KidSlot #3
God is Ever-Present

Lessons are available at http://www.yorkalliance.org/resources/kidslot for you to print copies of the necessary materials for each child in your group.

Materials Needed
- 1 copy of bird house per child
- Scissors
- Tape/glue

Today’s Objective
Children will know that God is ever-present. He knows no boundaries and can be present everywhere. There is nowhere they can go where God can not be. If they belong to Him He promises that He will never leave them or forsake them. He is able to take care of them anywhere at anytime.

Scripture

*Psalm 139:7-10 Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.

*Hebrews 13:5 Never will I leave you, never will I forsake you.

Proverbs 15:3 The eyes of the Lord are everywhere, keeping watch on the wicked and the good.

Joshua 1:9 Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord you God will be with you wherever you go.

* Use these verses with preschoolers.

Introductory Activity—Hide and Seek

Play this game by having children take turns hiding and have the rest of the children find them. Once found ask, “Did God know where you were?” or “Could you hide from God there?” to reinforce the idea that there is nowhere they can hide from God.

Bible Lesson and Activities

1. Tell the children that the Bible tells us a lot about who God is. From the Bible we know that God is All-Powerful, All-Knowing, Ever-Present, Unchanging, and Faithful. Tonight we will learn about how God is Omnipresent, which means He is Ever-Present.

2. Have children find and read Psalm 139:7-10, Hebrews 13:5, Proverbs 15:3 and Joshua 1:9. For preschooler use Psalm 139:7-10 and Hebrews 13:5 only. Discuss these verses for a few minutes.

3. Discussion Questions – Use some or all of the following questions. Be sure to end with the FINAL question. Questions that can be used with preschoolers are bolded.

Important Note: There is no place that God cannot be found. He is a spiritual being who knows no boundaries. He can be found by anyone, anywhere and at anytime. He is not a force that permeates every living thing on earth however. Be cautious not to imply (like the New Age movement) that God is in everything including trees, flowers and animals. He is not. He also is not in every person. He waits longingly and patiently to be invited into individual lives.
• Does God know where you are? All the time?
• If you hide does God still know where you are?
• Can God help you wherever you are?
• Can God help you if you are lost? Does He know where you are?
• Can you talk to God anywhere?
• Can God help you everywhere?
• If you have asked Jesus to live in your heart does He go everywhere with you?
• The Bible tells us that if Jesus lives in our hearts He will never leave us. Will He be with us when we are playing outside? When we are alone? When we are afraid?
• How does it make you feel to know God can be anywhere and help you anytime?
• Is there anywhere that God can’t be?
• Is there anywhere you can go to get away from God?
• Do you remember someone in the Bible that tried to run away from God instead of doing what He wanted Him to do? What happened? (Jonah—got swallowed by big fish until He repented and did what God wanted and was spit on the shore and given a second chance to obey God). Did God find Jonah?
• Have you ever wanted to get away from God? Why?
• What promise is made in Hebrews 13:5 to those who have asked Jesus into their lives?
• Is there anyone else in your life who can be with you 24/7?
• Is there anyone else in your life who is available to talk to 24/7?
• Is there anyone else in your life who knows your needs 24/7?
• Is God in everybody? (Only in those who have come to Him for forgiveness and have invited Him into their lives)
• Do you always remember that God is with you?
• When do you forget that God is with you?
• Do you remember to ask God to help you when you are in hard or scary situations?
• Do you think God likes to be with you? Why?
• FINAL question—How does it make you feel that God is always available 24/7?

Creative Application

A Sparrow’s Home: Remind children that God watches over everything. He cares about all our needs. Read children Matthew 10:29-31 and tell them that God knows and cares when even one bird falls to the ground. He cares even more for us and is available at all times. Tell the children that tonight they are going to make a birdhouse to remind them of this.

Give each child a birdhouse that has been photocopied. Have them cut it out following the solid lines and then color or decorate. Carefully cut out the circles to make an opening on each side of the house. Fold along all the dotted lines and glue or tape tabs at roof and side to form birdhouse.

Prayer

Lead children in a time of prayer thanking God that He is always available and can be found anywhere at anytime. Encourage them to pray for any other requests they may have and for their friends who do not yet know Jesus.

Closure

Buddy Up: If time allows have children form pairs and perform various tasks with their arms linked such as sitting in a chair, crawling under a table, reading a book, or writing to show what it is like to have someone with them at all times. Tell them that although they can’t see God if they have asked Him into their lives He is with them all the time.
Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them falls from the will of your Father. Matthew 10:29

Even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. Matthew 10:30-31

Fold back and glue.
**A Sparrow's Home**

With all the scary things that happen in our world, it's wonderful to give kids a reminder from the very lips of Jesus that God watches over everything—even the tiniest sparrow.

**Bible Verse**

*Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the will of your Father.* (Matthew 10:29).

**Go For It!**

1. Photocopy p. 87 onto copier paper.

2. Cut out the birdhouse on the heavy lines. Decorate it with markers or colored pencils.

3. Fold back on all the dotted lines.

4. Glue the side wall tab behind the opposite wall to create the birdhouse.

5. Fold in the roof tabs and glue them to the underside of the roof sections. Use the eraser end of a pencil to reach inside the birdhouse and press the tabs to the roof section.

6. If you wish to add a base and a pole, use two index cards per child. Tape the birdhouse to an index card for a base. Roll and tape another index card to form a pole.

7. Remind kids that Jesus' comforting words reassure us that God watches over his world and knows everything that happens—even to the tiniest sparrow.