



TOY BOX | WEEK 3 | SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

2s-3s Lesson

Rahab and the Spies

Bible Story: *God is with me so I can be courageous.* Rahab and the Spies • Joshua 2:1-22; 6:22-25

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

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**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 courageous.** Week three is the super exciting account of a woman named Rahab and how courageous she was to hide Joshua's spies. Had she been caught, it would have been the end of her, but she had heard about the amazing things God had done and she wanted to be on His side!

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

(Binoculars, Story Box)

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

“We’ve had such a great time this month learning that because God is always with us, we can be brave and make the wise choice. Today is no different! Buuuut, before we watch our Bible story, do you want to see what is inside the story box?”

Pull out binoculars

“Does anyone know what these are? *(Pause)* That’s right, they’re binoculars. Binoculars help you spot things that may be hard to see from far away. You know what we should do? We should play a quick game of “I Spy” *(Note, this may be a new game for your littlest ones so take time to really explain what it is you want them to do)*

“While you guys stay sitting down on your bottoms, I’m going to use my binoculars to look around the room. *(Use your binoculars as you say this)* Then I’m going to secretly pick something and say, ‘I Spy with my little eye something...’ and I will tell you the color is of what I am looking at. Then you will raise your hand and try to guess what it is that I saw. Let’s try it together...”

Work together to ‘spy’ the first thing. Be sure to reinforce that kids remain sitting and that you want them to raise their hands to guess. Play a couple of rounds.

“That was so fun. Great spying, everyone!”

“Our story today is about a courageous woman named Rahab [Ray-hab]. She helped hide two spies who were working for God’s people. Let’s watch our story and see how courageous she was.”

WATCH THE BIBLE STORY

(VIDEO: BIBLE STORY, BOTTOM LINE)

“What an incredible story! God was with Rahab all along and helped her be courageous. And God is always with you, 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 courageous and do the right thing. But God will always give us courage if we ask Him. 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 courageous!”

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 best! There is no one like You. Help us remember that no matter where we go or what we do, You are with us. We don’t have to be afraid because we are never alone. You’re awesome 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*)
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DOOR HANGER

(*“Door Hanger” Activity Page on Cardstock –1 per 2 kids and pre cut, Red stickered items [red dot stickers, red foam shapes, etc), glue stick [if gluing on red objects like pom poms] – Optional, Red crayons*)

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? [**Bottom Line**] **God is always with me!**”

OPTIONAL: I SPY WITH MY LITTLE EYE

("Where Are They Hiding?" Activity Page, Crayons - Optional)

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Gather the children to sit in your activity area. Place the activity page in the middle of the group.

During the Activity: Explain how to play "I Spy". Play "I Spy" with the children using the activity page (the activity page has many different objects on it). Call on the children one at a time to guess the answer. Celebrate the correct answer and call out a different item. Repeat as time and interest allow.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Let's play, 'I Spy!' Everyone, sit here with me."

After the Activity: "You are great at spying different things! Good job, friends. Today, we heard about two spies who had a very important job. God was with them and kept them safe. **God is always with you too!**"

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, You are SO amazing! Only You have the power to always be with us. We want everyone to know how much You love them. We love You, God. 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.