

Lesson Plan

December 7th, 2025

This Month's Truth: I Am Never Alone

Bible Story: Angels visited Mary and Joseph (Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-38)

Theme Verse: A child will be born for us, a Son will be given to us. (Isaiah 9:6a)

Teachers rally with your team a few minutes before kids start to arrive: Rally is a pre-service time for you to be expectant and equipped before the kids start arriving. Go over the lesson and any ideas for the day! Pray over your space and for the kids that will be coming that they will be connected to the person of Jesus!

Share: As we celebrate Christmas this month, kids will learn that the promise of a Savior is a promise that God is always with us, so we can know we are never alone. This week, we are sharing the stories of when Mary and Joseph found out that they would be parents to Jesus, the Messiah. (Read Luke 1:35,37.) God encouraged and strengthened them in the midst of the angel's unexpected news. Kids can know God gives us strength when we love, trust, and follow Him.

Pray: Ask God to fill and strengthen your team as they serve.

Pre Service

Arrival time, please use this time to build relationships with kids and encourage them to build relationships with one another.

Service

What To Do:

- **Teacher** Start 5-minute countdown **5 minutes prior to service start time.** The Countdown Video is meant to be played as a signal to transition to Large Group. The video is fun and interactive with opportunities for the kids to respond and cheer. Help kids engage and interact with the video by calling out what's happening, asking for their guesses, and cheering with them.

Teacher Opener: Hey, everyone! Welcome! My name is ____, and I am so excited to be here with you today because we are talking about the best gift ever! Say, “Best gift ever!” (Best gift ever!) Awesome! Today, we are going to learn all about an incredible gift. Ask, “What incredible gift?” (What incredible gift?) We will find out soon, but this incredible gift means we can know we are never alone because God is with us. Let me hear you say, “I am never alone!” (I am never alone!) Let’s go!

Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John Corner Game

We’re going to play a game called “Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John”. Does anyone know where we know these names from? (The Bible, The Gospels). This game is going to be like a game called Four Corners. Does everyone know this game?

For this game I need a volunteer to be It. It will stand in the middle between all the Gospel names. They will close their eyes and count to 10. Then everyone else will quietly go to one of the Gospel names. The person that is It will say, “Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. I pick. . .” and then choose one of the Gospel names. Any kids standing near the sign of the name picked will move to stand in the middle with It. The game will continue until only one kid is left at a Gospel name. That kid then becomes It for the next round.

Leader Tip: Play however many rounds as time allows.

What You Say: Great job everyone! That game was so fun and what a great way for us to memorize the books of the Gospel.

Today, we get to learn the amazing truth that God is always with us, so we are never alone. Say, “I am never alone!” (I am never alone!) No matter what, God is always with you—He never leaves you!

Transition Script to go into the Intro Video: As we learn about the truth that we are never alone, we get to check out a cool invention! Ask, “What invention?” (What invention?) I am so glad you asked! Let’s see what this do-it-yourself master named DIY Dan has to show us. Count down with me, 3-2-1!

Play Intro Video

What You Say: Wow! The Mega-Muscle Machine gave DIY Dan enough strength to get that tree house up into the tree, even if it did not land exactly where he wanted it to! That helps us remember how God gives us strength every single day to know and follow Him, no matter what! Sometimes things do not go exactly as planned, but when we trust in God, He gives us the

strength we need to follow Him. And guess what? God's strength never fails us! Say, "Never fails!" (Never fails!) Whether it is standing up for what is right, helping a friend, or doing something hard, God is always with us, and He give us His strength. Say, "God gives me strength!" (God gives me strength!)

Worship

What You Say: Let's all stand up and get ready for worship this morning!

What To Do:

- Turn lights off
- 2-3 songs of worship
- **Teachers and Small Group Leaders worship with the kids, modeling what it looks like to give God our praise. Stand in the front of the room, or next to the kids- but not in the back.**
- Dismiss the kids back to their seats when the songs are over

Bible Story Video

Transition script Teachers please use this to set-up the Bible Story and to encourage the use of Bibles in the classroom with the Kids: (Open the Bible to Luke 1:26-38.) Today, we are diving into an amazing story from the Bible. From the what? (Bible!) The Bible is God's true message to us about Himself. This Bible story is all about a woman named Mary and a man named Joseph. It shows God working in an amazing way! How cool is that? Say, "Way cool!" (Way cool!) Let's open up to the book of Matthew. We can find it in the second part of the Bible called the New Testament! Let's dig in and see how God gives us strength. Say "God gives me strength." (God gives me strength!)

