



January 26

I Am Secure

1 year olds - 4 year olds

Leader Notes

Bible Passage: Elisha and the Army- 2 Kings 6:8-23

Bottom Line: God is faithful when I am confused.

Leader Context: In today's Bible story from 2 Kings, the prophet Elisha was in a challenging situation when an army—seeking to capture him—surrounded the city where he and his servant were staying. Elisha's servant was afraid and confused, wondering how they would make it out. But Elisha knew the truth about their security in God. (Read 2 Kings 6:16-17.) This Bible story will help kids know that God is always faithful. Even when life feels confusing or unsure, kids can trust that they are secure in God.

THE WIN FOR SUNDAY GROUPS: Give kids a first look at The Bible, Jesus, and our need for a Savior by embracing their physical needs or engaging their interests. Use The Code when necessary to help redirect kids and build relationships.

Games and Music (10 minutes)

What You Need: Social Instruction Page, Game Sets, Roku Game Instructions, Bark Coloring Page (Several) crayons, Copy paper (6 per group- Write the letters A, B, C, D, E, and F on individual sheets of paper. Hide them around the room.), Marker (1 per group) , Toy food (several), Paper plates (several)

What You Do:

- Play worship songs and other songs available on Roku during the Social Game or while kids are playing.
- Using the supplies and game instruction page, choose one game to play with the kids today.
- As you are playing, use this as a time to call each kid by name and learn their names well.

Say: That was a fun game to get us ready to watch our Bible video. Let's sit and listen to our story today."

Bible Story Video (10 minutes)

Bible Story Recap- Say This!

Thanks, Super Crew! Today we heard about how God always guides and protects us, just like He did for Elisha and the army. Our Super Clue is the letter "F." Now we know that "F" stands for faithful. God is faithful. Let's say that together. Ready? "God is faithful."

We can always know that God is faithful, which means He keeps His promises and takes care of us. That reminds me of Our Big Deal. Our Big Deal is, "A to Z! God Takes Care of Me!" Let's say our Big Deal together. I'll say it first, and you say it after me. Ready? (*Do the motions listed above.*) A to Z! (A to Z!) God Takes Care of Me! (*God Takes Care of Me!*) Great work!

Let's pray and thank God for being faithful. *Prayer* is talking and listening to God. Let's pray together.

God, thank You for being faithful and always taking care of us. Help us remember that we can trust You. Amen.

Can you say the Big Deal with me?

A to Z! (*Close hands on right side, then make a rainbow motion over in front of you and land with both palms up*)

God Takes Care of Me! (*Hug yourself with both arms*)

Let's do that a few more times.

Social

Videos

Army Of Thumbprints — 20 Minutes

Preschoolers will use their thumbprints to create people in Elisha's army.

Supplies: "Army Of Thumbprints" printable (1 per child), Washable ink pads (several), Markers or crayons (several), Baby wipes (several)

Craft Instructions:

1. Before the session, print "Army Of Thumbprints" printables, one per child.
2. Set out washable ink pads on the table.
3. Encourage preschoolers to press their thumbs into the ink pads and then press their thumbs onto their papers over and over again to create thumbprint people around Elisha and Elisha's servant.
4. Invite preschoolers to use markers or crayons to draw faces on their thumbprint people.

What To Do: Today we are going to create our own thumbprint army. Each of you will get a sheet of paper and some washable ink pads. Use your thumbs to make lots of thumbprint "people" all over your paper around the picture of Elisha and Elisha's servant. If you want, you can even add faces to your thumbprint people using markers or crayons.

Leader Tip: Provide baby wipes for easy cleanup.

Loud And Clear: Great job, everyone! See all these colorful thumbprints? You all made an army of thumbprints to remind us of our Bible story. In our Bible story Elisha led an army. God took care of them, and God takes care of all of us too. **God is faithful.** Let's say that together. Ready? **"God is faithful."** Great job!

Say:

- Who remembers what our Super Clue is today? (*the letter "F"*)
- What does the letter "F" help us remember? (*God is faithful.*)
- God is faithful. How does today's Bible story remind us of that? (*God took care of everyone in the story, including keeping Elisha safe and feeding the enemy army.*)
- What was your favorite part of the Bible story today?
- Who can you tell about what you learned about God today?

Our Big Deal is, "A to Z, God takes care of me."

A to Z! (*Close hands on right side, then make a rainbow motion over in front of you and land with both palms up*)

God Takes Care of Me! (*Hug yourself with both arms*)

We can trust that **God is faithful.** God will always do what He says He will do. Even when we don't understand what is happening, we can have faith that God has a plan and knows what will happen.

Going Home

Prepare kids to talk with their family about what they learned today.

- Pass out coloring pages for kids to take home.
- Say bye to the kids and call them by name.