WEEK
THREE
SEPTEMBER

SMALL GROUP
2/3

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION
15 MINUTES

MADE TO PLAY

an activity that encourages preschoolers to follow guidelines while having fun and learning new concepts

BIBLE STORY

God is with me so
I can be courageous.

RAHAB AND THE SPIES
JOSHUA 2:1-22; 6:22-25

MEMORY VERSE

"We have the Lord
our God to help us."

2 CHRONICLES 32:8, NLT

KEY QUESTION

Who is always with you?

BOTTOM LINE

God is always with me.

BASIC TRUTH

God loves me.

2. COLORS

WHAT YOU NEED: Six cup muffin tin, large basket, six ball pit balls (*red, yellow, blue, green, purple, and orange*), and six garage sale stickers (*red, yellow, blue, green, purple, and orange*)

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Place one colored sticker in the bottom of each muffin cup. Each cup should only have one sticker. Place the six balls inside the basket and place the basket next to the muffin tin.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Challenge the children choose a ball out of the basket and match the color of the ball to the sticker in one of the muffin cups. When the children have made a match, ask them to place the ball in the muffin cup with the matching color sticker.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Continue the activity until all of the balls have been matched to a muffin cup. Introduce and emphasize the color red. Dump out the balls and do it again!

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Hello, friends! I need your help to match colors today."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "We have a basket of balls of all different colors. We have cups that have stickers with the different colors in them. (*Point.*) Let's choose a ball from the basket. (*Do activity.*) Awesome! Can you tell me the color of the ball that you chose? (*Pause*) Yes, it is [color]. Let's look for the cup with a [color] sticker in it. (*Continue the activity.*) There it is! You may place the yellow ball in the yellow cup. Let's do another one!" (*Finish activity.*)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "You are all so good with your colors. Can everyone point to the red ball? (*Pause.*) Nice job! Today, we'll hear a story from the Bible that talks about something important that is red. I can't wait to find out what it is!"

TRANSITION: Move to Worship and Story by looking for items that are red as you walk to the story area.

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PRELUDE | SOCIAL | WORSHIP | STORY | GROUPS | HOME

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an activity that channels a preschooler's innate curiosity into a discussion of the week's crucial concepts

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3. SNEAKY

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed.

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Have the children stand in front of you.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Ask the children to pretend to sneak around the room.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Today in our Bible story, we'll hear about sneaky spies!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Let's be super sneaky, too! Let's be really quiet and sneak all around the room!" (*Do activity.*)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "You are super sneaky! Let's get ready to hear our TRUE story from the Bible about how the spies were super sneaky, too!"

TRANSITION: Move to Worship and Story by being sneaky as you walk to the story area.

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CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO MOVE

an activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn

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2. GOING ON A STORY HUNT

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed.

WHAT YOU DO:

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Say the Bible story review below to the tune of "Going on a Bear Hunt," while doing the actions.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Talk about knowing how awesome God is helped Rahab be courageous.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "I'm so happy you're here today! Come stand with me. We're going on a story hunt!

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "In our Bible story today, God helped Rahab do something very courageous! Say what I say and do what I do.

"We're going on a story hunt. (*Place hand and above eyes like you're looking.*) We're going on a story hunt.

"We're going to see some spies. (*Sneak on tip-toes.*) "We're going to see some spies.

"God is always with me! (*Thumbs to chest.*) God is always with me.

"I'm not scared! (*Shake head no.*)

"Oh-No! Soldiers! (*March in place.*) Lots and lots of soldiers!

"We can't go over them. We can't go under them. We've got to hide from them!

"We're going on a story hunt. (*Place hand and above eyes like you're looking.*) We're going on a story hunt.

"Rahab hid the spies. (*Cover your face like you're hiding.*) Rahab hid the spies.

"God is always with me! (*Thumbs to chest.*) God is always with me.

"I'm not scared! (*Shake head no.*)

"Oh-No! Soldiers! (*March in place.*) Lots and lots of soldiers!

"We can't go over them. We can't go under them. We've got to throw a rope!

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"We're going on a story hunt. (*Place hand and above eyes like you're looking.*) We're going on a story hunt.

"Rahab hangs a rope. (*Throw a pretend rope.*) Rahab hangs a rope.

"God is always with me! (*Thumbs to chest.*) God is always with me.

"I'm not scared! (*Shake head no.*)

"Oh-No! Soldiers! (*March in place.*) Lots and lots of soldiers!

"We can't go over them. We can't go under them. God's people see the rope!

"We're going on a story hunt. (*Place hand and above eyes like you're looking.*) We're going on a story hunt.

"Rahab is saved! (*Hug yourself.*) Rahab is saved.

"God loved Rahab. And God loves me!" (*Thumbs to chest.*)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "God was with Rahab, and God is with you and me, too. **Who is always with you? God is always with me!**"

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3. STREAMER DANCE

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Music player, the monthly song, "Very Big Things," and streamers

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Give each child a streamer.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Play the music and encourage the children to wave their streamer and dance to the music. Repeat as desired.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Let's dance together and wave our streamers while we dance!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, you have some awesome dance moves! That was so much fun. God is always with us! Tell me, **who is always with you? God is always with me!**"

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