



WEEK
TWO
SEPTEMBER 2021

SMALL GROUP
3-5 YEAR
-OLDS

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

WORSHIP

STORY

GROUPS

HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO CREATE

an activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible story, bottom line, or memory verse by creating a craft to take home



2. STORY MEMORY MATCH

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Story Memory Match Stickers" and "Story Parent Note" Activity Pages, Avery® #5163 labels or equivalent, index cards, cardstock, zipper bags, and scissors

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Story Memory Match Stickers" on label paper, one sheet of stickers per child. Copy "Story Parent Note" on cardstock and cut on dotted lines, one per child. If you don't have index cards, pre-cut cardstock into cards. Each child needs ten cards.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Assist the children in making their own set of Story Memory Match cards to take home. Put each child's Story Memory Match cards in a zipper bag along with a "Story Parent Note" to take home. Use a set of Story Memory Match cards to play a game of memory match as you review the story.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Talk about how God was with Deborah and helped her be wise. God is with us and help us be wise, too."

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Hi, friends! Come sit with me. I have something that will help us remember the Bible story we heard today."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "First, we need to make Story Memory Match cards. Everyone will have their very own set to take home when we're done! Everyone needs ten cards. *(Give each child ten cards.)*

"Now for the story stickers! Our first story sticker is Deborah. *(Hold up the Deborah sticker.)* Deborah was a judge and helped God's people know the right thing to do. I will give you two Deborah stickers. Put a Deborah sticker on two of your cards. *(Assist when needed.)* Now you have two Deborah Story Memory Match cards.

"Our next story sticker is a tree. *(Hold up the tree sticker.)* Deborah would stand under a tree so people would know where she was when they needed her help. I will give you two tree stickers. Put a tree sticker on two of your cards. *(Assist when needed.)* Now you have two tree Story Memory Match cards.

"Our next story sticker is a group of people. *(Hold up the people sticker.)* The people would go see Deborah at the tree when they needed help with their hard questions. I will give you two people stickers. Put a people sticker on two of your cards. *(Assist when needed.)* Now you have two people Story Memory Match cards. We're almost done!

BIBLE STORY

God is with me
so I can be wise.

DEBORAH
JUDGES 4 AND 5

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

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"Our next story sticker is an ear. (*Hold up the ear sticker.*) What do we do with our ears? (*Pause.*) Yes, we listen with our ears. Deborah used her ears to listen to God and all of the people. I will give you two ear stickers. Put an ear sticker on two of your cards. (*Assist when needed.*) Now you have two ear Story Memory Match cards.

"For our last story sticker, we have a . . . (*hold up the heart sticker*) yes, a heart! Deborah knew God loved her and was always with her so she could be a wise leader. I will give you two heart stickers. Put a heart sticker on two of your cards. (*Assist when needed.*) Now you have all of your Story Memory Match cards! That means we can play Story Memory Match together!"

(*As you play, when a child makes a match, briefly say the same words from above that tell what the image has to do with the Bible story.*)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "God is with us, helping us be wise just like He was with Deborah. So when I ask, '**Who is always with you?**', you say '**God is always with me.**' **Who is always with you? God is always with me!** Yes, He is! Now let's make sure all of your Story Memory Match cards and Story Parent Note get in your bag to take home."



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an activity that encourages personal
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6. JOURNAL AND PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Paperclip "Memory Verse Card" in
your Bible at 2 Chronicles 32:8, journal, and fun-shaped
pen

SMALL GROUP LEADER (SGL): "It's Small Group time!
Today, we'll silly dance all the way to our small group spot.

Be silly and follow me! (*Encourage the children to do a silly dance with you as
you lead them to your small group spot.*) And stop! We made it. Now we can
sit down and talk about today's Bible story. One, two, three, sit down with me!
(*Open the Bible and lay it in front of the children.*)

"Our Bible story, today, was about how people would go to Deborah when they
had hard questions. I don't think they silly danced to Deborah though, because
they had very important questions to ask her. Deborah had a very important
job. She would listen to people then tell them the wise thing to do. Deborah
was able to do this because she knew God was always with her, helping her be
wise.

"God is always with us, too. That's why when I ask, '**who is always with you?**',
you say, '**God is always with me!**' Let me hear you say it. **Who is always
with you?**"

CHILDREN AND SGL: "**God is always with me.**"

SGL: "Again! **Who is always with you?**"

CHILDREN AND SGL: "**God is always with me.**"

SGL: "And the Bible verse we're learning will help us remember that God is
with us and wants to help us. It says . . . (*Turn the pages of your Bible to the
Memory Verse Card.*)

"'We have the Lord our God to help us,' 2 Chronicles 32:8. (*Close Bible and lay
it down.*)

"Let's stand up and say that together with the motions. Just say what I say and
do what I do."

