

Today's Suggested Schedule—November 2025, Week 3

Today's Bible Story: Daniel and the Lions' Den • *Daniel 6*

Today's Bottom Line: God is always with you.

Monthly Memory Verse: *Those who trust in the LORD will receive new strength. They will fly as high as eagles. They will run and not get tired. They will walk and not grow weak.* Isaiah 40:31 (NirV)

Supplies NOT included in the Activity Bags

Bible Story Review: Act It Out!

Application Activity: God Is My Shield

- Coloring supplies
- Scissors
- Glue sticks

Memory Verse Activity: Verse Dash

- Bibles
- Cones and various obstacle course items
- Floor tape
- Use cards from Week 2 Memory Verse Activity

Prayer Activity: Pray and Dismiss

Pray for your group before they arrive. Pray for kids who will visit your group for the first time. Thank God that He is with you at all times. Think about an age-appropriate time when you faced something more confidently because you know God was with you in it. Ask God to help the kids see that He is always with them, and to teach them how to live confidently because God goes through every single moment of life with them.

1. Bible Story Review- Act It Out!

What You Need:

- “Story Images” Activity Pages

What You Do:

- Divide the kids into groups of 2-3.
- Give each group a card with an image from the “Story Images” Activity Pages.
 - Make sure all of the cards from the “Story Images” Activity Page are given to groups. It’s okay if certain groups have more than one card!
- Say: “We’re going to review the story of Daniel together! I’ll pause and invite different groups to act out certain parts of the story based on your image.”
- Give the groups a few minutes to observe the image on their card(s) and come up with a skit.
- After you read each Bible Story point, invite the assigned group to act out their part.
- Encourage the kids to have fun with their expressions and actions!
- Continue until all the images have been reviewed.

Bible Story Points

- Daniel becomes a leader in the kingdom.
 - Call on the group with the image of Babylon.
- Jealous advisors trick the king into making a new law.
 - Call on the group with the image of the scroll.
- Daniel keeps praying, even when it’s dangerous.
 - Call on the group with the image of Daniel praying.
- Daniel is thrown into the lions’ den.
 - Call on the group with the image of the lions’ den.
- God sends an angel to shut the mouths of the lions.
 - Call on the group with the image of an angel.
- King Darius sees Daniel is safe and praises God!
 - Call on the group with the image of King Darius praising God.

What You Say:

“Great acting, friends! Daniel didn’t wait until he was in trouble to start trusting God. He talked to God every single day, he trusted God every single day, so Daniel was able to trust God when he faced the lions. And God was right there in the lions’ den with Daniel! He NEVER left Daniel, and He won’t leave you.

“No matter what you face—big feelings, tough decisions—**God is always with you!** God goes with you every single step of your life! Everything you face, you face with Him.

“Remind yourself **God is always with you** by making a habit of talking to God throughout the day. He is with you every minute!”

Inclusive Pro Tips:

- For an option with less movement, allow the kids to discuss the Bible Story points and what took place in their story image from a seated position with their groups.



Babylon—Daniel becomes a leader in the kingdom



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Daniel is thrown into the lions' den.



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2. Application Activity- God Is My Shield*



What You Need:

- “Shield” Activity Page
- “God Is My Shield” Activity Page
- Coloring supplies
- Foil sheets
- Scissors
- Glue sticks
- Prepared shield example

What You Do:

- Give every kid a “Shield” Activity Page.
- Set out the coloring supplies, foil, glue sticks, and scissors.
- Show the kids the shield example and remind them: **God is always with you!**
- Invite the kids to decorate their shield however they’d like.
- Encourage the kids to use symbols, colors, or drawings that remind them that God is always with them.
 - *NOTE: Kids could draw a time when they needed to trust God, just like Daniel.*
- Set out the “God Is My Shield” Activity Page and encourage them to cut out any images they would like to glue on their shield.

Talk Together:

- Say: “This paper shield is something you can take home, but do you think it can really protect you like a real shield? *(Pause for answers.)*”
- Say: “That’s right! It can’t—it’s just a reminder. But God really is your shield, friends. He surrounds you, protects you, and is always with you.”
- **[Make It Personal] (Share an age-appropriate time when you were nervous or afraid, but you remembered God was with you. How did trusting God help you stay strong?)**

What You Say:

“Awesome job creating your shields! These shields are cool to look at, but they also remind us of something really important: we don’t have to face anything alone. God wants to protect us—like a real shield!

“Daniel trusted God even when things were scary. He didn’t stop praying, and he didn’t stop believing that God would be with him even in the lions’ den!

