

Today's Suggested Schedule—September 6, 2026

Today's Bible Story: Daniel and the Lions • Daniel 6:1-23

God is always with 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

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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

1. Open Shut

Made to Move

What You Need:

- ☐ Music player
- ☐ Upbeat preschool music

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Gather children in an open area of the room with plenty of space to move. Demonstrate how to stretch your arms out wide and open/shut them like you would mimic an alligator chomp. This will now be your lion chomp.

During the Activity: Encourage children to walk around the room as the music plays, opening and shutting their lion's mouths. When the music stops, if your lion's mouth is open, you have to sit, but you can continue playing from a seated position. The goal is to be the last one standing. Repeat as time and interest allow.

After the Activity: Introduce the Bible Story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Come on over, my friends! Let's play a fun game with our hands. We're going to pretend our hands are big, chomping lion mouths! Let's practice. Open ... shut! Open ... shut! Chomp, chomp, chomp! Great job!"

During the Activity: "Here's how we play. When the music starts, you are going to walk around the room, opening and shutting your lion mouths. But when the music stops, you have to FREEZE! If your mouth is OPEN when the music stops, you have to sit down. If your mouth is SHUT, you get to keep standing! The kids who are sitting can still play by opening and shutting their mouths from their spot. Let's see who the last one standing is!"

"Ready? (*Start the music.*) Walk around and chomp your lion mouths! (*Music plays for 5-10 seconds then pause the music.*) Freeze! Look at your hands! Are your lion's mouths open or shut? If your mouth is open, have a seat! Everyone sitting can still open and shut your lion's mouths when the music plays. Okay, here we go! (*Continue playing until only one or two children are left standing, then celebrate everyone.*) That was such a fun game!"

After the Activity: "Today, our true story is about a man named Daniel who had to go into a den with real lions! But God did something amazing to the lions' mouths. Let's go get ready to hear all about it!"

Move to worship and story and play September 6th Videos

Groups

Creating a Safe Place to Connect

1. Memory Verse with Motions

Hear from God | Memory Verse Review

What You Need:

- ☐ No supplies needed

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: Say the Memory Verse and demonstrate the motions for the children.

During the Activity: Teach the Memory Verse motions. Invite the children to do them with you several times.

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

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Friends, come stand with me! Let’s learn our brand-new Memory Verse. It tells that God is with us all the time, wherever we are and it goes like this: ‘God (*point up*) is with you (*point to self*) wherever you go’ (*march in place*). Joshua 1:9 (*open hands like a book*).

During the Activity: “Now, let’s learn the motions! The first part says, ‘God.’ Everyone, point up to the sky. (*Point up.*) Great! The next part says, ‘is with you.’ Everyone, point to yourself like this. (*Point to self.*) The next part says, ‘wherever you go.’ March with me like this. (*March in place.*) Super! And the last part says, Joshua 1:9. (*Open hands like a book.*) Let’s put it all together! Ready? ‘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!” (*Repeat several times.*)

After the Activity: “You’ve got it! Our Memory Verse teaches us that no matter where you are or what you’re doing, God is always with you. That’s such a happy thing to remember. **Who is always with you? [Bottom Line] God is always with me!**”

2. Act Out Daniel's Story

Talk about God | Bible Story Review

Made to Imagine

What You Need:

- ☐ Table
- ☐ Brown blanket or brown butcher paper
- ☐ Toy crown
- ☐ Lion plates

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Drape the brown blanket or paper over the table to create a dark "lions' den" that children can gather around or peek into. Place the props nearby.

During the Activity: Act out the story with the props. If time and interest allow, switch roles and retell the story.

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

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Friends! Come meet me over here and let's act out our amazing and true story from the Bible about Daniel and the lions! I need some helpers. Who wants to be a roaring lion? And who wants to be the important king?" (*Help assign roles and pass out props.*)

During the Activity: "First, I need my king! [Child's name], you can wear this special crown. (*Place crown on child's head.*) And I need my fierce lions! (*Give chosen children their lion plates.*) You can go hide in your den! (*Have lions go under the table.*) And this will be Daniel. (*Designate a child or use a prop.*) Daniel loved God, and he prayed to God every single day. Let's all pretend to pray like Daniel. (*Fold hands.*) The king really liked Daniel, and because Daniel was so good at his job, the king planned to put Daniel in charge of the whole kingdom—that made some people really unhappy. Some of those people were mean and tricked the king into making a new law that you could only pray to the king. But Daniel knew that he should only pray to the one true God. When those mean people saw Daniel praying to God, they told the king and the king had to send Daniel into the lions' den. Oh no! (*Gently guide 'Daniel' to the opening of the den.*) The king was so sad. He said, 'I hope your God saves you.'

"Daniel was in the den with the lions all night! But was he alone? (*Shake your head no.*) NO! God was with him! God sent an angel to shut the lions' mouths. (*Leader can be the angel and gently say 'shhh' to the lions.*) In the morning, the king ran to the den. Was Daniel okay? (*Shake your head yes.*) YES! God kept him safe! The king was so happy! Everyone cheer! Hooray!"

