

Call animals by name and allow the kids to put them in their homes. **Say:** Our zoo is the best zoo ever! You did a great job making a place for all the animals.



Ask:

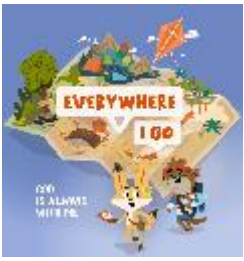
- Who are you inviting to Block Bash Weekend?
- Who is always with you? God is always with me!

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- Block Bash Weekend Invites (a few per kid, at the door)

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Week 2 • September 12/13/14

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PRO TIP

As Leaders, we can encourage parents as well as their kids! Pick one or two kids and focus on something positive you can share with their parents at pick up. When they arrive, share how great their child participated in worship or how they sat in Small Group. This lets parents know we see and know their kid and family.



WELCOME

Welcome each kid by name.

Ask:

- Would you rather ride on a train or ride in a boat?
- Would you rather make a loud choo-choo sound or a loud roar sound?



BIBLE

Give each kid a Bible.

Say: Our true story from the Bible happens in a big, hot, dry place called a desert. A desert is like this giant sandbox. It has big open spaces with lots and lots of sand. Today we are going to hear about a mom and her son who were in a desert and were super-hot and thirsty. Let's go on a scavenger hunt to find some water using our Bibles.

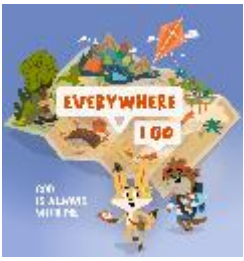
Read: Turn to Pages 9, 10, 12, 15, 30, 32, 54, 55

Review:

- A desert is a place filled with lots of sand and it's really hot.
- Do you think God can be with you in really hot, dry places?

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Side 2 • Small Group #2 • 10 minutes



Pray: *Dear God, thank you for seeing Hagar and Ishmael in the desert. Thank you for hearing them when they needed help. Thank you for being with me everywhere I go. I love you. Amen.*



Take out the Train Tickets Activity Page, Star Stickers, and Blocks/Legos.

Say: Everyone, come line up and get ready to go for a ride on our train! I have a train ticket for each of you. Now let me punch your ticket so we can ride the train! Punch each child's ticket by giving them a sticker, then have them add one block to a shared row on the floor – that's our track! Then tell them to go sit beside the track, in pairs side-by-side.

Say: All aboard! The train is leaving the station. Chugga-chugga-choo-choo! Let's say our verse together. God is with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9.

Say: That means God is with you when you ride a train! God is with you when you are at home. God is with you at the park. God is always with you! You are all wonderful passengers! You can keep your ticket to help you remember that God is always with you, no matter where you go.

Say: Just like he was with Hagar and Ishmael in the desert. God is always with you!



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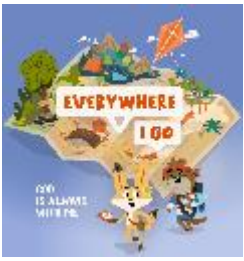
- *Who was the mom in our Bible story? (Hagar)*
- *Who was Hagar's son? (Ishmael)*
- *Where were Hagar and Ishmael? (In the desert)*
- *Is God with you everywhere you go? (Yes! God is with me everywhere I go)*

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- Train Ticket Activity Page w/Sticker (1 per kid, in Small Group)
- Soft Brick Building Block (1 per kid, at the door)

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Week 3 • September 19/20/21

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Preschoolers are on the move! Whenever you can, add movement into your activities. Whether you are having them hop to Small Group, or dance during worship, movement keeps them engaged and having fun!



Welcome each kid by name.

Ask: *Would you rather wear silly socks or a silly hat?*



Give each kid a Bible.

Say: *In our Bible Story today, we will learn that God is with us wherever we go. God was with Joseph everywhere he went. Joseph's story started when Joseph's dad gave him a special, colorful coat. Let's open our Bibles to read the rest of the story.*

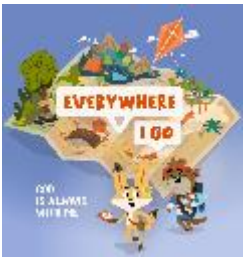
Read: Joseph's Colorful Robe: Page 71

Review:

- *Who was in our Bible story today? (Joseph)*
- *What did Joseph's dad give him? (A special colorful coat)*

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Week 3 • September 19/20/21

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Pray: Dear God, thank you for being with me everywhere I go. You are with me at home, at church, and when I play. Help me remember that I am never alone. I love you. Amen.



