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Today's Suggested Schedule—October 2026, Week 2

Bible Story: A Gold Statue and a Blazing Furnace • Daniel 3

Bottom Line: God is with me, so I can stand for what's true.

Monthly Memory Verse: *God is our place of safety. He gives us strength. He is always there to help us in times of trouble.* • Psalm 46:1 Nlrv

Today's Suggested Schedule

Kids arrival: 9:25 / 11:10

Play high-pitch music as kids arrive

Countdown: 9:30 / 11:15

Start the countdown with excitement!

Large Group: 9:30-9:55 / 11:15-11:40

- Opener
- Game
- Worship
- Bible Story
- Memory Verse
- Talk it Out!
- Prayer

Transition to Small Group: 9:55-10:00 / 11:40-11:45

Kids move with their leader to small groups

Small Group: 10:00-10:25

Creating a safe place to connect



Bible Story

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Bottom Line

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Memory Verse

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• Psalm 46:1 Nlrv

5 min

Large Group Opener

5 min

Opener

What You Need

No supplies needed

SLIDE: Play high-energy music as kids enter.

SLIDE: Theme

SLIDE: Countdown

SLIDE: Theme Intro

What You Say:

OPENER

HOST: "Hey, everybody! Welcome back to [Environment Name]! I'm so glad you're here today! We're continuing our series learning all about how God is our safe place and our strength.

"Alright, I need everybody to help me settle a very important question before we start today.

"If you could pick one thing to have for a whole week, which would you choose: A week off school, an unlimited pizza machine, or a jetpack?

"Okay, turn to someone near you and defend your answer. You have 30 seconds. GO!

(Pause while kids talk to each other.)

"Alright, let me hear some answers! Raise your hand if you'd like to share!

(Pause for responses.)

"Interesting choices. Some of you picked pizza, which honestly feels very wise. Some of you picked the jetpack because apparently, you all want to become superheroes.

"But imagine if everybody around you picked one thing, and you were the only person choosing something different. Sometimes it can feel weird standing out from everybody else.

"And today, we're going to hear a true story about three guys in the Bible who had a moment exactly like that. Everybody around them was doing one thing, but they chose to stand for what was true instead.

"But before we learn about them, let's get to our fun game!

Large Group Game_BEST DAY OR WORST DAY!

What You Need

No supplies needed

SLIDE : BEST DAY OR WORST DAY!

"I'm inviting everyone to play this game today! You are going to see a picture on the screen. It's going to show something happening, and it's up to you to decide if it looks like that photo would be of the BEST day ever or WORST day ever for you!

"Totally your choice! A friend next to you might have a different answer than you- and that's perfectly okay!

"Now, if you think the photo is showing your "best day ever" then your job is to stay standing and shout out **"BEST DAY EVER!"** Then, look around and give someone a high five who is also standing! But if you think the photo is showing the **"worst day ever"** you have to squat down and take refuge from the bad day! You can shake your head and say "WORST DAY EVER!" Feel free to peek around and see who also ducked down!

"Get your eyes on the screen and let's see our first day!

AUDIO: Upbeat music

(Play the game.)

SLIDE : BEST DAY OR WORST DAY! (Roller Coaster)

"Okay, everyone! Best Day or Worst Day- 3, 2, 1, GO!

(Allow time for kids to respond, ducking or giving high fives. Narrate through the game, describing photos as the kids decide. Repeat for eight different scenarios.)

SLIDE: BEST DAY OR WORST DAY! (Rainy Skies)

SLIDE: BEST DAY OR WORST DAY! (Soccer Trophy)

SLIDE: BEST DAY OR WORST DAY! (Stomped-On Sand Castle)

SLIDE: BEST DAY OR WORST DAY! (Campfire S'mores)

SLIDE: BEST DAY OR WORST DAY! (Plate of Vegetables)

SLIDE: BEST DAY OR WORST DAY! (Treasure Map)

SLIDE: BEST DAY OR WORST DAY! (Melting Ice Cream Cone)

"Great job everyone! Those were some really good days and some really tough days! I think my number one worst day would be having to eat that full plate of vegetables!! But friends, the cool thing is that on your best and worst days- God is with you! I love that! You all can take your seats.

"It looks like it's time to check out our Bottom Line for today! Let's see what it says.

SLIDE: Bottom Line

10 min

Bible Story

10 min

StoryLab Bible Story | Video

What You Need

No supplies needed

Memory Verse

[Bottom Line] "God is with me, so I can stand for what's true. Can you say that with me?"

KIDS AND HOST: **[Bottom Line]** "God is with me, so I can stand for what's true."

HOST: "Great job, friends! Now let's get ready to learn more about that!"

SLIDE: StoryLab Bible Story

What You Say:

Wrapping up the Story

STORYTELLER: "Most of us will probably never stand in front of a giant gold statue or face a blazing furnace like Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego did. But we all face moments when we have to decide whether we will follow the crowd or follow God. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego didn't know how their story would end. They simply trusted that God was with them. That's what gave them the courage to stand for what was true.

"And that's what our Bottom Line today is all about. Let's check it out!"

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] "God is with me, so I can stand for what's true. Can you say that with me?"

(Host enters and joins in.)

KIDS, STORYTELLER, AND HOST: **[Bottom Line]** "God is with me, so I can stand for what's true."

SLIDE: MEMORY VERSE

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10 min

Closing

5 min

Talk It Out!

What You Need

No supplies needed

5 min

Prayer

What You Need

No supplies needed

Now, before we move on, I have a question for you... (lean in and whisper) do you know what time it is?

It's time to... (pause, cup your hand to your ear) **TALK IT OUT!**

That means it's your turn to do the talking! You get to share your thoughts, ask questions, and see how this story connects to YOUR life.

So, let's put on our 'thinking caps' ... zip up our listening ears... and get ready to Talk. It. Out!"

SLIDE: Talk It Out!

1. **What did King Nebuchadnezzar build?**

Answer: A giant gold statue.

2. **Who refused to bow down to the gold statue?**

Answer: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

3. **Where did the king throw the three men?**

Answer: Into a blazing furnace.

4. **How many men did the king see walking in the fire?**

Answer: Four.

5. **Who was with Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego?**

Answer: God.

What You Say:

PRAYER

STORYTELLER OR HOST: "God, thank You for always being with us. Thank You that even when life feels difficult or when we feel pressure to go along with the crowd, we never have to face those moments alone. Help us make wise choices, follow Your ways, and trust You, no matter what happens around us. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

AUDIO: Play calm music as the kids exit.

SLIDE: Theme

Optional Video (Media Package): Theme Loop