After the Activity: "You all did an amazing job! You helped tell the story of Daniel. Daniel was safe in the lions' den because he knew that God was with him. And just like God was with Daniel, He is with you, too. No matter where you are or what you're doing, God is always with you. **Who is always with you?** **[Bottom Line] God is always with me.**"

3. Daniel's Story Book

Live for God | Application Activity
Made to Think

What You Need:

- ☐ "Daniel's Story Book" Activity Page
- ☐ Cardstock
- ☐ Crayons or washable markers

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Print "Daniel's Story Book" on cardstock, one per child. Fold each child's book and write their name on it.

During the Activity: Encourage children to make and decorate a book about the story. Once finished decorating, encourage children to look at each page as you read the story.

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

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Come sit at the table and let's make a book about Daniel's story. It will help us remember how God is always with us just like God was with Daniel."

During the Activity: "Fill in each page of your book. (*Allow time to decorate.*) Wow, these look fantastic! Let's look at our little books together! On the first page, we see Daniel. Daniel loved God and prayed to God every single day. Turn the page to open your book. This picture shows Daniel and the king (*point*), Daniel had a job working for the king. The king really liked Daniel, and because Daniel was so good at his job, the king planned to put Daniel in charge of the whole kingdom—and that made some people really mad. See these mean people up here? (*Point.*) They tricked the king into making a new law that you could only pray to the king. But Daniel knew that he should only pray to the one true God. (*Point to the picture of Daniel praying*) The king was sad; he didn't want Daniel to get hurt, but he couldn't change the law and had to put Daniel in the lion's den. EEK! The king said, 'I hope your God saves you.' Look at Daniel with the lions. (*Point.*) Let me hear your biggest roar. (*With children.*) ROAR! But Daniel continued to pray to God and God kept him safe. God sent an angel to shut the lions' mouths. Turn the page to close your book. Look. Daniel is standing with the king. The next morning, the king hurried to the lions' den. He called out to Daniel, 'Daniel! Has your God been able to save you from the lions?' And Daniel answered! Daniel said: 'My God sent his angel. And his angel shut the mouths of the lions. They haven't hurt me at all' (*Daniel 6:22 NIV*). And when Daniel came out of the lions' den, everyone could see that there wasn't a single scratch on him!

"Daniel was never alone in the lions' den. God was always with Daniel, and God is always with us too! Your books look wonderful! You can take them home to remember that God is always with you, no matter what."

After the Activity: "Daniel was safe with the lions because God was with him. God is always with us, too—when we're playing, when we're sleeping, and even when we feel a little scared. **Who is always with you? [Bottom Line] God is always with me.**"

4. Journal and Prayer

Pray to God | Prayer Activity

Made to Reflect

What You Need:

- ☐ “Memory Verse Card”
- ☐ Cardstock
- ☐ Bible
- ☐ Journal
- ☐ Fun-shaped pen
- ☐ 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 “Memory Verse Card” on cardstock and cut, one per Small Group. Place one card in your Bible at Joshua 1:9. *Note: Keep this card in your Bible all month long.*

Encourage the children to move like lions 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 think of the different things they do during the day 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 Daniel and kept him safe in the lion’s den. Let’s walk to Small Group time like lions. Let me hear you roar! ROAR! Wow! Let’s go lions! (*Pretend to walk like a lion as you lead the children.*) Here we are! 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 Daniel loved God, and he prayed to God every single day. The king really liked Daniel, and because Daniel was so good at his job, the king planned to put Daniel in charge of the whole kingdom—that made some people really unhappy. Some of those people were mean and tricked the king into making a new law that you could only pray to the king. But Daniel knew that he should only pray to the one true God. When those mean people saw Daniel praying to God, they told the king, and the king had to send Daniel into the lions’ den. The king was so sad. Daniel was in the den with the lions all night, but he was not alone. God was with him! God sent an angel to shut the lions’ mouths and, in the morning, the king ran to the den and saw that Daniel was okay! God was always with Daniel and God is always with us. **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 all the things we do during the day when God is with us. [Child’s name], what is something you do in the morning? Do you brush your teeth? *(Write down child’s answer.)* God is with you when you brush your teeth! [Child’s name], what do you do in the afternoon? Do you play with toys? *(Write down child’s answer.)* God is with you when you play! [Child’s name], what do you do at night? Do you get in your cozy bed? *(Write down child’s answer.)* God is with you when you sleep! *(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.) “Look at our list! God is with us when we are brushing our teeth, playing with toys, and even when we are sleeping! He is always with us. Let’s talk to Him right now.

“Dear God, thank You for being with us all the time. Thank you for being with [child’s name] when they are playing and with [child’s name] when they are sleeping. *(Personalize for each child.)* Thank you that no matter where we go or what we do, You are always with us. We love You. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”