

DIVE DEEP JULY 2024

July 28

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

Leader Notes

Bible Passage: PreK- God Healed Naaman - 2 Kings 5:11-12 -- Elem -The Lord is My Defender- Psalm 4

Bottom Line: God Cares When I Feel Angry

Leader Context: As we wrap up Dive Deep, we get to teach kids that God cares when we feel angry. In Psalm 4, David shared some real feelings of anger during suffering and hard times. But he also wrote a reminder that we shouldn't let anger control us or cause us to sin. Let's help kids see that, when we feel angry, we can let go of our anger by trusting God is in control. He can take care of whatever is happening, and He takes care of us!

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 28 Social Instruction Page, Game Sets, Roku Game Instructions, Mad Teapot printable (1 per group) beanbags (several 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!

Thank you, Super Crew! In our Bible story today, Elisha sent his messenger to talk to Naaman (NAY muhn). This made Naaman mad because he thought he deserved special attention from Elisha. The messenger told Naaman to wash in the Jordan River seven times. This made Naaman mad because he thought the water was too dirty and muddy for him. Because he was mad, Naaman did not do what Elisha said. But God still cared about Naaman. His mad feelings didn't change how God felt about him. Naaman changed his mind and obeyed, and God still helped Naaman and healed him because God cared for Naaman. Just like God cared for Naaman, God cares for you too.

The Super Crew helped us see that the mad teapot reminds us that God cares for us, even when we feel mad. God loves us and wants to comfort us when we feel mad, and He wants us to remember He cares when we hurt.

Even when we feel mad, God cares about us. God's love for us never changes. God cares when I feel mad. Let's say that together. "God cares when I feel mad." Great job!

Let's take a moment to pray and thank God for His love and care. When we pray, we talk and listen to God. Let's close our eyes and get our bodies still as we focus on our prayer. Let's pray in 3-2-1.

God, thank You for always being with us. Thank You for loving us and caring for us even when we get mad. We love You. Amen.

Social

Videos

Heart Puzzle (20 minutes)

What You Need: Heart Puzzle printable (1 set per kid- cutout), construction paper (1 per kid), markers, crayons, glue sticks

Say: *(Hold up a copy of the “Heart Puzzle” printable that has not been cut.)* What shape is this? *(Allow responses.)* Yes! A heart! This heart reminds me that God cares when we hurt. When we feel mad like Naaman did in our Bible story today, God cares. When we feel sad, alone, or afraid, God cares. I am going to give each of you your own puzzle pieces that make a heart. The words on your heart say, “God Cares When I Hurt.” I want you to put your puzzle together. Then you can glue the pieces of the puzzle onto a piece of paper like this. *(Hold up a sheet of construction paper for preschoolers to see.)* Once you put your puzzle together and glue it to the paper, you can use markers or crayons to decorate it however you like. You can take it home, and it can help you remember that God cares when you hurt. Are you ready? Let’s get started.

Say: You did such a good job putting your puzzles together and gluing them on your papers. I love all the details and colors you added to your hearts. These hearts can remind us that God cares when we hurt. God cares about us and loves us, even when we feel mad, like Naaman in today’s Bible story. He had some ups and downs. We have ups and downs too. We feel up when we are happy and excited. We feel down when we are mad, sad, alone, or afraid. No matter how we feel, God cares for us and loves us.

Discussion Questions:

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

Even though Naaman was mad and didn’t listen to Elisha, God still cared about Naaman. At first, Naaman made a wrong choice and disobeyed, but later he changed his mind and obeyed. He did what Elisha said to do, and God healed him. God cared about Naaman, even when he was mad and made a wrong choice. God cares about us, too, no matter how we are feeling- even when we are mad.

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.