

Week 4: "Jesus is with Me"

Lesson Overview

Today's Point: Jesus is always with us, guiding and supporting us.

Bible Story: The Great Commission (Matthew 28:16-20)

Key Verse: Philippians 4:19 (CSB)

And my God will supply all your needs according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

Life Connection: Jesus promised to be with us always, even as we go through our daily lives at school. We can rely on His presence and guidance.

Gospel Connection: Jesus' promise to be with us forever reassures us of His love and support. By trusting in His sacrifice, we have eternal life and can boldly share His message with others.

Story Video: <https://youtu.be/nleiAfrp2kY?si=lrhnHNrcPPobod9E>

Songs:

Mighty Name of Jesus

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I Thank God: <https://youtu.be/tay5kChzkDQ?si=xE3Z2F8jES1mQ2b3>

Schedule:

Warm Up Question (3 min.):

If you could eat anything you wanted for 10 days, what would it be?

Review Classroom Rules (3 min.)

Review giving and collect offerings (2 min.)

Review point and Key verse: (5 min.)

Point: God protects us from harm and danger.

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Play this month's songs (3-6 minutes)

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Activity (5-7 minutes)

“Follow the Leader”

Say: Good morning, everyone! Over the past few weeks, we've learned how **God is our helper**, **our provider**, and **our protector**. Today, we will discover that Jesus is always with us, no matter where we go or what we do. Let's play a fun game to get us thinking about how Jesus is always with us, guiding and helping us.

Supplies: Open space for movement

Instructions:

1. **Set Up:** Have the children gather in an open space where they can move around freely. Explain the rules of the game: one person will be the leader, and everyone else will follow and mimic the leader's actions.
2. **Game Play:** Choose one child to be the leader. The leader will move around the space and perform different actions, like hopping, clapping, spinning, or marching. The rest of the children will follow the leader and copy their movements. After a minute or two, switch leaders so that everyone gets a chance to lead and follow.
3. **Debrief:** After the game, gather the children together.

Ask:

- How did it feel to follow the leader?
- Was it easy or hard?
- Did you have to pay close attention?
- Relate their answers to how Jesus is our ultimate leader and guide, always with us to help and show us the way.

Say: Great job, everyone! Now that we've thought about what it means to follow and be guided, let's sit down and get ready to hear an incredible story from the Bible about how Jesus promised to be with us always.

Think about a time when you felt scared or unsure, like the first day of school or when you had to do something new. Just like light helps us see in the dark, Jesus helps us feel safe and guides us through those scary times. Let's all make a big smile because we know Jesus is with us, no matter what!

Bible Story (15 minutes)

"The Great Commission"

Say: Our Bible story is about how Jesus promised to always be with us when we share his love with others. At school, you'll find lots of times you can encourage your friends when you share your faith. No matter where we go or what we do, Jesus is always guiding and helping us.

READ: Matthew 28:16-17

Here, we see that the disciples were gathering together to meet Jesus. Even though they had been with Him for a long time, some of them still had doubts. It was very confusing, they didn't know anyone else who rose from the dead!

Some people don't know what to think about the promises in the Bible. Other people even think it's all just pretend. Even the disciples, who saw Jesus alive with their own eyes, were not always sure what to think.

It's okay to have questions and doubts, just like the disciples. That's why Jesus promised to always be with us, helping us through these times. It's normal, and Jesus understands.

READ: Matthew 28:18-20

Jesus told His disciples to go out into the world and share His teachings with everyone. This is called the Great Commission. People need to know the truth about God's love and the amazing promise of eternal life that Jesus offers.

Jesus wants us to share His love with others, but he always has our back. How does it feel to know Jesus is with us, giving us the strength and courage we need?

READ: Acts 1:9-11

Jesus went up into heaven, but He promised to come back one day. Even though He's not here physically, He's with us through His Spirit, guiding and helping us daily.

Play Story Video: <https://youtu.be/nleiAfrp2kY?si=lrhnHNrcPPobod9E>

Right now, we can't see Jesus with our eyes, but we can feel His presence in our hearts. Have you ever felt comforted or helped when you prayed or needed guidance? Let's all close our eyes for a moment and think about a time when we felt Jesus was with us. Remember, He's always there, even when we can't see Him.

GOSPEL CONNECTION: Jesus promised to be with us forever. He came to save us by dying on the cross and rising again, giving us the gift of eternal life. When we believe in Jesus and trust Him, we have His presence with us always, guiding and supporting us. This is the best news ever! **Review the ABC's of salvation with the students.**

Discussion Questions & Prayer (5 minutes)

Say: You all did a fantastic job listening to the story about how Jesus promised to always be with us. I could see how focused and engaged you were, and I'm really proud of each of you. Now, let's talk a bit more about what we learned today.

Discussion Questions:

- How do you think the disciples felt when Jesus told them to go and make disciples of all nations?
- Have you ever felt nervous about doing something new or important? How did you handle it?
- Why is it important to know that Jesus is always with us, even if we can't see Him? How does that help you feel when you're scared or unsure?
- Can you think of a time when you felt Jesus was with you, helping you through a tough situation? How did it make you feel to know He was there?

Prayer Requests: Before we finish, does anyone have any prayer requests? Maybe there's something at school, at home, or with friends that you would like us to pray about. You can share as much or as little as you like, and we can pray together.

Konnect Bible Verse Review:

Divide group into teams and race to get the verse cards in the correct order. Then allow kids to try to say their verse from memory to receive a prize.

Crosstown Bible Verse Review:

Have the kids say the verse with you a few times. Then allow kids to try to say their verse from memory to receive a prize.

Ideas for time remaining:

Coloring sheet - talk to the kids about the lesson again

Sword Drills

Free play

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