

Today's Suggested Schedule—September 13, 2026

Today's Bible Story: Hagar and Ishmael • Genesis 21:14-20

God always hears me.

Key Question: Who is always with you?

Bottom Line: God is always with me.

Memory Verse: *"God is with you wherever you go."* • Joshua 1:9 NLT

First Look Pinterest Page

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SERVICE DURATION (75-80 MINUTES)

9:15am/11:00am thru 10:35am/12:20pm

ORDER OF SERVICE

OPENING SMALL GROUP (30-35 minutes)

SOCIAL: Providing Time for Fun Interaction

Early Arriver /

Opening Activity

LARGE GROUP (10-15 minutes)

WORSHIP: Inviting People to Respond to God

STORY: Communicating God's Truth in Engaging Ways

- Introduce Monthly Theme Poster
- Review Monthly Bottom Line Poster
- Play video:
 - a. Worship (Songs-Video)
 - b. Teaching (Clubhouse - Video)
 - c. Review Monthly Memory Verse

SMALL GROUP: (25-30 minutes)

- Reinforcement Activities

TAKE HOME:

Monthly Placemat

Social

Providing Time for Fun Interaction

15 minutes

1. Grocery Store

Made to Imagine

What You Need:

- ☐ Toy cash register
- ☐ Shopping carts or baskets
- ☐ Play food
- ☐ Empty food boxes
- ☐ Bottles of water
- ☐ Play money

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Set up your play grocery store in one area of the room. Give children money to play store.

During the Activity: Encourage children to pretend shopping and buying different food or water.

After the Activity: Introduce the Bible Story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Welcome, shoppers! Our grocery store is open for business! Come and get a cart and let's go shopping."

During the Activity: "When we are thirsty, where do we go to get a drink? We can go to the grocery store! Let's find the water bottles. (*Lead children to find drinks.*) Great! Let's put them in our cart and go pay for them. It's so easy for us to get a drink when we are thirsty. Let's keep shopping!"

After the Activity: "It's good we have grocery stores! At a grocery store, you can get apples, chicken, and water! Today, we are going to hear a true story from the Bible about two people who needed water but didn't have a grocery store. Let's go hear how God helped the people."

Move to worship and story and play September 13th Videos

Groups

Creating a Safe Place to Connect

25 minutes

1. Wherever You Go Train

Hear from God | Memory Verse Review

What You Need:

- ☐ “Wherever You Go Train Ticket” Activity Page
- ☐ Cardstock
- ☐ Chairs
- ☐ Hole punch
- ☐ Scissors

Note: You can find examples of hand motions in the “Memory Verse Hand Motions” PDF and video, and on Pinterest.

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Print “Wherever You Go Train Ticket” on cardstock and cut, one cutout per child. Arrange the chairs in two rows, one behind the other, to look like the inside of a train. Say the Memory Verse and do the motions together with the children.

During the Activity: Ask children to line up, then give each child a ticket. Ask them to board the train one at a time after you’ve punched their ticket. (*Punch a few holes on each child’s ticket.*) Once everyone’s ticket is punched, pretend to ride the train and say the verse as you do.

After the Activity: Connect the Memory Verse to the Bottom Line.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Friends, come stand with me around all these chairs. Let’s say our Memory Verse together and do the motions. Ready? Here we go. ‘God (*point up*) is with you (*point to self*) wherever you go” (*march in place*). Joshua 1:9 (*open hands like a book*). Great job!”

During the Activity: “Everyone, come line up and get ready to go for a ride on our train! I have a train ticket for each of you. It has our Memory Verse written on it. ‘God is with you wherever you go’ Joshua 1:9. Let’s say that together! ‘God is with you wherever you go’ Joshua 1:9. Now let me punch your ticket so we can ride the train! (*Punch child’s ticket.*) Go find a seat on the train. (*Continue with each child.*) All aboard! The train is leaving the station. Chugga-chugga-choo-choo! Let’s say our verse together. ‘God is with you wherever you go’ Joshua 1:9. Chugga-chugga-choo-choo! Chugga-chugga-choo-choo! ‘God is with you wherever you go’ Joshua 1:9. That means God is with you when you ride a train! God is with you when you are at home. God is with you at the park. God is always with you!”

After the Activity: “You are all wonderful passengers! You can keep your ticket to help you remember that God is always with you, no matter where you go. Just like He was with Hagar and Ishmael in the desert. God is always with you! **Who is always with you? [Bottom Line] God is always with me!**”

2. What's That Sound?

Live for God | Application Activity

Made to Think

What You Need:

- ☐ Opaque plastic refillable eggs
- ☐ Cotton balls
- ☐ Rice
- ☐ Dry beans
- ☐ Small block
- ☐ Jingle bells
- ☐ Cardstock
- ☐ Clear packing tape

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Place one or two items into each egg and close. Lay one or two of each item spaced out on a piece of cardstock and cover with a piece of tape. Place the eggs and the cardstock on the table.