CHILDREN AND SGL: "'We have (*bend wrists and tap fingertips to chest*) the
Lord our God (*point up*) to help us,' (*right thumbs-up on top of left palm*) 2
Chronicles 32:8." (*Open hands like a book.*)

(*Repeat the verse with motions a few times.*)

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(6. JOURNAL AND PRAYER, CONTINUED)

SGL: "Yay! Good job! (Give two thumbs-up.) Now let's sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (Hold journal and fun-shaped pen.)

"Deborah needed help knowing the wise things to say and do. She knew God was always with her, helping her be wise. Today, we'll make a list of things we need help with. We all need help, right? Right!

"So when I say your name, tell me something you need help with. I will write it in our prayer journal. Get ready and listen for your name!

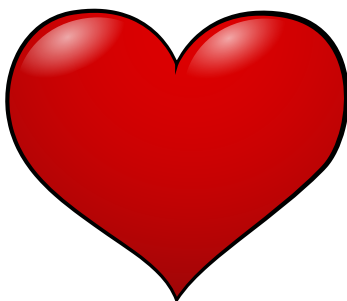
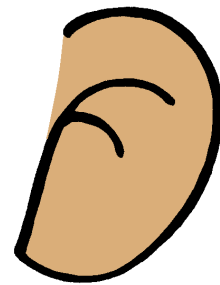
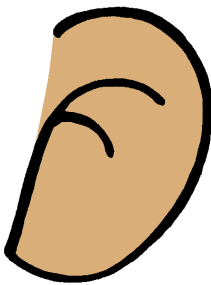
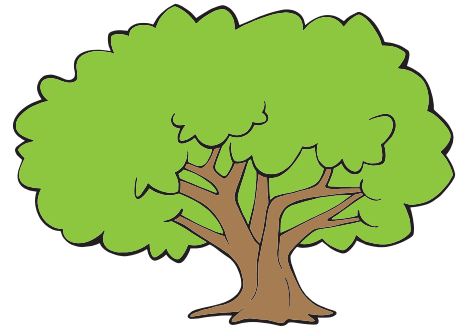
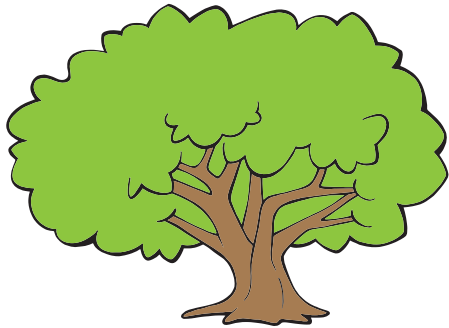
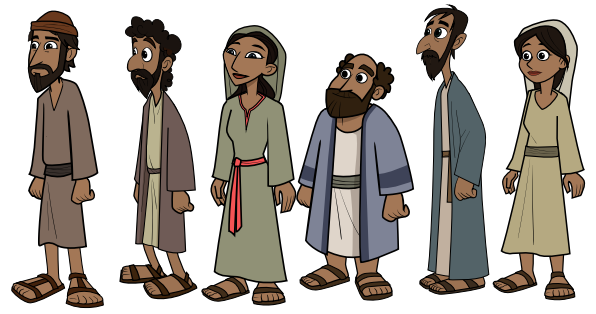
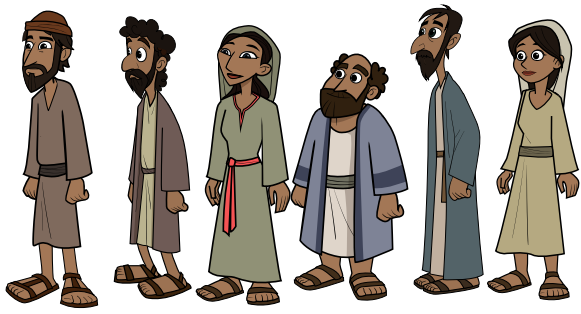
(Say each child's name and write down what they say. Remember to print the names so the children can recognize their names and the letters.)

"Thank you for making this list with me. We can use it when we pray. Would anyone like to pray before I pray?"

(Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.)

PRAYER

SGL: "Dear God, Thank You for the Bible. It is full of so many stories about people You have helped, like Deborah. You were always with her and helped her be a wise leader. We believe You are always with us and will help us, too. Please help [child's name] with [what they listed], and [child's name] with [what they listed] . . . (continue with each child). You are the best, God, and we love You. In Jesus' name, amen."



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