Take out the Who Has Joseph Picture, Solo Cup and Tape. Tape Joseph inside one cup without anyone seeing.

Say: Today in our Bible Story, we learned about a young man named Joseph. Joseph went a lot of places in our story, and God was always with him. Let's play a game to help us remember that God is always with us no matter where we go.

Say: To play our game, everyone is going to get a cup. And we are going to pass our cups to our friends. At the end of the chant, we'll see who has Joseph! Ready?

- Joseph, Joseph, pass him fast!
- Count to three, who has him last?
- One ... two ... THREE! Freeze!" (Pause.)

Who has Joseph? [Child's name] has Joseph! Okay, [child's name], since you have Joseph, you get to say our special words- God is always with me!

Continue playing until several children have had a turn.



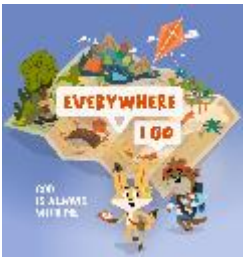
Ask:

- Who was with Joseph everywhere he went? (God)
- Is God with you everywhere you go? (Yes! God is with me everywhere I go)

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Week 4 • September 26/27/28

Side 1 • Small Group # 1 • 10 minutes



PRO TIP

Kids feel proud when sharing what they know! You can help kids have a voice and make the most out of the Bible story by asking them to identify things they see as you read today's Bible stories: animals, plants, even the feelings on the faces of the people in the story.



WELCOME

Welcome each kid by name.

Ask:

- Would you rather ride on a train or ride in a boat?
- Would you rather jump in puddles or play in the sand?



BIBLE

Give each kid a Bible.

Say: In our Bible Story today, God told Jonah to go to Nineveh, but he chose to get on a boat and go the other way. While he was on the boat, a big storm came and rocked the boat. Let's open our Bibles and see what's going to happen next to Jonah.

Read:

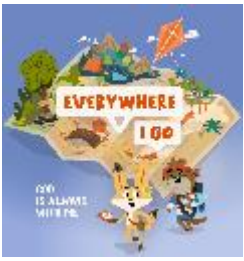
- Jonah and the Big Fish page 257

Review:

- Who was in our Bible story today? (Jonah)
- Did Jonah go the right way at first? (No, Jonah went the other way)

Continue to review and discuss until Large Group.

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Week 4 • September 26/27/28

Side 2 • Small Group #2 • 10 minutes



Pray: *Dear God, Everywhere I go you're there. Help me show your love to others. At home, at school, everywhere. I love you, Jesus. Amen!*



Take out the Parachute, Beach Ball, Tape, and Jonah's Parachute Journey Picture. Tape the Picture to the Beach Ball.

Say: *Let's use our big parachute to tell the amazing story of Jonah! We need to work together to make the story happen. Let's grab the edge of the parachute and lift it high. Look, here's Jonah! Put the beach ball on the Parachute.*

Say: *Let's rock the parachute back and forth. A big storm came! Rock, rock, rock! Gently rock the parachute back and forth.*

Say: *The storm was so big that Jonah told the men in the boat to throw him into the water. Let's throw Jonah out! When I say three, we'll bop him off the parachute. Ready? One, two, three ... BOP! Bop the ball off the parachute.*

Say: *Oh no! Where did he go? Point to the ball. There he is! But God was with Jonah and he sent a big fish to swallow Jonah up! We have to scoop Jonah up! Ready? One, two, three SCOOP! Scoop the ball up so it's under the parachute.*

Say: *Jonah was in the fish for three whole days! Let's count to three. One... Two ... Three! Then the fish spit him out! Everyone, lift up the parachute! Lift the parachute high. There he is! Now Jonah was ready to do what God said.*

Say: *Jonah needed to go to Nineveh. Let's help him get there! Put the ball on top of the parachute. Let's shake the parachute and make Jonah travel all the way to Nineveh! Gently shake the parachute to move the ball to the other side. We did it! Allow the kids to shake the parachute for a few minutes while the beach ball is on top.*

Take out the Jonah's Journey Coloring Page and crayons and allow kids to color.



Ask:

- *Can you think of a time you didn't want to listen?*
- *Does God still love us when we make wrong choices?*

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- Jonah's Journey Coloring Page (1 per kid)

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