During the Activity: Encourage children to shake each egg and decide what they think is inside. Once each child has a turn to shake each egg, place the egg next to the item on the cardstock. Leader will hold up one egg at a time and give it a good shake then open to reveal what's inside and if it matches the item the children thought.

After the Activity: Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Come and play a listening game with me! I have some eggs with different things inside. We have to use our listening ears that God gave us to guess what's inside!"

During the Activity: "In our Bible Story, we learned that God heard Ishmael crying when he was hot and thirsty in the desert. God can hear everything! Let's see what we can hear. I'm going to shake the first egg. Listen closely. (*Shake the egg with rice.*) What does that sound like? Is it quiet like the cotton balls? (*Point to the cotton balls on the mat.*) Or shaky like the rice? (*Point to the rice.*) Let's pass it around and everyone can give it a shake! (*Allow each child to have a turn shaking the egg.*) What do you think is inside? (*Pause for responses.*) Wow! Let's put this egg next to the [item] on the paper. (*Pause.*) Okay, let's try another one. (*Pick up the jingle bell egg and shake it.*) Ooh, I know this sound, do you? (*Pause for responses.*) Let's pass it around and everyone can give it a shake! (*Allow each child to have a turn shaking the egg.*) What do you think is inside? (*Pause for responses.*) Wow! Let's put this egg next to the [item] on the paper. (*Continue with each egg.*) Now let's see how good our listening ears are. (*Shake the first egg.*) We thought this egg sounded like there was [item] inside. Let's see if we were right. (*Pop open the egg and show each child.*) This egg had [item] inside. Good job/good try! (*Continue with each egg.*) You have such wonderful listening ears!"

After the Activity: "It's so amazing to know that God always hears us. God heard Hagar and Ishmael in the desert when nobody else heard them. God hears you when you talk to Him at the playground. He hears you when you talk to Him at night in bed. He hears you when you talk to Him in the car. He hears you, no matter where you are because God is always with you! **Who is always with you? [Bottom Line] God is always with me.**"

3. Journal and Prayer

Pray to God | Prayer Activity

Made to Reflect

What You Need:

- ☐ “Memory Verse Card” from Week One in your Bible
- ☐ Journal
- ☐ Fun-shaped pen

Note: You can find examples of hand motions in the “Memory Verse Hand Motions” PDF and video, and on Pinterest.

What You Do:

Before the Activity: If you do not have the “Memory Verse Card,” print it on cardstock and place it in your Bible at Joshua 1:9. *Note: Keep this card in your Bible all month long.*

Encourage the children to move really slowly, like we are tired and thirsty, as you lead them to your Small Group spot. Sit down and gather the children around you.

During the Activity: Review the Bible Story and the Memory Verse Hand Motions. Ask the children to tell you what they want to talk to God about and make a list in the journal.

After the Activity: Pray with the children using the list you made in the journal.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “It’s Small Group time! Our Bible Story says that God was with Hagar and Ishmael in the desert when they were tired and thirsty. Let’s walk really slowly to Small Group time like we are tired, hot, and thirsty. *(Lead them in slow, exaggerated walking.)* We made it! One, two, three, sit down with me!”

During the Activity: (Open the Bible and lay it in front of the children.) “In our Bible Story today, we learned that God always hears us. Hagar and Ishmael were in the big, sandy desert. They were so, so thirsty. They cried because they had no water. God heard them and sent an angel to show Hagar a well full of water! Hagar gave Ishmael a drink of water then drank some water too. God was with Hagar and Ishmael in the desert. God heard Ishmael when he cried, and He helped them. God always hears us, too. No matter where you are you can talk to God and He will hear you because God is always with you! **Who is always with you? [Bottom Line] God is always with me.**”

“The Bible verse we are learning helps us remember that God is with us all the time. It says: ‘God *(point up)* is with you *(point to self)* wherever you go’ *(march in place)*. Joshua 1:9 *(open hands like a book)*. Great job, everyone! **Who is always with you? [Bottom Line] God is always with me.**”

(Open journal.) “Let’s make a list in our journal of what you want to talk to God about. [Child’s name], what is something you want to talk to God about? *(Write down child’s answer.)* You can talk to God about your toys. You can talk to God when you are happy. You can talk to God when you are sad. God will always hear you. *(Remember to print, as you write in the journal, so the children can recognize their names and the letters.)*”

After the Activity: (Hold up the journal.) “This is a wonderful list of things to talk to God about! He loves to hear every single prayer. You can pray and talk to God anytime, anywhere, and about anything! God is always with you and always hears you! Let’s pray and talk to Him now.

“Dear God, thank You that You always hear us. You are bigger than the whole sky, but You listen to our small voices. Please listen now as we talk to You. *(Read the list from the journal: “God, [Child’s Name] wants to tell you about their red truck ...”)* Thank You for being with us and hearing us all the time. We love You. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

EveryChild Pro-Tips:

- Have a few cards with simple pictures (a toy, a happy face, a sad face, a family) that children can point to as their prayer request.