“Daniel was God’s friend. He talked to God. He asked God for help. And when Daniel was in the lions’ den, God answered. God was like, ‘My friend asked Me for help. I will help him!’

“Here’s the best news: That same God is with YOU too! But how? When you choose to believe in Jesus, you are saying, ‘God, I trust You. I believe Jesus died for my sins and came back to life so I can be close to You forever.’

“And when you do that, God gives you His Holy Spirit to live inside you! It is God’s very Spirit! God moves in closer than close to you! He is God with you, He goes with you everywhere you go, and He is your shield. He will help you when you ask.

“So if you’ve never made the decision to follow Jesus, maybe today’s the day! You can talk to me, a grown-up, or another leader, and we’ll help you understand what it means to say, ‘Yes, Jesus, I want You to be my Savior! I want to be Your friend forever!’”

Inclusive Pro Tips:

- Allow the kids to decorate their shields in pairs.
- Provide adaptive scissors.

3. Memory Verse Activity- Verse Dash

What You Need:

- Bibles
- Cones and various obstacle course items
- Floor tape
- “Isaiah 40:31” Activity Page-use cards from Memory Verse Activity Week 2

What You Do:

- Before you begin:
 - Create a challenging obstacle course with cones, floor tape, and other supplies you have on hand.
 - Place the cards from “Isaiah 40:31” Activity Page on the floor along the obstacle path.
 - Mark a start line and a finish line for the course.
- Divide the kids into two teams.
- Give each team two Bibles.
- Invite them to look up Isaiah 40:31 using the Bible Navigation Tips.

Finding verses for 2-3rd graders:

Guide them to open their Bibles to the front and find the table of contents. (Hold up a Bible opened to the table of contents to show the kids what the page looks like.) When the kids find the table of contents, lead them to find the name of the book in the list. When they find the book, lead them to look at the page number beside it. Explain that the number tells them on what page they can find that book. Help the kids find the page. When they find the book, explain that the big numbers on the page are the chapter numbers. Help them find the correct chapter. Then explain that the small numbers are verse numbers. Help them find the correct verse in that chapter.

Move Together:

- Pick a team to go first.
- Say, “Your team’s goal is to gather all the pieces from Isaiah 40:31 and put them in order!”
- One at a time, the kids from the first team will move through the obstacle course, grab one verse card, and return to their team.
- When the first kid returns to their team, the next kid on that team is to go until all of the cards of the verse have been returned to the team.
- The team that went first is to work together to rebuild the verse in the correct order.
- Once they’re finished, instruct them to read the verse aloud together.
- Reset the course with the cards and let the other team take a turn.

What You Say:

“Isaiah 40:31 reminds us that when we trust in God, He gives us strength no matter what we face. Daniel knew that truth! Even when he was thrown into a den of lions, he trusted that God was right there with him. So if you ever feel afraid, tired, or unsure ... pause and remember:

*But those who trust in the LORD
will receive new strength.*

They will fly as high as eagles.—Isaiah 40:31a

“Remember, **God is always with you!**”

Inclusive Pro Tips:

- For a version with less movement, place the verse cards face down on a table.
- Let teams flip one card per turn to find the next word or phrase in the verse. If it's not next, flip it back, and let the next kid try.
- Allow kids to point, tap, or guide others if physical participation is limited.

4. Pray and Dismiss

What You Need:

- No supplies needed

Inclusive Supplies:

- Index cards
- Pencils

What To Do:

- Gather the kids together in a seated circle.
- Say, "Today we discovered that God is ALWAYS with us! Before we go, let's take a moment to talk to God. Prayer is how we talk to God anytime, anywhere, about anything! And since God is always with you, you can talk to Him anytime! Right now, you can pray out loud or quietly."
- Prayer starter prompts:
 - "God help me be brave when I'm scared."
 - "God help me to put my trust in You!"
 - "Thank You, God, for always being with me!"
- Close in prayer.

Prayer:

"God, thank You for loving us and always being with us. You were with Daniel in the lions' den, and You are with us too. Teach us how to go through life with You aware of Your presence. Fill us with confidence no matter what we face because You are with us. We love You, God, and we pray these things in Jesus' name! Amen!"

[As adults arrive, encourage the kids to show off their shields and share one way they can remember: "God is always with me!" Challenge them to tell someone at home the story of Daniel this week.]

Inclusive Pro Tips:

- Allow the kids to write or draw their prayers to God using an index card and a pencil.