



WEEK
THREE
SEPTEMBER 2021

SMALL GROUP
3-5 YEAR
-OLDS

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

WORSHIP

STORY

GROUPS

HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO CREATE

an activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible story, bottom line, or memory verse by creating a craft to take home



1. DOOR HANGER

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Door Hanger" Activity Page, cardstock, scissors, glue sticks, and red craft supplies such as foam pieces, stickers, small pom poms, small die cut shapes, and ribbon

BIBLE STORY

God is with me so
I can be courageous.

RAHAB AND THE SPIES
JOSHUA 2:1-22; 6:22-25

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Door Hanger" Activity Page on cardstock and cut on the dotted lines, one per child.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Give each child a hanger, a glue stick, and the red craft supplies. Encourage the children to decorate the hanger.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "We're going to make a cool hanger for your door! It has our memory verse on it. We can hang it on a door just like when Rahab hung the rope in our Bible story today."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "We'll use red items to make our door hangers super cool!" (Do activity.)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Way to go! I love your door hangers! You can look at them every day and know that God is always with us so we can be courageous! **Who is always with you? God is always with me!**"

MEMORY VERSE

"We have the Lord
our God to help us."

2 CHRONICLES 32:8, NLT

KEY QUESTION

Who is always with you?

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an activity that encourages preschoolers to follow guidelines while having fun and learning new concepts



2. HIDDEN STORY

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Where Are They Hiding?" Activity Page, copy paper, crayons, and markers

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Where Are They Hiding?" on paper, one per child.

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DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage the children to look for the hidden story pictures printed on the bottom of the page as you review the Bible story. Each time they find one of the hidden pictures, briefly review that part of the story and tell the children to circle it with a crayon or marker. After the children find all of the pictures, they can color the page.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Talk about how God helped Rahab be courageous.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Hi, friends! Come sit with me. Pieces of today's Bible story are hidden on this page, and we need to find them!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "In today's Bible story, Rahab did something very courageous. These pictures tell her story. (*Point to the pictures on the bottom.*) Let's try to find all of these pictures hiding in this big picture.

"First, we'll look for Joshua's spies. (*Point to the spies on the bottom.*) Joshua sent spies into Jericho to check it out before they went to battle. The spies are hiding on your page somewhere. Can you find them? Keep looking. (*Assist when needed.*) When you find the spies, circle them with a crayon.

"Next, we need to find the soldier. (*Point to the soldiers on the bottom.*) The soldiers wanted to catch the spies and hurt them. Do you see the soldiers? When you find them, circle them with your crayon.

"Now we'll look for Rahab. (*Point to Rahab on the bottom.*) Rahab had heard of the amazing things God had done. It gave her the courage to hide the spies from the soldiers, even though she would get in big trouble if the soldiers caught her. When you find Rahab, circle her with your crayon.

"Okay, we have two more pictures to find. The next one is the red rope. (*Point to the red rope on the bottom.*) After Rahab helped hide the spies, they told her to hang a red rope from her window. When Joshua's army came, they would see the red rope and save her family. And that's what happened! When you find the red rope, circle it with your crayon.

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(HIDDEN STORY, CONTINUED)

"The last picture we need to look for is this heart. (*Point to the heart on the bottom.*) We're looking for a heart because the reason God is always with YOU and **God is always with ME**, is because God loves YOU and **God loves me**. When you find the heart, circle it with your crayon.

"Yay! We found Rahab's hidden story! Way to go! Now you can color all of the pictures!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "God is always with us, just like He was with Joshua, the spies, and Rahab. Knowing God was with them gave them the courage to do the right thing. And knowing God is always with us gives us the courage to do the right thing, too. **Who is always with you? God is always with me! Yay! God is always with me!**"



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JOURNAL AND PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Paperclip "Memory Verse Card" in
your Bible at 2 Chronicles 32:8, journal, and fun-shaped
pen

SMALL GROUP LEADER (SGL): "It's Small Group time!

Today, we'll tip-toe like sneaky spies all the way to our
small group spot. We have to be very quiet so no one finds us. Follow me! (*Tip-toe like a sneaky spy as you lead the children to your small group spot.*)

"We made it without anyone catching us. Good job little spies! Now let's sit
down and talk about today's Bible story. One, two, three, sit down with me!
(*Open the Bible and lay it in front of the children.*)

"Our Bible story, today, was about how Rahab had courage because she had
heard of the amazing things God had done. She had the courage to do the
right thing and hide the spies. When God is with us, we can have the courage
to do the right thing, too. And guess what! God is always with us! **Who is
always with you?"**

CHILDREN AND SGL: "God is always with me."

SGL: "Whisper it like a sneaky spy. **Who is always with you?"**

CHILDREN AND SGL: "God is always with me."

SGL: "He sure is! And the Bible verse we're learning will help us remember that
God is with us and wants to help us. It says . . . (*Turn the pages of your Bible to
the Memory Verse Card.*)

"'We have the Lord our God to help us.' 2 Chronicles 32:8. (*Close Bible and lay
it down.*)

"Let's stand up and say that together with the motions. Just say what I say and
do what I do."

CHILDREN AND SGL: "'We have (*bend wrists and tap fingertips to chest*) the
Lord our God (*point up*) to help us,' (*right thumbs-up on top of left palm*) 2
Chronicles 32:8." (*Open hands like a book.*)

(*Repeat the verse with motions a few times.*)

SGL: "You sound so good! Now let's sit down so we can write in our prayer
journal and talk to God. (*Hold journal and fun-shaped pen.*)

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"Knowing about the amazing things God has done gave Rahab the courage to do the right thing and help the spies. Today, we'll make a list of ways we can have courage and help others, too. So when I say your name, tell me one way you can have courage and help someone. I will write it in our prayer journal. Get ready and listen for your name!"

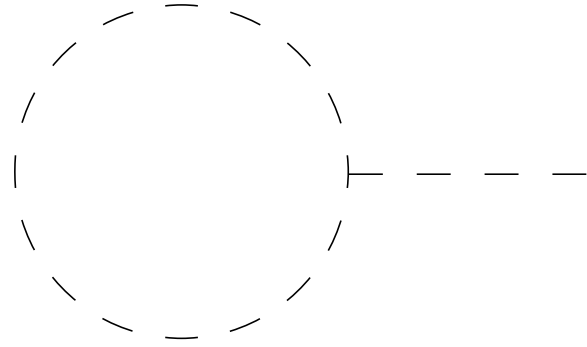
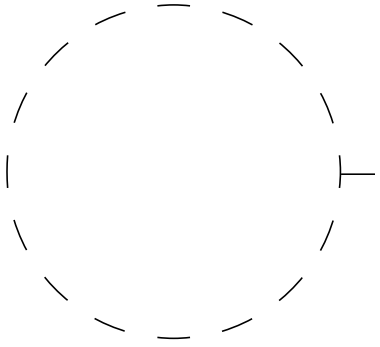
(Say each child's name and write down what they say. Remember to print the names so the children can recognize their names and the letters.)

"This is an awesome list! We can use it when we pray. Would anyone like to pray before I pray?"

(Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.)

PRAYER

SGL: "Dear God, You are SO amazing! Only You have the power to always be with us. Knowing that You are always with us gives us the courage to help others and do things like *(read the list the children made)*. We want everyone to know how much You love them. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."



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