God is Always With Us

**SUPPLIES**

*Obtain and Prepare Before Class*

- Clear drinking glass
- Bowl
- Piece of plain paper
- Various size magnets
- Box of paper clips
- Paper
- Fake or plastic knife
- Piece of cloth

*Provided in the Kit*

- Lab glasses
- Lab coat
- Airzooka
- Sound Tube
- Neodymium magnet

**Bible Point**

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**Bible Verse:**

I will be with you always.
Matthew 28:20

**Bible Passage**

Psalm 139:7-12
I Samuel 24

**Overview**

God is always with us. His personal presence allows Him to meet our individual needs. Because He is present at all times, we want to live each day in a way that pleases Him. Also, the knowledge of his continual presence drives away fear.
Dr. Beaker

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- Lab Coat

(Loud explosion. Dr. Beaker appears with glasses crooked and clothes out of place.)

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(Dr. Beaker exits)

Lab Demonstration

Airzooka

Supplies
- Airzooka

Have someone standing in an area where he cannot be seen. Periodically during the lab demonstration time, he should shoot a blast of air at the kids from the Airzooka. When he is discovered, discuss the fact that the kids could feel the air even if they could not see where it was coming from.

Paper Under Water

Supplies
- Clear drinking glass
- Bowl
- Piece of plain paper
- Water

Put about 4 inches of water into the bowl.

I need a volunteer to help me with this experiment. Who would like to help me today? (Pick a child to come up front.)

I would like you to wad up this piece of paper and put it into the glass. Now, what do you think would happen if you turned the glass upside down in this bowl of water? (Paper fall out, water would get the paper wet)

I am going to have you try it and see what happens.

Have the child turn the glass upside down and place it into the water.

Now, pull the glass out of the water. What has happened? (The paper stayed in the glass, the paper is not wet)

How do you think the paper stayed dry? (Give children a few guesses)
Air was trapped in the glass when I turned it over. Could you see the air? (No)

God is the same way. We cannot see him, however He is always present. Even though you could not see it, you knew something had to be present in the glass to protect the paper from getting wet.

**High Powered Magnet**

**Supplies:**
- Neodymium magnet
- Handful of paper clips

Pick up the magnet. Place the paper clips in a pile on the table, being careful to keep them away from the magnet.

How many of you think that I could pick up these paper clips with the magnet?

What if I placed the magnet on top of my hand and the magnet had to work all the way through my hand, is that possible?

Hold your hand out flat. Place the magnet on the top of your hand and place your hand over the paper clips. Pull up your hand. Some of the paper clips should be attached to your hand.

God works the same way as this magnet. Just like my hand could not block the power of the magnet, walls and other obstacles cannot block God. He is everywhere. The walls of a building or the steel frame of a car, cannot keep God out. Remember, wherever you are, God is there also. Our memory verse today tells us that "I will be with you always."

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**Lab Experiments**

**Experiment 1**

**Supplies**
- Various size magnets
- Box of paper clips

Place different size magnets on a table. Also, place a pile of paper clips on the table. The kids can experiment with the different size magnets, seeing how many paper clips each kind of magnet can pick up. You cannot see the force that pulls the paperclips to the magnet, however, you can see the evidence that the force exists. In the same way, even though we cannot see God, all around us is evidence that He exists.

**Experiment 2 - Maze**

**Supplies**
- Paper
- Paper clip
- Magnet
- Copy of maze (page 9)

Place the paper clip on top of the piece of paper. Move the magnet around under the paper, moving the paper clip. For an added challenge, let the kids try to follow the maze with the paper clip, moving it with the magnet under the paper.

**Experiment 3 – Sound Tube**

**Supplies**
- Sound tube

Have the kids experiment swinging the tube around in a circle over their heads. Try different speeds to change the sound made
Application

In all the experiments, something was used that you could not see but was present. In experiment #1 and #2, a magnetic field was used and in experiment #3, air movement caused the sound.

During your experiments, you were able to see evidence of something you could not see. We cannot see God, however, we know He exists. One way we know that He is present is by seeing the results of his presence.

Can anyone think of some of these ways? (Creation, changed lives, answered prayers)

Bible Story

I Samuel 24

The story of David and Saul in the cave.

Supplies

- Piece of cloth
- Fake or plastic knife

“Where could I go from Your Spirit? Or where could I flee from Your presence? If I ascend up into heaven, You are there; if I make my bed in Sheol (the place of the dead), behold, You are there. If I take the wings of the morning or dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there shall your hand lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me.” Psalm 139: 7-17

David wrote this psalm. He knew that no matter where he went, God would be there. We are going to learn of a time when David was in a dark place and yet knew that God was with him.

How many of you have ever been jealous of someone?

King Saul had become jealous of David. In fact, he was so jealous of him, that he tried to kill him. David had escaped along with some other men and was hiding in a desolate area. You can imagine how much David had to rely on God and believe that God was always there for him.

When we know that God is always present, it helps us want to do what is right. Today, we are going to hear a story about a time when David had a choice between right and wrong.

David was in the wilderness with a small army of men. They went deep into a cave. It was a perfect place to hide. Imagine their surprise when who would come into the cave but King Saul? Saul had 3,000 men with him and they were looking for David. However, Saul went into the cave all alone.

Why would he do that? He needed to use the bathroom!

