

K-5TH

LARGE & SMALL GROUPS

NOV.-WEEK 3

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

PRE-SERVICE

GAME 15 MIN

LARGE GROUP [33 MIN]

OPENING GAME 10 MIN

WORSHIP 5 MIN

STORY VIDEO 13 MIN

BOTTOM LINE

WHAT'S OUR PART IN THE STORY

SALVATION MOMENT 5 MIN

SMALL GROUP [30-35 min]

APPLICATION 1 12 MIN

APPLICATION 2 12 MIN

CLOSING PRAYER 6 MIN

THIS MONTH



Today's Bible Story

Daniel and the Lions' Den
Daniel 6

Bottom Line

God is always with you.

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)

PRE-SERVICE GAME

“RED LIGHT, GREEN LIGHT, LION STYLE”

What You Need

- Floor tape

Welcome kids by name as they arrive with a high five, fist bump, or a wave!

What You Do

1. Use tape to outline a large box on the floor. This is the “safe zone.”
2. On the opposite side of your group space, use the tape to create a starting line that’s long enough for your group to stand behind.
3. When enough kids arrive, select one to be the “lion.”
4. Instruct the rest of the kids to gather behind the starting line.

Play Together

1. Explain how to play

- Say: “When the music starts, your job is to get across the room in the way that the leader says (crawl, hop, skip etc.) and try to make it to the safe zone without being caught moving.”
- The “lion” will stand on the front edge of the safe zone with their back turned.
 - When the music stops, the kids are to freeze, and the “lion” will spin around.
 - If the “lion” spots someone moving, that kid who has been spotted must return to the starting line.
 - Play various rounds and allow multiple kids to be the “lion.”

What You Say

“That was so fun! And it was so hard to keep calm when the ‘lion’ turned around!”

“In our true story from the Bible today, we’re going to hear about a man named Daniel who came up against a lot of lions. It was really scary, but he was used to trusting God—during scary times and all the time. He knew he didn’t face those lions alone. Let’s go discover more about who Daniel put his confidence in!”

LARGE GROUP

OPENING GAME

“SLEEPING LIONS”

What You Need

- No supplies needed

WORSHIP

STORY VIDEO

SALVATION MOMENT

What You Need

- Salvation cards
- Salvation sheet

What You Do

HOST:

“Hello, everyone! I’m so glad that you’re here today! All month long, we’re digging down to Bedrock: Building confidence in God, block by block. Because when you face tough situations, it’s so important to remember that God is with you—whether you’re walking past a barking dog, or like our main character in today’s story ... facing a bunch of roaring lions! Before we get started, I’ve got a game for us to play. And I’m going to need six volunteers.

→ **Choose six volunteers and bring them up on stage.**

“Very good. Now, I need one of you to be our zookeeper.

→ **Choose one kid and give them a safari hat to wear.**

“The rest of you get to be ... our lions!

→ **Optional: Give the kids lion-ear headbands to wear.**

“Our game is called Sleeping Lions! So when I say: ‘go to sleep,’ all of you lions find a spot on the stage and lie down to sleep—anywhere you want. It’s going to be our zookeeper’s job to wake you up! But lions, you want to stay asleep. In fact, if you move even a tiny bit, or laugh or say anything, then you’re out. Zookeeper, you can do anything to wake our sleeping lions ... except touch them! You can say something funny, or do silly things, or whatever you can imagine. You’ve got two minutes to wake the lions. I’ll set my timer here for two minutes. Ready? Lions, go to sleep!

→ **Start your timer. Encourage the zookeeper to try different techniques to make the lions laugh or move. Make sure to catch any lions who laugh or move. If time allows, you can play multiple rounds. When the game is over, instruct the lions to wake up.**

“Wow. You were an excellent zookeeper. And the rest of you were fantastic lions. Now that you’re awake, let’s everyone give a giant roar. Ready? RRRRROOOOOOOOAAAAR!

SMALL GROUP

APPLICATION 1

“VERSES TO TAKE WITH YOU”

What You Need

- Bible marked at Isaiah 40:31
- “Isaiah 40:31 Tags” Activity Page
- 3-inch cardstock circles
- Markers

What You Do

1. Gather the kids in a circle.
2. Call on a kid to read Isaiah 40:31 from the Bible out loud.
3. Ask if there are any words that are unfamiliar to the kids in the verse.
4. Repeat the verse together.

