

CITY SG – November 15th - 16th, 2025

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)*

PRE- SERVICE ACTIVITY

What You Need: Thanksgiving activity sheet, Pencils, markers

What You Do:

- Greet each kid by name with a fist bump, high-five, smile, or wave as they arrive!
- Invite any kids who brought an offering to place it in the offering container.
- Give each kid a Thanksgiving activity sheet.
- Ask kids get to know you questions as they complete their activity pages.

SMALL GROUP TIME

1. God is My Shield

Application Activity

What You Need: Shield craft, coloring supplies, stickers, tape

What You Do:

- Give every kid a paper shield and strip.
- Using the tape given, help kids adhere the strip to the back of the shield for a handle.
- Set out the coloring supplies and stickers.
- Have the kids write, "God is always with me" in the middle of shield.
- 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.*
- Ask "What is a time when you needed to trust God just like Daniel? (*Pause for answers.*)
- Say: "This shield can't actually protect you, but hang it up somewhere at home to remind you that God really is your shield. He surrounds you, protects you, and is always with you."

2. Act it Out

Bible Story Review

What You Need: "Story Images" Activity Pages (one set per group)

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.

Say, “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!”

3. Verse Roll

What You Need: a soft ball

- