

SG G2-3 | W4

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Today's Suggested Schedule

Greeting & Prayer (5 minutes)

The leader greets the children and asks how they are doing. After a brief time of sharing, the group participates in a short prayer activity to prepare their hearts for the lesson.

Small Group Activity (15 minutes)

Groups: Creating a safe place to connect

Pray & Dismiss (5 minutes)

After small group time, the leader closes in prayer. Then the children are dismissed.

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Activity One

5 min

Super Boost

What You Need

 "Super Boost!" Activity Page

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What You Do:

- Divide the kids into two teams.
- Direct each team to sit together.
- Explain the game:
 - o You will read a question out loud about the Bible Story.
 - o The teams will take turns answering the questions you ask.
 - o If a team answers correctly, they will get a "super boost."
 - § *The whole team gets a round of high fives!*
 - o If a team answers the question incorrectly, the other team gets a chance to "save the day" by answering it correctly.
- One at a time, ask a question about the Bible Story to one of the teams from the "Super Boost" Activity Page.
- Continue asking questions until all of the questions have been asked and answered.
- After all the questions have been asked and answered, ask:
 - o What was your favorite part of the story?
 - o How did Jacob show God was with him, even when he made bad choices?

What You Say:

"Jacob made a lot of mistakes and bad choices in his life. But God continued to be faithful to Jacob—and God continued working on His great rescue plan! In Jacob's dream, God spoke the promises to Jacob that He had made to Abraham and Isaac. But God also made another important promise to Jacob in his dream. God said this: 'I am with you.'

"You see, Jacob had heard about God, but he didn't have the privilege of reading the Bible and learning all of these truths about who God is like we do. But God wanted Jacob to know that He was always with him, so God told him.

"And God has made the same promise to us: He is always with us.

"God is even with us in an even more incredible way! After Jesus' resurrection, when He went to heaven, He sent His Holy Spirit to live inside of His followers. When you become a follower of Jesus, the Holy Spirit came to live inside of you too! So the promise God made to Jacob is true of all Jesus-followers too! 'I am with you.'

"So no matter what happens, **[Bottom Line]** you can trust that God is with you too!"

5 min

Activity Two

5 min

23 – Boldly Follow the Leader | Made to Move *Uses Minimal Supplies*

What You Need

No supplies needed

What You Do:

During the Activity:

- Tell the kids you are going to play a game of "Follow the Leader" but with a BOLD twist.
- Explain that whatever you do, they are to copy it in a big, bold, and brave way.
- Lead them around the room with bold actions:
 - "Let's do BOLD marching!" (*Lift your knees up high.*)
 - "Let's make BOLD arm muscles!" (*Flex your arm muscles.*)
 - "Let's take BOLD giant steps!" (*Take the biggest steps you can.*)
 - "Let's give a BOLD clap!" (*Clap loudly together.*)
- Let a few kids take turns being the bold leader.

What You Say:

"Great job being so bold! Peter and John were bold when they talked about Jesus. They weren't scared because they knew God was with them. They didn't give up speaking and acting for Jesus. They knew that they could keep going because of what God had done!

"And God has done so much for us too! We needed rescue from our sin, and we couldn't be close to God anymore. But God loves us so much that He created a rescue plan spanning all of history so we could be close to Him again. For years and years and years, He was faithful to set the exact right time in history for Jesus to come! And through Jesus' life and death, God rescued everyone who follows Jesus. Now, we can be friends with God forever! And then after Jesus went back to heaven, God sent His Holy Spirit, His very Spirit, so He can live inside of His followers! Now He is closer than close, and goes through all of life with us.

"Knowing all that God has done just so we can be His close friends can make US bold too. When we remember how much God loves us, it helps us keep going when things get tough and helps us **[Bottom Line] keep going because of what God has done!**"

Monthly Memory Verse Challenge

What You Do:

- Have all the kids recite the memory verse out loud together several times.
- Explain that this practice helps everyone learn and feel more confident.
- Ask the kids to raise their hands if they want to try saying the verse on their own.
- Invite one child at a time to come up to the Memory Verse Challenge Spot.
- When a child recites the verse, let them choose a prize from the prize box!
- Please tell the kids if they're not ready this time, that's okay---you can always try again next month!

Prayer

"Dear God, thank You for loving us so much! You promised that You are with us, please teach us how to trust that You are with us every second of our lives. Lord, we want to trust You with everything, all of these things we said as we built these towers, and we want to connect with You as You are with us every second as we go throughout our lives. Teach us how to connect with You over everything we face in our lives. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."