

DIVE DEEP JULY 2024

July 14

I am Broken- God Cares When I Hurt Kindergarten - 5th grade

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.

Social

Games and Music (10 minutes)

What You Need: Instruction Page, Game Sets, Roku Game Instruction Page, blank paper (1 pr kid), pencils, timer

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."

Videos

Bible Story Video (10 minutes)

Bible Story Recap- Say This

David knew that even when he was scared, God was still with him. God was always looking out for David. David fought lions, he fought a giant, and he fought in battles. I don't know about you, but if I had to face all those things, I would feel afraid! I still feel afraid, and I don't have to do those things. But there is good news: The Bible tells us that we don't have to fear because God is with us. Psalm 23:4 says that God is with us, and He comforts us! When we believe in God and trust that He is always going to love us, we never have to be afraid. Knowing that God is with us doesn't mean that we will never *feel* afraid, but it helps to know that He cares for us and is always going to be by our side no matter what.

Gospel Connection:

We know that God cares when we feel afraid, but how can we find the peace that David talked about in the Bible story?

(Circle three) We can find true peace by having faith in God and His Son, Jesus. We can know God's peace and His love because of what He has done for us.

(Circle one) God is our Creator, and He made everything. When He made the world and people, He made them perfect because He is perfect.

(Circle two) But then we messed up. We sinned. *Sin* is when we do what we think is best instead of what God says is best. Sin broke God's perfect design for the world. Because we're sinners, we're broken too. Everyone, say, "I am broken." (*I am broken.*) Everyone has sinned or messed up. Everyone except Jesus.

(Circle three) God sent Jesus, His perfect Son, to die on a cross and take the punishment for our sins. Because of this, we can trust Jesus.

(Circle Four) When we trust in Jesus, God changes our identity from broken to made new. We still live in a broken world right now, but one day, Jesus will come back and rule as the King over everything. He will make all the broken things new, just like how God planned it to be from the start.

David wrote in Psalm 23:6, "Only goodness and faithful love will be with me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD as long as I live." David had a relationship with God and trusted Him. Because David had that relationship, he knew he didn't have to be afraid because God was with him.

God gives us people we can turn to who can help us when we feel afraid. However, when we have a relationship with God, we can turn to Him and know that He will always be with us and always take care of us, no matter what. You can have a relationship with God! All you have to do is ask. If you have any questions about how to have that relationship or what it means to trust Jesus, ask your small group leader or a campus leader. They will help you dive deep into knowing how much God loves you!

Let's pray together. Remember prayer is listening and talking to God.

God, You are amazing! You protected David from lions and giants. You took care of him when he felt afraid. You offer the same thing to us! You are the God who loves us and cares for us! Thank You for caring about us and our feelings. Thank You for loving us when we're broken and sending Jesus to save us. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Safe and Secure Structures (20 minutes)

What You Need: *play dough (small ball per kid), craft sticks (25-30 per kid)*

What You Do:

Set out the supplies. Make an example of the craft ahead of time.

When we're feeling afraid, we may want to go somewhere safe. Can you name places that help you feel safe and secure when you feel afraid? (*Allow kids to answer.*) Today, you get to build a safe and secure structure out of play dough and craft sticks. You can use the play dough like glue to help your craft sticks stay together and stand up in fun ways. How tall can you make your structure? Or how many rooms can you add? Let's see what kind of safe and secure structures you can make!

Keep It Going: Allow kids to show their creations to the team and describe them. Invite kids to work together to build creations.

Leader Tip: Instruct kids to clean up well so you can reuse the play dough and potentially the craft sticks.

Say: Wow! You all did an amazing job creating! In our Bible story today, we learned that God cares when we feel afraid. You built safe and secure places, but God is the comforting One we can turn to when we are afraid. He is the One who loves us and cares for us when we feel afraid. God loves us and will always be there for us no matter what!

Discussion Questions:

- On a scale of 1-10, with 1 being not scary at all and 10 being super scary, how would you rate these situations *(Ask each situation one by one. Allow kids to share their answers and why they chose that answer)*: Riding a roller coaster? Jumping out of an airplane with a parachute? Camping alone in a dark forest? Fighting a lion? Singing on stage in front of 1,000 people?
- What are some things kids might be afraid of that adults aren't? *(Allow kids to answer.)* What about things that make both kids *and* adults feel afraid? *(Allow kids to answer.)*
- A leash keeps a dog safe because the dog's owner is close to it. God is close to us and is always with us. When we have a relationship with Him, we can know that we're safe and secure with Him. What's the difference between feeling afraid on your own and feeling afraid but knowing God is with you? *(When you're alone, you can feel afraid. When you know God is with you, you feel better because you know you're not alone.)*
- The Bible tells us God cares when we feel afraid. Let's open our Bibles to Psalm 23:4 and read about it together. *(Invite kids to open up their Bibles. Read the verse aloud or invite a kid who volunteers to read the verse aloud. Be sure to have Bibles available for kids who need one. Help kids find the verse so everyone can follow along together.)* What is this verse teaching us? *(Allow kids to answer and share your own answer.)*
- When David was a shepherd, he probably dealt with some different fears than the ones we face. But that doesn't make our fears any less important or this Bible verse any less comforting. This Bible verse reminds us that God will always be with us, guide us, and protect us. God cares when we feel afraid. What is something or who is someone that comforts you when you feel afraid? *(Allow kids to answer and share your own answer. Draw attention to how God can work through people to comfort us when we feel afraid, but God is the only One who is always with us.)*
- God cares when we feel afraid. He cares about all our feelings because He loves us. God fully showed His love for us by sending His Son, Jesus, to repair our brokenness and make a way for us to have a relationship with Him. If you want to know more about trusting and following Jesus, come talk with me. How does knowing that God cares when you feel afraid bring you comfort? *(Allow kids to answer and share your own answer.)*
- Now that we know God sent Jesus to repair our brokenness and that He's always with us, what can we do when we feel afraid? *(Answers may include turn to God and trust Him, remember that God loves us and takes care of us, know that we're never alone, and so forth.)*

Today we learned God cares when we are afraid. We know that God sent His Son, Jesus so we can have a relationship with Him and know that He's always with us.

Going Home

Pass out the coloring pages for kids to take home. Greet families as they arrive and tell them something about their child you saw today. Say goodbye and call everyone by name.