Create Together:

Set out:

- 3-inch cardstock circles
- “Isaiah 40:31 Tags” Activity Page stickers
- Invite the kids to create their very own keepsake coin using the following steps:
 - Step 1: Grab a 2-inch cardstock circle.
 - Step 2: Select two stickers from the “Isaiah 40:31 Tags” Activity Page.
 - Step 3: Place a sticker on each side of the cardstock circle.
 - Step 4: Decorate the border with markers.
- Encourage kids to keep the coin in their pocket or a special place to remind them that God is with them.

What You Say

Talk Together

1. “What’s something that feels hard for you? How does this verse remind you that God is with you?”
2. “How could this coin help you remember to pray or trust God in tough moments?”

→ *NOTE: Look for opportunities to have conversations about what it means to make a decision to follow Jesus! (If you need help with what to say, ask your ministry leader.)*

SMALL GROUP

BIBLE NAVIGATION TIPS

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Finding verses with Kindergarteners

- ① Guide children to open their Bibles to the marked page.
- ② Point to the book name at the top of the page as you say it aloud.
- ③ Guide them to find the big number on the page—this is the chapter number.
- ④ Guide them to look under the big number for the little number; this is the verse number. Tell them to leave their finger on the verse as you read it aloud.
- ⑤ Lead everyone to say the verse together.

Finding verses with 1st graders

- ① 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.
- ② When the kids find the table of contents, lead them to find the name of the book in the list. You can help by pointing out the first few letters of the book's name.
- ③ When the kids 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.
- ④ When they find the book, explain that the big numbers on the page are the chapter numbers. Help them find the right chapter.
- ⑤ When they find the chapter, explain that the small numbers are verse numbers. Help them find the correct verse in that chapter.

Finding verses with 2nd-3rd graders

- ① 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.)
- ② When the kids find the table of contents, lead them to find the name of the book in the list.
- ③ 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.
- ④ When they find the book, explain that the big numbers on the page are the chapter numbers. Help them find the correct chapter.
- ⑤ Then explain that the small numbers are verse numbers. Help them find the correct verse in that chapter.

SMALL GROUP

APPLICATION 2

“PICTURE THIS! MEMORY VERSE”

What You Need

- Bible marked at Isaiah 40:31
- Print “Isaiah 40:31 Pictures” Activity Pages

What You Do

1. Select a kid to open the Bible to Isaiah 40:31.
2. Read the verse aloud, then lead the group to repeat it together.
3. Review any words that might be unfamiliar to the kids.
4. Divide the kids into two teams.
5. Direct each team to sit in a circle.
6. Give each team a mixed-up set of the “Isaiah 40:31 Pictures” Activity Pages.

Play Together:

1. Say: “Your team will work together to figure out the correct order of the pictures based on Isaiah 40:31. Once you’re finished, raise your hands!”
2. If the kids need assistance, point out the numbers on the cards.
3. Check their picture order.
4. Repeat the verse together as a group, encouraging a kid from each team to point to the picture that illustrates that part of the verse as you go along.
5. Play another round if time allows.
6. Gather everyone to discuss.

WHAT YOU SAY

“I love this verse from the book of Isaiah! Have you ever seen a video of an eagle flying? Eagles can flap their wings, but most of the time, they soar! They spread their wings wide and let the wind carry them higher and higher without even flapping. That’s how God made them, to soar on the wind.

“God designed eagles to soar, and He designed YOU to trust Him so you can soar through life too.

“Trusting God means, when you’re tired, remembering, ‘Oh, God can do that!’ It means when you need help, remembering, ‘God will help me get through that!’ Trusting God means giving God the weight so you can soar like an eagle! Trusting God is letting yourself be carried by God’s strength, like an eagle rides the wind!

“And that trust in God gives you strength! It’s not just physical strength like lifting something heavy. It’s strength in your heart and mind—like the courage to do what’s right, the willingness to forgive, or the confidence to speak up.

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SMALL GROUP

APPLICATION 2 (CONT.)

“So when you feel nervous at school, or when your feelings are hurt, or when it’s hard to do what’s right, remember this promise: God is always with you. Trust Him and let His strength carry you through whatever you are facing!”

SMALL GROUP

PRAY AND DISMISS

What You Need

- 3rd-5th Graders - Index Cards & Pens**

What You Do

1. Gather the kids together in a seated circle.
2. 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."
3. 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!"
4. Close in prayer.

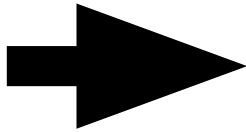
Prayer

"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!"

**3rd-5th- write down your prayer request on a index card and place inside the prayer box.*

GETTING READY

What You Need



PRE-SERVICE GAME

- Floor tape

OPENER GAME

- No supplies needed

SALVATION MOMENT

- Salvation cards
- Salvation sheet

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