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Basic Truth: God Loves Me

Key Question: Who is always with you?

Bottom Line: God is always with me.

Memory Verse: "God is with you wherever you go." *Joshua 1:9, NLT*

Bible Story Focus: God is with me when I have hard things to do.
Moses before Pharaoh • *Exodus 5:1-6:8*

Make It Fun (Introductory Activities, 10 minutes)

***Hard Work**

What You Need: Building blocks and toy tools, such as plastic hammers, saws, screwdrivers, etc.

What You Do: Invite the children to play with the blocks with you. Use the toy tools to hammer and saw. Over exaggerate how hard the work is, as you build different kinds of buildings together.

What You Say:

During the activity: "Building with these blocks is hard work. Whew! The people in our Bible story today REALLY had to work hard. A mean king made them work hard."

Make It True (Large Group, 15 minutes)

Make It Stick (Application Activities, 35 minutes)

***You Make It!**

What You Need: White flour, water, small plastic bowls, wax paper and wet wipes.

What You Do: The children will mix their own "brick mixture" and make small bricks. Give each child some white flour and water in a bowl to mix together. Make sure to give plenty of flour to avoid a sticky mess. Once the children have their dough ready, give them a piece of wax paper sprinkled with flour to put their dough on so they can begin making small "bricks."

What You Say:

During the activity: "The mean Pharaoh made God's people make bricks out of dirt and water. Let's pretend we are making bricks out of this flour and water."

After the activity: “Moses was afraid to go and talk to the mean king about letting his family and friends go. This Pharaoh was REALLY mean! I would be afraid too! Do you know why Moses was able to go and talked to the Pharaoh? *(Pause.)* He knew God was with him. Moses knew God would help him. God is with us when we’re afraid too. **Who is always with you? [Bottom Line] God is always with me.**”

***Pass the Crown**

What You Need: Toy crown, CD player and a CD with fun preschool music on it.

What You Do: Sit in circle with the children. When the music plays, pass the toy crown around the circle. When the music stops, the person holding the crown will put the crown on and say the Bible verse. Say the verse with the child if he does not want to say it alone. Start the music and pass the crown again. Make sure each child gets a turn wearing the crown and saying the Bible verse.

What You Say:

Before the activity: “Let’s say our Bible verse together. Ready? ‘God is with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9.’ Good job! Now, if you are holding this crown when the music stops, you need to put the crown on your head and say our Bible verse. I will help you if you need it. Here we go!”

During the activity: “God is with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9.”

After the activity: “You all did a fantastic job saying our Bible verse. Now tell me, **who is always with you? [Bottom Line] God is always with me!**”

Make It Real (Small Groups, 5 minutes)

Make It Real is designed to help preschoolers understand how the Bottom Line applies to them. They’ll discuss real-life experiences and share prayer requests.

***Small Group Time**

What You Need: Bible, dry erase board and dry erase marker.

SMALL GROUP LEADER (SGL):

“Hi, everyone! Have you guys had a good time this week? *(Let the kids respond.)* Our story this week was pretty great. Moses really had to do some hard things. Do you ever have to do hard things? Let’s write down some of the hard things that you have to do on our dry erase board. *(Let the kids give you ideas like making their bed, coming inside when their mom tells them to, brushing their teeth and learning to write their name).* You guys really do have some hard things to do.”

“Do you know what I know? I know that God is always with you and He is just waiting to help you. All you have to do is pray and ask Him to help. **Who is always with you?**”

CHILDREN and SGL: “***[Bottom Line]* God is always with me.**”

SGL: “That’s right! ***[Bottom Line]* God is always with me**, even when I have to do some really hard things. Let’s pray and ask God to help us do some of the hard things that are on our list.”

***Prayer**

SGL: “Dear God, sometimes we have some really hard things that we have to do. We know that You are with us and that You want to help us. Please help the children in my group as they are learning to do hard things. *(List some of the things that you wrote on the dry erase board to make it personal.)* Thank You so much! Amen!”

***Get Ready to Dismiss**

Set any take-home creations where you or parents can get them easily. Greet parents at the door and tell them that this month preschoolers are learning that ***[Bottom Line]* God is always with me**. Encourage parents to repeat the bottom line at home and help their child understand that ***[Bottom Line]* God is always with me**.