

Adventures with GOD!

JESUS IS WITH ME ALL THE TIME (B.1.WINTER.6)

Biblical Reference	Exodus 2:1-10
Key Verse	Joshua 1:17
Key Concept	Jesus is with me at all times and in every circumstance.
Educational Objectives	At the end of the class today, the children will be able to: 1. Share about the activities they do on a daily basis 2. Tell how God was with Moses 3. Give thanks to God because Jesus is with them today

Life Application

The story of Moses, a great follower of God, will teach the children that just as God was with him from the time he was a baby until he became a servant of God as an older man, God is also with us during our whole life. The children are more aware of what they are living in this particular moment and the present is reality for them. Help them remember that just as Jesus is with them today, he is with them at all times.

Possible Activities and Class Plan

Activity	Materials	Time
My GROW Adventure	GROW Adventure w/God materials	5 minutes
Opening Prayer	Candle	1 minute
Bible Reading	Bible	5 minutes
Activity	Booklets, crayons, glue, string/yarn, scissors	10 minutes
Bible Story	Illustrations	10 minutes
Craft	Work sheet, crayons	10 minutes
Song	music, instruments	10 minutes
Craft	paper, tape, crayons, pencils	15 minutes
My GROW Adventure	Review	5 minutes
Closing Prayer	Candle	1 minute

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INSTRUCTIONS

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: Give children a sheet of paper where they can draw something that represents and activity they do daily. At the top of the sheet of paper, help them write the title, "Today..."

Bible Story: To begin the Bible story, ask the question, "What activities do you do each day?" Help them to think in specific things they do daily: sleep, play, go to school, eat, homework, help around the house, sing, pray, etc. Now, begin telling them the story of when Moses was a baby. God was with Moses in that moment. In preparation, color the drawing of Moses that is found in the following pages. Use it as a visual aid while you are telling the Bible story. In addition to telling the story of Moses, it would be a good idea to invite someone from the

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church to share a testimony of how God continues to be take care of God's followers today, just as with Moses. This person could share a brief testimony with the class.

Craft: In the following pages you will find instructions about how to make a very interesting craft. It will require you to get contact paper, which will help the craft to look great. When they finish they can take it to their homes.

Song: Today they will give thanks to God because God is with us in every moment. They will express their thanks because they can trust that Jesus is with them all the time. Together sing songs that talk about Jesus' care for them and the promise of God's presence.

Craft: If there is extra time, make a copy of the craft found on the last page of this lesson for each child. They can color it according to the indications given.

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. Today the children can give thanks to God for the guidance and directions that we have been given in the Bible, by our leaders and our parents. Before praying, reflect for a few minutes on the advantage that we have today to have the word of God which gives us direction. Remind them that we are all given the decision to choose the path that follows God. We each have to choose. 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 1

Color by number

There was an evil king who wanted to kill all of the male babies of God's chosen people. To protect baby Moses, his family hid him in a basket in the river. His sister Miriam hid in the reeds by the side of the river to make sure that baby Moses was ok. God helped a princess to find the basket that Moses was in. She protected him and he became her adopted son. Our God is big and powerful, and full of love and care for us. God loves you and takes care of you.

Color the drawing using the suggested colors.

1=green, 2=blue, 3=black, 4=red



JOSHUA 1:17

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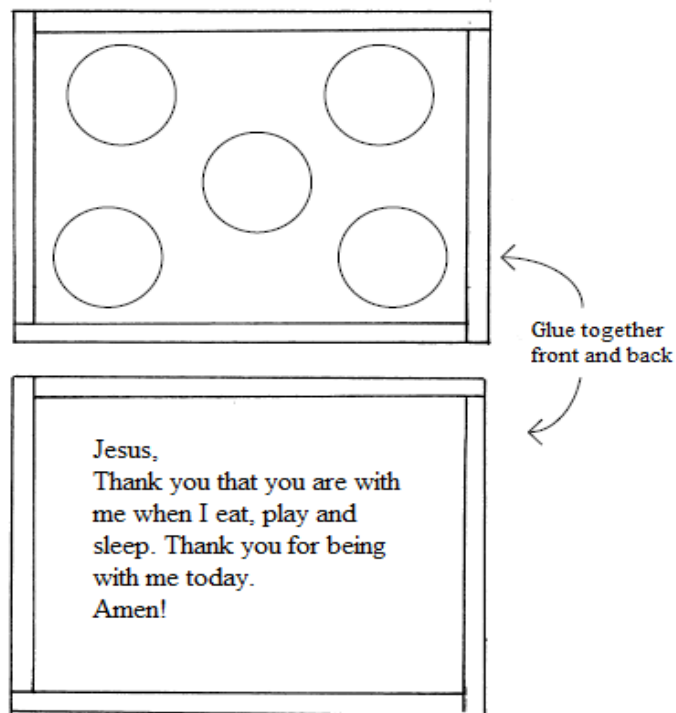
CRAFT 2

Placemat

Materials: poster board or scrapbook paper (8 1/2 x 11 in), crayons, pencils, scissors, Contact Paper

Instructions:

1. Cut out the poster board/scrapbook paper to the size indicated. On one side write the following sentence: "Jesus, thank you that you are with me when I eat, when I play, and when I sleep. Thank you that you are here with me today! Amen."
2. On the other side, glue the circles that you will find in the following pages. Make sure each child has a copy of the sheet with the circles.
3. Cover both sides with contact paper. This now can be used as a placemat that the child can take home and use during meals.



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