What To Do:

- Play the Bible Story
- When it's over, turn lights back on and ask what the Bible story was about (as well as the questions below), have kids respond, take some answers from the **small group leaders** and share some yours as well, use the script below to help make the connection for the kids.

Questions to consider asking after the video:

- What is something that you learned about God from the video?
- What is something that you learned about people?
- What can you take away from the video?
 - How can you apply the lesson from today into your life?

Making The Connection Script: Wow! Joseph and Mary had questions about what the angel shared with them. But even though they had questions, they both decided to trust God and the plan He had for them. Things in life may confuse us too or maybe even feel impossible! Situations happen that we cannot seem to understand. But guess what? We are never alone! God is always with us. Just like He was with Mary and Joseph, He is with you, and He gives you strength! Let me hear you say, “God gives me strength!” (God gives me strength!) When we do not know what to do, we can turn to God, like Mary and Joseph did. We can pray and trust Him! Let me hear you say, “I am never alone!” (I am never alone!)

If you have any questions about following Jesus or want to know more about God’s strength, talk to me or a leader! We would love to help you understand how much God loves you and how you can follow Him every day!

Offering

What To Do:

- Play video explaining offering to kids
- Play offering time video while kids pass the bucket
- Ask a student(s) to come up and pray over the offering

Theme Verse Review:

Choose between the Video-Led Theme Verse option or the Host-Led Theme Verse option.

Theme Verse Motions:

A child will be born for us, (Cross and cradle your arms like you are holding a baby.)

a son will be given to us. (Spread your arms in front of you with palms up.)

Isaiah 9:6a (Hold your hands out like a book.)

Option #1: Put the memory verse slide on the screen.

What You Say: We are going to learn a verse from the Bible to always remember that we are never alone. Say, "I am never alone!" (I am never alone!) Stand up on your feet and let's learn our Theme verse!

Repeat after me: (Use the motions above.)

A child will be born for us, (A child will be born for us,)

a son will be given to us. (a son will be given to us.)

Isaiah 9:6a (Isaiah 9:6a)

Great job! Now let's say it in our super deep voice!

A child will be born for us, (A child will be born for us,)

a son will be given to us. (a son will be given to us.)

Isaiah 9:6a (Isaiah 9:6a)

That was funny! Great job, everyone! It is amazing to know that God gave us the best gift ever!

Say, "Best gift ever!" (Best gift ever!) That is right! Jesus is the best gift ever because He makes the way to have a relationship with God. We have the gift of knowing that we are never alone, and when we put our trust in Jesus, God gives us the strength to follow Him!

Option #2: Play Memory verse video

What You Say: We are going to learn a verse from the Bible to always remember that we are never alone. Say, "I am never alone!" (I am never alone!)

Play Memory Verse Video

What You Say: It is amazing to know that God gave us the best gift ever! Say, "Best gift ever!" (Best gift ever!) That is right! Jesus is the best gift ever because He makes the way to have a relationship with God. We have the gift of knowing that we are never alone, and when we put our trust in Jesus, God gives us the strength to follow Him!

Large Group Closing:

What You Say: At Christmas, you can celebrate that God is with you, just like He was with Mary and Joseph! Even when things seem confusing or scary, you are never alone. God is always right there with you, giving you the strength to face what is happening around you. Say, "God gives me strength!" (God gives me strength!) That is right! God loves you so much, and He is ready to

help you follow and trust Him, no matter what. So, when you feel unsure or need help, you can turn to God. He is always ready to give you strength to trust and follow Him. Let's pray together and ask God to help us remember this today! Let's pray!

Closing Prayer: God, thank You for always being with us. Thank You for sending Jesus to be our Savior and for giving us the strength we need to follow You. Please help us trust You when we are scared or do not know what to do. We know You are always with us, and we can rely on You. Amen.

