



SEPTEMBER 2021

Babies-Toddlers Lesson

GOD IS ALWAYS WITH ME

Bible Words: “We have the Lord our God to help us.” 2 Chronicles 32:8, NLT
• Esther 2:2–8:17

Bottom Line: God is always with you.

Basic Truth: God loves me.

BIBLE STORY FOR NURSERY

(Beginner’s Bible- Pages 240-246)

“Hello, friends. I’m so glad to see you today. Join me on the floor. Today’s true story from the Bible (hold up the Bible) is about a woman named Esther.

“Esther was a woman who loved God very much. She was picked by the king to be his queen. The king was so happy he got to marry Esther. But one of his workers named Haman was not nice and was planning to hurt Esther’s family and friends. He wanted the King to get rid of a whole group of people—God’s people! Esther was so upset. She couldn’t let this happen! Esther was one of God’s people and loved God with her whole heart.

“Going to talk to the king about this was very scary! Esther knew that God was with her, and He could help her be strong. So Esther asked the king to save her family and friends. The king said yes! The king would save them! Yay! God was always with Esther and helped her and her friends. God can help you be strong, too, because **[Bottom Line] God is always with you.**

HOW TO USE THE ACTIVITIES

As a nursery volunteer, your primary focus is on keeping babies-toddlers safe and happy. We understand that your classroom is busy, and your hands are literally full. However, we know that your influence on these children is more than childcare. The activities included in this lesson are suggestions of how to be more intentional in pointing little ones to Jesus. The theme will remain the same all month long. Choose one activity per week to focus on and don’t worry if you run out of time.

CONNECT WITH PARENTS/INFLUENCERS

(Monthly Parent Cue, *1 per family first weekend of the month)

Hand parents/influencers the Parent Cue handout (age specific for Babies vs Toddlers) and encourage them to review the activities with their child this week.

**Designate a pickup location for rest of month*

BABIES ACTIVITIES

BIBLE STORY 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.)



CARS

(Toy Car)

What You Do:

- Encourage child to roll toy car on floor.

What You Say:

"Look at this car go. Wherever you go, God is with you. God is always with you."

EVERYWHERE I GO

(Push or ride toys)

What You Do:

- Encourage children to ride or push toys around the room.
- Each time you get to a different place, say, "God is with you."

What You Say:

"Can you push or ride your toy over this way? Yay! God is with you at the [sink]. Let's push or ride our toys over here. God is with you by the [door]. God is always with you."

TODDLER ACTIVITIES

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.)



ESTHER BOOKMARK

(“Bookmark Esther” Activity Page – 1 per 3 kids, precut on cardstock; Washable inkpads, Wet wipes, Ribbon, Hole Punch)

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy “Bookmark Esther” on cardstock and cut, one per child. Punch hole where indicated and tie a piece of ribbon through it.

During the Activity: Help children ink their thumb and press it down on the hearts around Esther. Clean hands as needed.

What You Say:

“God is always with you and can help you be strong just like He helped Esther.

“Look, there’s Queen Esther on your bookmark. And what’s that around her? Hearts! God loved Esther and was always with her. God loves you, too. Let’s fill in the hearts with your thumbprint. Give me a thumbs-up. Now let’s ink that thumb. (Leader inks child’s thumb.) And we’ll press it on the hearts around Esther. (Pause.) Nice job, friends! God loves you, and [Bottom Line] God is always with you.”

HEART PUZZLES

(Puzzles that include a heart shape)

What You Do:

· Help children complete simple puzzles that include a heart shape.

What You Say:

“Look! I see a heart. Hearts remind me that God loves me. God loves me, and God loves you. God loves you, and God is always with you.”