

# Adventures with GOD!

## JESUS IS WITH ME WHEREVER I GO (B.1.WINTER.5)

Biblical Reference	Genesis 28:10-15
Key Verse	Genesis 28:15a
Key Concept	The Bible teaches me that God is with me wherever I go.
Educational Objectives	At the end of the class today, the children will be able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Point out on a map places they have been</li> <li>2. Name place where they go that Jesus is with them</li> <li>3. Say the Bible verse by memory and tell what it means</li> </ol>

### Life Application

The story of Jacob is what the children will learn about today and it will help them understand that God never abandons us. God is always with us wherever we go. The children today can have certainty that Jesus is with them wherever they go. It's important that they know that Jesus is always with us and takes care of us.

### Possible Activities and Class Plan

Activity	Materials	Time
Decoration		5 minutes
My GROW Adventure	GROW Adventure w/God materials	5 minutes
Opening Prayer	Candle	1 minute
Bible Reading	Bible	5 minutes
Activity	Booklet, crayons, yarn, glue, scissors	10 minutes
Bible Story	Illustration	15 minutes
Prayer		5 minutes
Craft	Worksheets, tape, crayons, pencils	10 minutes
Activity and conclusion	Illustrations and title	10 minutes
My GROW Adventure	Review	5 minutes
Closing Prayer	Candle	1 minute

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## INSTRUCTIONS

**Decoration:** Instead of putting pictures or illustrations on the walls, use them during the story. On the walls, put a big sign that reads, “Jesus is with me wherever I go.” After the story have the children help you hang up the illustrations underneath the sign.

**My GROW Adventure with God Weekly Review:** As children enter take time to have them reflect on their adventure with God booklets and either discuss or use art materials to express their journey during the past week. You may wish to add any art work, written poems, prayers or songs to a GROW wall in the room. You can find my GROW Adventure with God materials on the Covchurch.org website in the same place as the Adventures with God sessions.

**Opening Prayer:** Gather children around a candle. Light the candle and explain that we are entering into a special time with God. Encourage the children to hold their hands out in front of them palms up as a sign they are ready to receive what God has for them today.

**Prayer Example:** Lord God, thank you for making us, for loving us, for forgiving us, and guiding us. We know you are here with us right now. As we enter into your word, the Bible, help us draw close to you, to understand and to listen to what you have to say to us. Amen

(For safety sake, you may wish to extinguish the candle after the prayer)

**Bible Reading:** Explain that as we read the Bible we do that first to spend time with God. Children can remain with hands out stretched palms up to receive the word as it’s being read. Alternatively they can be invited to draw what they hear. Read the Bible passage for the day two times and ask children to respond.

**Question examples:** What did you notice in this story? How does it make you feel? Was there anything you would ask God about that you didn’t understand or was confusing? Is God saying anything to you though the story?

**Activity:** Today the children will add a page to their booklets where they will draw places they go on a daily basis – home, school, church, neighbors house, grandparents house, etc. It will be interesting to see what they draw. Pay attention to what they are drawing and talk to them about it. You might see some unhealthy places that the children go and it would be important for you to address this with them or their parents/guardians.

**Bible Story:** Prior to the class, find photos or pictures of places where the children spend a majority of their time – houses, school, church, supermarket, park, etc. Ask them, “Is Jesus with

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you when you go to school? Is Jesus with you when you are at home? “ Let the children answer. After this time of sharing, tell the story of Jacob that is found in Genesis 28. Jacob was always far away from everything and was alone, or at least he thought he was alone. But God was with him and God communicated with him through a dream.

Tell the story in your own words and use any illustrations you can find.

**Prayer:** Take the necessary time to give thanks to Jesus because he is with us. It would be help them imagine the various places they go and thank Jesus that he is with them in each of those places. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you in this prayer.

**Craft:** The children will work on the “Surprise drawing.” This is a craft that they can carry in their Bibles or backpacks and every time they see it they can remember that God is with them.

**Activity:** Ask the children to help you hang up the illustrations of the different places that God is with them, which were used during the Bible story.

**Conclusion:** Finish the time today singing songs of praise and thanks to God for the promise of God’s presence with us.

## **Today's GROW Adventure with God Review:**

G: God's Word: What is the story? (give children an opportunity to express their understanding of the story).

R: Relationships: Is there anything in today's bible story that shows us how we should or shouldn't share God's love with others? (Remind children that sometimes God uses the stories of the bible to show us how we shouldn't act toward God or others and give them a chance to consider how we might show God's love instead).

O: Outward Action: Is there anything in the bible story that shows us how we should help or serve God or others? (Explore concrete ways the children could live this out in the coming week).

W: Worship: Is there anything in the bible story that shows us how we should accept God's love for us and others? Ask: How do you feel about God? How would you like to respond to God? What would you like to say to God?

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**Closing Prayer:** Gather children around the candle again. As you light the candle explain that the flame is something that is present in the light and the darkness. In the same way, it reminds us that God is always with us. Is there anything anyone wishes to say to God? After children have responded, close the prayer time.

**Prayer Example:** Lord God, we thank you that you are always with us, and always love us. It's good to be with you. Thank you for what we have learned today. Thank you for being with us and for teaching us through the Bible. Help us to remember what you have taught us today and to live it out when we leave. Amen

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## CRAFT

Materials – a copy of a drawing of Jesus for each child, crayons, scrap book paper, tape

Instructions –

1. Take a letter size piece of scrapbook paper or poster board.
2. On the top part write the words, “Who is with me no matter where I go?”
3. On another piece of paper have them color the drawing of Jesus
4. In the middle of the page, help the children cut a “window” but only have them cut the top, bottom and right side of the window. Try to make the window about the same size as the drawing of Jesus.
5. Tape the drawing of Jesus to the back size of poster board or scrapbook paper so that the drawing of Jesus can be seen in the window.