Can you imagine what David must be feeling? Here, King Saul had been chasing him, trying to kill him. And now, Saul walks right into the cave where David was hiding. King Saul was all by himself. He had no clue that David and his men were in the cave watching him.

David’s men encouraged David to kill Saul. David quietly snuck up on Saul in the darkness.

(Act out this part, tip toeing across the room. Have the knife and piece of material hidden in your pocket or other place easily retrievable.)
He pulled out his knife. What would he do? He reached over with his knife and cut off a part of Saul’s robe.

When he returned to his men, he explained to them that he could not hurt the Lord’s anointed. David’s men must have been astonished. Here David had a chance to kill the one that had been trying to kill him, and he chose not to do it.

If he would have killed Saul, would the dark cave have hidden the deed from God?

Saul, never realizing what had happened, left the cave. David went out of the cave and called to Saul. When Saul looked behind him, David bowed down with his face to the earth.

Can you imagine how Saul must have felt? He was just in the cave and David had been in there!

David spoke to him, “Why do you listen to the words of men who say, David seeks to do you harm? Your eyes have seen how the Lord gave you today into my hands in the cave. Some told me to kill you, but I spared you; I said, I will not put forth my hand against my lord, for he is the Lord’s anointed. See, the skirt of your robe in my hand! Since I cut off the skirt of your robe and did not kill you, you know and see that there is no evil or treason in my hands. I have not sinned against you, yet you hunt my life to take it.”

After he heard David speak, Saul began to weep. He told David, “You are more upright in God’s eyes than I, for you have repaid me good, but I have rewarded you evil.”

Saul left and went home. David made the choice to do what was right. He understood that no matter where he was, God’s presence was with him.

Everyone in this room has faced the same kind of thing David faced. No, you probably have not been given the choice of whether to kill someone or not, but you have been faced with a similar choice.

How many of you have ever been faced with getting even with someone? Maybe someone at school said some mean things behind your back. When you find out, you have the opportunity to do the same thing. What will you do?

Or maybe someone in the neighborhood called you a bad word. You see that person riding by your house on their bike. What will you do?

God is always with us. He wants us to make the right choices and do the right things even when it seems that nobody is looking. He will help you make godly choices. You only have to ask Him.

Prayer

Ask the Lord to help the children depend on Him, knowing that He is always with them. Ask Him to help them do the right thing when given a choice between good and evil.

Object lesson/
Modern Day Story

Supplies

- Neodymium magnet

Show the magnet to the kids.
This is a very strong magnet. You saw earlier how it could attract paperclips right through a person's hand. There is another strong magnet I want to tell you about.

You may be surprised when I tell you what this magnet is for. It is called a cow magnet. Farmers use these on cows to prevent Hardware Disease.

Are you curious why a farmer would use a magnet on a cow? When a cow eats grass, often, metal pieces such as nails, staples and bits of bailing iron will get chewed up with the grass. After the cow swallows, the pieces can get stuck in the folds of the stomach which will cause the cow trouble. The cow will stop eating and decrease her milk output or her ability to gain weight. The farmer uses the magnet to pull the pieces of metal from the folds of the stomach. The magnet is put into the cow’s throat and the cow swallows it. Once it is in the first or second stomach, it attracts the metal objects into a clump that will not hurt the cow.

The farmer uses the magnet to protect the cow from harm. The magnet creates an invisible force that pulls the harmful material out of a dangerous place in the cow’s stomach.

God is the same with us. He is always around us, protecting us from harm.
Week 5  God is Always With Us

Time Stretcher

Craft

Always Present, Present

Supplies
- Small block of wood
- Wrapping paper
- Ribbon
- Tape
- One card (page 10) for each child

Wrap the block of wood. Decorate it with ribbon and attach the card.

Give this present to someone to help them remember that God is always present with them. Remind them of his love.

Memory Verse

I will be with you always.
Matthew 28:20

Supplies
- Magnet
- String or yarn
- Seven paper clips
- Verse cards (page 11)

Copy and cut out the cards. Attach a paper clip to each card. Place the cards on the floor, mixed up. Tie the string around the magnet.

Let the kids take turns standing over the cards and dropping the magnet down onto the pile, picking up a card. After all the cards are picked up, the group should work together to put the cards in order.

Game

Blind Mans Bluff

Supplies
- Blindfold

Tie a blindfold around one child’s eyes. Spin him around a few times. Scatter the other children around him. They must take turns calling out his name as he tries to catch them.

After the game is finished, discuss how we cannot see God, but we can hear Him calling to us. He might not audibly call out our name, but He calls to us inside our spirit and through reading His word.

Snack

Yummy Presents

Supplies
- Graham crackers
- Icing
- Red licorice or fruit roll ups
- Plates
- Knives

Place a graham cracker on each plate. Let the kids put the icing on their cracker. They can use the red licorice or fruit roll up to make a bow and ribbon. They should place these on the iced cracker, making a present.

Discuss how Jesus is a present from God. When Jesus went up into heaven, he told his disciples that “I will be with you always.” As they eat their yummy presents, have them discuss ways that they know that Jesus is with them.
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Magnet Maze
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**Discussion**

🌟 What are some things that you cannot see, but you know are present?

🌟 Can you think of anything that is present all the time everywhere?

**Family Fun**

Play hide and seek in the dark with flashlights.

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Lab Demonstration

Lab Time!
Be safe and follow all instructions.

Dr. Beaker

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