



TOY BOX | WEEK 2 | SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

## 2s-3s Lesson

# Deborah

**Bible Story:** *God is with me so I can be wise.* Deborah • Judges 4 and 5

**Memory Verse:** "We have the Lord our God to help us." 2 Chronicles 32:8, NLT

**Key Question:** Who is always with you?

**Bottom Line:** God is always with me.

**Basic Truth:** I am made for a purpose so the Holy Spirit will help me do big things now.

**KID CONNECT:  
30 MINUTES**

**LARGE GROUP:  
15 MINUTES**

**SMALL GROUP:  
15 MINUTES**

## LEADER BIBLE STUDY

*Many of us remember a special toy or plush friend from our Toy Box that gave us comfort and companionship when we needed it. It's part of growing up. We were made to want someone with us. And that Someone is Who we will be talking about this month. He is the only One who can truly always be with us. We will say countless times this month, "**God is always with me.**"*

*We want our preschoolers to believe it with all of their hearts. With this truth as a foundation, they can be brave and wise. They can have courage and strength. Then, when the times comes that their favorite toy, blanket, or pillow cannot be with them, they will know that there is Someone who loves them and will always be with them. No matter where they go or what they do, God is always with them...and you.*

Story Focus: **God is with me so I can be wise.** Week two, we will learn about a remarkable leader named Deborah. God was with her. And, because of that, she was wise enough to lead God's people and tell them the right things to do. God is always with us so we can be wise, too

# KID CONNECT

## WELCOME TIME

(VIDEO: ARRIVAL MUSIC)

Play intro music in the background as you greet preschoolers and follow the KidCity check-in procedures. Set out a few favorite theme-related toys, such as puzzles and blocks.

## OPENING ACTIVITY

(No Supplies)

All this month, our Kid Connect time will be spent building relationships with the kids. Gather your small group together for some intentional connecting time before Large Group. You can do small activities while you chat together (like coloring or building with blocks) or just sit and listen to each other. Ask your kids relationship-building questions like:

- How old are you?
- Do you have a favorite stuffed animal?
- Do you have a brother, sister, or pet? What are their names?
- What do you like to play at home?
- What's your favorite food/color/animal/ice cream flavor?

# LARGE GROUP

## COUNTDOWN

(VIDEO: COUNTDOWN)

Show the countdown video as the children clean up and transition to Large Group.

## SETTING UP FOR SUCCESS

(CG: EXPECTATION SLIDE: BASIC TRUTHS SLIDE)

*LARGE GROUP LEADER (LGL) enters, carrying the treasure box. Inside is a Bible and scarves for Worship.*

**LGL:** Hello my friends! How are you today? Come sit with me. I am so glad to see you here. I love being here with you!

Here in KidCity we have three rules. How many rules do we have? (*kids respond*) That's right! Three rules. Let's go over our rules now. (List rules while counting on fingers)

1. **Be kind.** We can be kind by using our indoor speaking voices, by staying on our blankets (or whatever space you have), and by obeying our leaders.
2. **Be safe.** We can be safe by walking around the classroom and keeping our hands to ourselves.
3. **Have fun!** We are going to have SO much fun, and that's because you are here!

Can everybody follow those rules today? (*kids respond*) Great! KidCity is a place where we learn about God and Jesus! And there are three big truths that we want you to know. Let's say them all together! Are you ready?

1. **I am made by God.** What is it? (*kids repeat*)
2. **I am loved by God no matter what.** What is it? (*kids repeat*)

### 3. I am made for a purpose! What is it? (kids repeat)

*LGL sits with the treasure box in front of him/her.*

*NOTE: You can choose to put any large group props that fit inside the box and pull them out for a dramatic reveal.*

**LGL:** Do you see this box? This is a beautiful box, isn't it? It looks special. I wonder what's inside. Do you want to see what's inside? Let's see. (*LGL opens the box and pulls out a Bible*) It's a Bible! (*hugging the Bible*) Oh, I love the Bible! It's so special. Everybody pretend to hug your Bible. Go ahead! (*pause*) Very good! I wonder...what's in the Bible? The Bible is God's Big Story, and it tells us all about God! We are going to hear a true story from the Bible today. I wonder what else is in this special box? (*Pull out scarves for worship time and pass them out to the children.*)

## WORSHIP

**(VIDEO: VERY BIG THINGS; WHEREVER, WHATEVER; WORSHIP SCARVES)**

Pass out the scarves to the kids and sing the worship songs.

## INTRO SKETCH

**(Apple [real or fake], Candy, Any Toy, Story Box)**

*LGL brings the story box with the props inside to the middle.*

"Friends, I was wondering if you could help me? Every day I have to make all kinds of choices, and sometimes I don't know what is the right choice to make! I know that God wants me to make the *wise* choice. Can you help me make the wise choice with this?"

*Pull out apple and candy.*

You see, I want a snack later but I can't decide what I should eat. I really like both candy and apples. Candy tastes great, but I know that it's not very healthy for me...and sometimes it actually makes me really sleepy after I eat it. Apples are tasty too, and I know that they actually are good for me and will make me strong if I eat them often. What do you guys think is the WISE choice? (*Guide kids to answer with "apple"*) Yeah, you guys are so smart. The wise choice would be to eat the apple.

What about this, though? I just got this really awesome toy...

*Pull out toy.*

I really want to play with it by myself, but my younger sister wants to play with it too. Should I play with it by myself or should I share it and let her play with me? What would be the WISE choice? (*Guide kids to answer with "share"*)

Whew, it's hard sometimes to make the wise choice! You know, God is always with us and will help us make the wise choice. God helped a lady named Deborah make wise choices in our story today. Let's watch!

