

DIVE DEEP JULY 2024

July 7

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

Leader Notes

Bible Passage: PreK- God Was With Daniel- Daniel 6 -- Elem- The Lord is My Helper- Psalm 25; 40

Bottom Line: God's Cares When I Feel Alone

Leader Context: We look at Daniel 6 with younger kids and Psalm 25 and 40 and learn how God is with us. Daniel and David knew that, even when they felt alone, they knew they could turn to God. We want kids to know that God loves them and is always with them, even when their brokenness and broken feelings make them feel the opposite.

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 7 Social Instruction Page, Game Sets, Roku Game Instructions, teddy bears, music and music player

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! Wow! In today's Bible story, Daniel probably felt alone when he was the only one to make the right choice and obey God instead of following the king. Even when Daniel was in a pit of lions, he wasn't alone—God was with him, and God comforted him. God cares when I feel alone. Can you say that with me? "God cares when I feel alone." God cares when we hurt.

Daniel may have been scared, hurt, and alone. I know I would have probably felt scared, hurt, and alone to be in a dark place with a bunch of lions. But God cared about Daniel, and He was with him.

When I feel down and lonely, a teddy bear can comfort me and help me feel better. Today's Super Clue is a teddy bear, and it can help us remember that God cares about us when we feel alone. God loves us and wants to comfort us when we feel alone. He wants us to remember that He is always with us.

Let's take a moment to talk and listen to God; that is called *prayer*. We can thank God for always being with us. Let's close our eyes and focus on God. Let's pray in 3-2-1.

God, thank You for always being with us. Thank You for loving us and showing You care by being with us when we feel alone. 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

Comfort and Care Cards(20 minutes)

What You Need: Care & Comfort Cards printable (2 cards per kid),crayons, markers, sticker and stamps (optional)

Say: What are some ways God comforts us? (*Allow responses. Provide examples such as Bible verses, caring family, friends, and so on.*) Today we get the chance to show comfort and care to people in our church and community by making comfort and care cards. There are people in our church and in our community who need to be reminded that God cares about them even when they feel alone. Each of you will choose a card to decorate. Then, using markers, crayons, and stickers, you can decorate your card however you would like. You can decorate your card with stickers or draw hearts, a picture of yourself, or whatever else you think would make someone smile. Then, after we finish our cards, I will make sure they get delivered to help someone else feel comfort and care. Invite preschoolers to color and decorate a second card to take home if they are interested and time allows.

Leader Tip: Consider explaining who the cards are going to so preschoolers understand that their cards are not going home with them. Say, "This card is going to ____ (place the card is going) to show comfort and care to ____ (the person getting the card)." If time allows, let preschoolers make a second card they can share with someone at home.

Say: God comforts us in different ways. Just like in our Bible story, we can know that God is with us, even when we feel alone. He loves us and cares for us. Sometimes we feel alone, and God reminds us He is with us. Sometimes we get to remind others that they are not alone and show God's comfort, care, and love to them. That is what you did with your comfort and care cards. You made and decorated your cards to give to someone in our church or community to remind them they are not alone. You are helping others know that God cares for them no matter what they are feeling.

Say:

- Who remembers what our Super Clue is today? (*a teddy bear*)
- What does a teddy bear help us remember? (*When we feel down and lonely, a teddy bear can comfort us and make us feel better. A teddy bear reminds us that God cares when we feel alone.*)
- What was your favorite part of the Bible story today?
- Today we learned that God cares when I feel alone. What can you remember about God when you feel alone? (*God is always with me. I am never alone.*)
- What is something you learned about God today?
- What can you tell your families about this week?

Keep It Going: Retell the Bible story but leave out words such as Daniel's name, lions, or God. Invite preschoolers to fill in the missing words as you tell the story.

God was with Daniel when he was in the pit of lions. Just like God was with Daniel, God is with us when we feel sad or alone too. He loves us and comforts us. No matter how we feel, God is always with us.

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.