

DIVE DEEP JULY 2024

July 21

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

Leader Notes

Bible Passage: PreK - God Heard Hannah's Prayer- 1 Samuel 1 -- Elem- The Lord is My Hope- Psalm 42

Bottom Line: God Cares When I Feel Sad

Leader Context: This week as we Dive Deep, we are teaching kids that God cares when we feel sad. Hannah prayed to God while weeping and pleading with God in 1 Samuel 1. We also see the author of Psalm 42 wrote about a time of sorrow that turned to comfort as he remembered God's faithfulness. We want kids to remember how God has helped them in the past and know He will help them in the present and in the future. There is comfort to be found in sadness when we find hope in the faithfulness of 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: July 21 Social Instruction Page, Game Sets, Roku Game Instructions, tissue boxes (2 per group per service), hula hoops (2 per group), 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."

Bible Story Video (10 minutes)

Bible Story Recap- Say This!

Thank you, Super Crew! We knew you could help us. In our Bible story, Hannah waited and hoped to have a baby. She was sad, but God gave her peace and comfort. Peace means knowing something for sure and not ever having to question or worry about it. Comfort is when something helps us to feel better. God answered Hannah's prayer. Even though Hannah felt sad, God was with her and still cared about her. When we are sad, God is with us and cares for us. God cares when I feel sad. Let's say that together. Ready? "God cares when I feel sad." Great job! God gives us comfort when we are sad.

You guys are amazing!

In the Clubhouse, the Super Crew figured out that a tissue box can help us remember that God cares when we feel sad.

Let's take a moment to thank God for caring for us and being with us when we are sad. When we talk and listen to God, this is called prayer. When we pray, we close our eyes and bow our heads as we talk to God. Let's pray in 3-2-1.

God, thank You for being with us when we are sad. Help us remember that You are always with us, no matter how we feel. 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

God Cared for Hannah (20 minutes)

What You Need: Bible Story People Printable (1 set per kid- cutout), markers, crayons, craft sticks (2 per kid), clear tape

Say: Today we learned that God cared for Hannah when she was sad. Hannah went to the tabernacle, a special place to praise and worship God, and prayed a special prayer to God. Eli was the priest at the tabernacle, and he saw Hannah praying. We are going to make puppets of Hannah and Eli and use them to tell our Bible story. We are going to carefully cut the Bible story people out like this. (Show preschoolers how to cut the person out by cutting along the dotted lines to make a rectangle puppet.) Then, after you carefully cut out your Bible story people, we are going to color them. Once you color your Bible story people, we will help you tape them to craft sticks to make puppets. After your puppets are finished, you can work together with a friend and retell today's Bible story. Preschoolers can retell the Bible story on their own, with a friend, or with a group of friends. After they work in pairs, give them the freedom to choose how they would like to retell the story.

Say: Wow! You all did a great job coloring your Bible story people, making your puppets, and retelling the Bible story. God heard Hannah's prayer and cared for her when she was sad. God cares for you when you are sad too. This week, when you play with your Bible story people, I hope they help you remember that God cares for you when you feel happy and when you feel sad. Whatever feeling you feel, God cares for you.

Discussion Questions:

- Who remembers what our Super Clue is today? (*a tissue box*)
- What does a tissue box help us remember? (*God cares when we hurt or feel sad.*)
- What was your favorite part about Large Group today?
- Today we learned that God cares when I feel sad. What truth about God can you remember when you feel sad? (*God always cares for me, even when I am sad.*)
- What did you learn about God today?
- What can you tell your family about this week?

Today we learned that God is with us when we feel sad. Our Bible story was about a woman named Hannah. Hannah was very sad, but God comforted her and helped her feel better. God cares about us when we feel sad.

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.