

DIVE DEEP JULY 2024

July 14

I Am Broken - God Cares When I Hurt 1 year olds - 4 year olds

Leader Notes

Bible Passage: PreK- God Cared for Elijah- 1 Kings 19 -- Elem- The Lord is My Shepherd- Psalm 23

Bottom Line: God Cares When I Feel Afraid

Leader Context: We teach kids that God cares when we feel afraid. Fear is something we can all relate to, no matter our age. Younger kids look at 1 Kings 19 to see that Elijah was reminded God cares when we hurt by hearing God's soft whisper. Older kids look at Psalm 23. David wrote that he didn't need to be afraid because he knew that God was with him. We get to help kids know that no matter what, they can trust God. God leads them, guides them, protects them and cares for them.

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: July 14 Social Instruction Page, Game Sets, Roku Game Instructions, blindfolds (8 per group)

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!

That is awesome! Thank you, Super Crew! In today's Bible story, Elijah was really, really scared of Queen Jezebel, and he ran away and hid. Then God met Elijah and talked to him. God knew right where Elijah was. Even though Elijah was scared, God reminded Elijah that He cared for him.

I am so glad the Super Crew could help us. A scared emoji reminds us that God cares when we feel afraid. God cares when I feel afraid. Can you say that with me? "God cares when I feel afraid." Even if we feel afraid sometimes, God is with us.

Let's pause and thank God for caring for us and being with us when we are afraid. Let's talk to God and listen to Him right now; that is called *prayer*. Let's pray in 3-2-1.

God, thank You for being with us when we are afraid. Thank You for caring for us and loving us. Thank You for being bigger than our feelings. Amen.

Can you say the Big Deal with me?

Ups and Downs! (Move your hands up and down like you are on a roller coaster.)

God Cares When I Hurt! (Give yourself a hug and sway side to side.)

Social

Videos

Crafty Care(20 minutes)

What You Need: air dry clay (1 lump per kid), Bible story printable (1 per group), Allergy Alert poster

Say: In our Bible story today, God cared for Elijah when he felt afraid. God provided Elijah with food, something to drink, and a safe place to stay. I am going to give each of you some play dough. I am going to tell the Bible story. As you listen to me tell the Bible story, I want you to make things out of play dough that remind you of how God cared for Elijah. You can choose to make a cup, some food, or a cave. God cared for Elijah by providing these things when he was afraid. Encourage preschoolers to make other things out of play dough that they remember from the Bible story.

Leader Tip: If needed, leaders can make simple examples of each object to show preschoolers in case they have not made these items out of play dough before. Kids can take the air dry clay home in a plastic baggie. Post the “Allergy Alert” printable to notify anyone with a gluten allergy that you will be using play dough today. Supervise preschoolers closely as they play with play dough, ensuring that they do not put any play dough in or near their mouths or noses.

Say: You all did a great job with your play dough creations. You made things that God used to care for Elijah when he was afraid. God provided food, drink, and a place to stay. God cared for Elijah, and He cares for you too!

Discussion Questions:

- Who remembers what our Super Clue is today? (*a scared emoji*)
- What does a scared emoji help us remember? (*God cares for us when we are afraid.*)
- What was your favorite part of the Bible story?
- Today we learned that God cares when I feel afraid. What can you remember about God when you feel afraid? (*God always cares for me, even when I am scared or afraid.*)
- What is something you learned about God today?
- What can you tell your friends about this week?

In today's Bible Story, we were reminded that God cared for Elijah. God cares for you too. When we feel sad or hurt, God is with us. God is so good, and He loves us so much. God is near us even when we hurt.

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

- Pass out coloring pages for kids to take home.
- As family members arrive to pick up their kid, greet them and tell them one thing you noticed about their kid that day or something you talked to each kid about remembering this week.
- If there is time to chat with the family, ask how you can pray for them this week.
- Say bye to the kids and call them by name.