

# DIVE DEEP JULY 2024

July 7

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

### 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.

### Social

#### Games and Music (10 minutes)

**What You Need:** Instruction Page, Game Sets, Roku Game Instruction Page, Group Troop Roku Game

#### 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 wrote about how he felt sad and alone, but also how he knew he could trust that God is always with him. And you know what's amazing? God is with us always too! When is God with us? (*Always!*) God knows when we feel alone, and He *cares* that we feel alone. He is a loving, all-powerful, big God, and He cares for each of us! When we know God, we can know that He is always going to be there for us especially when we feel alone! Let me hear you say, "That's good news!" (*That's good news!*) We still feel lonely because we are still living in a broken world. But one day, Jesus will come back and make everything new, like God planned at the beginning. When that happens, He will fix all the broken things in our world, including our *deep* feelings of loneliness.

**Gospel Connection:**

**(Circle two)** When we feel alone, we can know it's because we are broken, and our world is broken. It can feel like, no matter how hard we try, nothing we or anyone else can do makes us feel better.

**(Circle one)** God created the world perfectly. He created people to follow Him and always know how much He loves them.

**(Circle two)** But sin broke that. *Sin* is when we do what we think is best instead of what God says is best. It isn't just the world that is broken. *We* are all broken too. Because we are broken by sin, we can feel alone.

**(Circle three)** But the good news is that we don't have stay broken! God sent His only Son, Jesus, to die on a cross to take the punishment for our sins. After Jesus died, something amazing happened! Jesus came back to life! He rose again, and because of that, He made a way to repair what was broken—us!

**(Circle Four)** When we trust and follow Jesus and turn away from our sin, Jesus fixes our brokenness and makes us new. We still feel big emotions sometimes because we live in a broken world, but we can remember that God is with us. He cares about us when we feel lonely or sad, and He will never leave us. We can experience that kind of relationship with Him when we believe and trust in Jesus. If you have any questions about that, please come and talk to one of our volunteers. We would love to help you understand more about how God cares for us when we feel alone. God wants us to know that, even when we feel that way, He loves us and is with us.

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

*God, You are amazing. Thank You for caring about us so much. Thank You for showing us how broken we are without You. And thank You for always being there when we feel alone. Help us to always turn to You, no matter what is going on or how we are feeling. We love You. In Jesus' name, amen.*

**Broken Pictures (20 minutes)**

**What You Need:** Broken Picture Printable (1 per kid), colored cardstock (1 per kid), scissors, glue sticks, markers or crayons

**What You Do:**

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

Today we talked about how we're all broken, but God sent His Son, Jesus, to rescue us. We can know that, even when we feel alone, God cares for us. Let's make a picture to help us remember this truth!

Take this cross picture and color in the whole shape. Do your best to not leave any blank space. You can make patterns or designs if you like. *(Allow kids to color.)* As you finish coloring, cut out the nine pieces of the cross. Lay each piece on your colored piece of paper in order to keep the shape together, kind of like a puzzle. *(Allow kids to cut and place their pieces on their papers.)*

Now that all your pieces are cut apart, spread them out a little but still keep the cross shape. Once you get all of your pieces in place, glue them down. Use a marker to trace around the cross so it looks whole again. Write God Cares When I Feel Alone at the top of the paper.

**Keep It Going:** Before kids glue down their pieces, have them switch matching pieces with other teammates to create more of a collage.

**Say:** Your pictures look fantastic! And they are such great reminders of what we've learned today. We are all broken because of our sin. But God loves us so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, to rescue us. So even when we feel like we're alone, we can remember that God loves us, and He cares for us. We can turn to Him just like David did and ask Him to help us. And He will because He loves us!

### Discussion Questions:

- Where are some places you can go with lots of people? What are those places like and what do you do there? *(Allow kids time to answer and share your own answer. Bring up the places mentioned in the Bible story video: a skatepark, a ballpark, playing basketball, the gym, a dance studio, and church.)*
- Even when we're surrounded by people, we can feel scared or alone. What are some things you notice about people who might be feeling scared or alone? *(Allow kids time to answer and share your own answer. Answers may include how they may be quiet, they may not participate, they may cry, and so forth.)*
- What stands out to you about dragon fruit? *(Allow time for answers.)* From the outside, dragon fruit looks so spiky and like you wouldn't want to eat it. But on the inside, it's sweet and something you'd want to eat. Even when things look difficult and scary, we can know that God cares about us, no matter what. What are some things that can help us remember that God is with us when things look difficult? *(Allow kids to answer and share your own answer. Answers may include that we can read the Bible, we can pray, we can talk with others who love God and share the truth with us.)*
- The Bible tells us God cares when we feel alone. Let's open our Bibles to Psalm 25:16 and 20 and read about it together. *(Invite kids to open up their Bibles. Read the verses aloud or invite a kid who volunteers to read the verses aloud. Be sure to have Bibles available for kids who need one. Help kids find the verses so everyone can follow along together.)* What are these verses teaching us? *(Allow kids to respond and share your own response.)*
- David wrote to God about his sadness, frustration, and loneliness. He told God how he felt, but he also remembered that God is always with him. How can remembering this truth help you to know that God cares about you when you feel alone? *(Answers may include I can remember that He's always with me; I can know that, even though I'm broken, God has made a way for me to be with Him; and so forth.)*
- God knows when we are feeling alone, and He cares. He made a way for us never to be alone. We are broken because of our *sin*—choosing to do what we think is best instead of following what God says is best. But God did not want us to stay in our brokenness. God sent His only Son, Jesus, to take the punishment for our sin by dying on a cross. But then, Jesus came back alive. When we believe in Jesus, we can be forgiven and know that God is always there for us. If you want to know more about the forgiveness Jesus has for you, come talk to me. What are some ways we can respond to God caring for us and fixing our brokenness? *(Answers may include we can thank Him, we can be joyful that He's always with us, we can tell others about His love, and so forth.)*
- Sometimes we might wonder who we can count on when we feel alone. How can what you learned today help you or a friend who is feeling alone? *(Allow kids time to answer and share your own answer. We can remember the truth that God cares about us; we can pray like David, be honest with God about what we are feeling, and ask Him to help us.)*

We are broken and we need God to rescue us. We may feel alone, but when we love and trust Jesus, His love reminds us that He cares for us all the time and everywhere.

### 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.