Transition to Small Group Time: Split the kids into small groups. This can be done either by age, grade, or gender.

Small Group Time:

Option #1: Connection Questions

1. What is the best gift you have ever received, and why was it so special to you? (Allow kids to answer and share your own answer.)
2. A Christmas tree base is important when it comes to having a Christmas tree in your home. What would happen if you did not have a base? (The tree would fall.) That is right; the tree would fall because it does not have the strength to stand on its own. We can remember that God gives us strength and helps us stand firm, like a Christmas tree base. When would it help you to remember that God gives you strength? (Allow kids to answer and share your own answer.)
3. The Bible tells us that we are never alone, and God gives us strength. Let's open our Bibles to Luke 1:35 and 37 and read about it together. (Invite kids to open their Bibles. Read the passage aloud or invite a kid who volunteers to read the passage aloud. Be sure to have Bibles available for kids who need one. Help kids find the passage so everyone can follow along together.) The angel told Mary that God's Spirit would make her the mother of Jesus, God's Son. Even though Mary may have been nervous or confused, God gave her strength to believe this message from the angel. What are some challenging things that kids your age face? How can it help to remember that God is your strength? (Answers will vary, but may include that people can be mean at school. My family has to move somewhere new. People in my family are fighting. I lied and feel bad about it. I can remember that God is always with me, forgives me, and gives me the strength to follow Him.)

4. God sent His Son, Jesus, so we can have a relationship with God forever and know that we are never alone. How can you be encouraged to turn to God for strength when we you are feeling confused, lonely, or when things are hard? (Answers may include that I can pray. I can find Bible verses to encourage me. I can talk with friends and adults who love and follow God.)
5. The Bible tells us that, because of Jesus, we are never alone—and what an amazing gift that is! What is something you learned today? (Allow kids to answer and share your own answer.) Is there anything you have questions about? (Allow kids to ask questions.) Let's pray and talk to God. (Lead the group in prayer. Consider using the following prayer prompt.)

Option #2: Theme Verse Coloring Page

What To Do: We're going to decorate a coloring page today for us to take home and help us remember our Theme Verse for this month. Let's open our Bibles to Isaiah 9:6a. Our Theme Verse for the month is "A child will be born for us, a Son will be given to us." (Isaiah 9:6a). We're going to take colored pencils, crayons, markers, and stickers to decorate our Theme Verse coloring page.

Loud And Clear: Like how Mary and Joseph trusted God's plan when the angel told them about Jesus' birth, we can trust God with our lives too! They did not understand everything at first, but they obeyed and trusted God. Even though something may not make sense to us, we know that we can still trust God to work out His good plan in our lives! Shout with me, "God gives me strength to trust Him!" (God gives me strength to trust Him!)

Option #3: Activity Page

What To Do: This activity page helps us remember some big things we've learned about today. As you color and work on activities, talk to a friend about some of your favorite parts of our time together.

Leader Tip: Use this time to get to know the kids better. Ask them what they remember about the Bible story or remind them that Jesus is the best gift ever!

Loud And Clear: As you work on the activity page, remember that the best gift ever, Jesus, was sent to be with us, just like the angel told Mary and Joseph. Jesus gives us strength and walks with us through life, so we are never alone. Like how Mary and Joseph trusted God's plan, we can trust that God will always be with us and give us the strength we need to follow Him.

Close out in prayer:

What To Do:

- Ask for any specific prayer requests
- Pray with the group
- Lead the group in the prayer below.

What You Say: God thank You for being so trustworthy and always keeping Your promises. We are so grateful that we can trust You, no matter what happens in our lives. Thank You for giving us the strength to follow You and do what is right, even when it feels hard. We know we are never alone because You are always with us, just like You were with Mary and Joseph. Help us to trust You more every day and remember Your great love for us. Amen.

Dismissal:

Leader Tip: Work with your team to dismiss the kids in a fun, manageable, and safe way. As kids leave, make sure they have all of the crafts and papers. Share with the person picking them up something positive you observed today. Invite them back next week.