## WATCH THE BIBLE STORY

(VIDEO: BIBLE STORY, BOTTOM LINE)

“What an incredible story! “You can be wise and remember that God wants us to help people, share, and be kind. God was with Deborah and helped her be wise. God is always with you. He will help you be wise and do the right thing, too. When I ask, ‘**Who is always with you?**’, I want you to say, [**Bottom Line**] ‘**God is always with me!**’ Ready? **Who is always with you?**” (*God is always with me.*)

## WRAP UP AND BASIC TRUTH

(CG: BASIC TRUTH SLIDE)

“It’s a BIG thing to be wise and make the right choice. Our Basic Truth says, ‘**I am made for a purpose so the Holy Spirit (who is God) will help me do big things now.**’ God promises to help us do all kinds of big things – including being wise!”

## PRACTICE THE MEMORY VERSE

(CG: MEMORY VERSE)

“Let’s say our memory verse together. I will say it first and then you will say it with me.”

“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.*)

*Say it once while doing the motions and then invite the kids to do it with you.*

## PRAY

Let’s pray together. (*Have kids “put both hands up in the air, clap them together once [keep hands clasped], and then lower them down to their lap”*)

“God, you are the One true God! You know everything. As we make choices this week, help us remember that you are with us and you will help us be wise! We love you, God. In Jesus’ name we pray, amen.”

## TRANSITION TO SMALL GROUP

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## MEMORY VERSE WITH MOTIONS

([Memory Verse Motions Poster – 1 per group](#))

Say the memory verse using motions from the Memory Verse Motions poster. Repeat several times and encourage children for trying.

“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.*)

## WHO CAN YOU ASK?

([“Who Can You Ask” Activity Page](#))

### What You Do:

*Before the Activity:* Copy “Who Can You Ask?” Activity Pages and cut on dotted lines, one set per activity. Place in middle of small group.

*During the Activity:* Say the phrases below and encourage the children to point to the person they could ask that question. Ask one question at a time. Continue as long as there is interest.

- Doctor: *Do I have a cold? Can you help me fix my broken leg? Will you listen to my heartbeat?*
- Firefighter: *Can you put out the fire? Do you climb really tall ladders? Can I touch your big red truck?*
- Mail Carrier: *Do you have any letters for me? Do you have any stamps? Where is my package?*
- Teacher: *Can you read me a book? Are we going to play outside today? When is circle time?*

### What You Say:

*Before the Activity:* “Look at these pictures. What people do you see on them?” (*Go through each person and what they do.*)

*During the Activity:* “I will ask a question. I want you to point to the person who can answer the question. Who should I ask, ‘Do I have a cold?’ (Pause.) Yes, the doctor would know if I had a cold. Point to the doctor. Good job! Now, who should I ask, ‘Do you have any letters for me?’ (Pause.) That’s right. The mail carrier would have letters. Okay, I have another one.” (Continue as long as there is interest.)

*After the Activity:* “You did a great job figuring out who we should ask each question. Today, we heard a story about a woman named Deborah who a lot of people visited to ask questions. She knew a lot of answers because she knew that God was always with her to help her make the wise and right choice.”

## OPTIONAL: DEBORAH UNDER THE TREE

(“Deborah Under the Tree” Activity Page, *Optional* - “Question Mark Labels” Activity Page on Label Paper, Crayons)

### What You Do:

*Before the Activity:* Copy “Deborah under the Tree”, one per child. Copy “Question Mark Labels” on label paper, five to ten per child. Write child’s name on their paper.

*During the Activity:* Encourage children to color their paper. *Optional:* Kids can add question stickers all around Deborah.

### What You Say:

*Before the Activity:* “Sometimes we have questions that we don’t have the answer for, so we ask our teachers, a parent, or even a friend. In our story today, we heard about a lady named Deborah who people would go to and get their questions answered.”

*During the Activity:* “Look on your paper. There’s Deborah! (Pause.) She’s sitting under a tree. Color your paper. (Pause.) Deborah was the leader of all God’s people. She was their judge. People would go to her and ask her their big questions.

*After the Activity:* “Deborah knew that God was with her. She trusted God to help her be wise and tell the people the right thing to do. God can help us be wise, too. Like when you and your friend want to play with the same toy, you can be wise and remember that God wants us to love others by sharing. Or when your little brother knocks over your blocks, you can be wise and use kind words instead of yelling at him. When you see someone get hurt, you can be wise and remember that God wants us to help people. God was with Deborah and helped her be wise. God is always with you, and He will help you be wise and do the right thing, too. Who is always with you? **[Bottom Line] God is always with me.**”

## BOTTOM LINE SONG

Sing the song below to the tune of “If You’re Happy and You Know It”.

“God is always with you. Yes He is! (Clap, clap.)

“God is always with you. Yes, He is! (Clap, clap.)

“In the morning, in the night,

“You are always in His sight.

“God is always with you. Yes, He is!” (Clap, clap.)



## PRAYER

Let's pray together. *(Have kids "put both hands up in the air, clap them together once [keep hands clasped], and then lower them down to their lap")*

"Dear God, Thank you for the Bible. It is full of so many stories about people you have helped, like Deborah. You were always with her and helped her be a wise leader. We believe you are always with us and will help us, too. You are the best, God, and we love you. In Jesus' name, amen."

## CONNECT WITH PARENTS/INFLUENCERS

**(First Look Placemats - 1 per child)**

Hand out placemats to parents as they arrive. Encourage parents/influencers to review the Preschool lesson with their child this week.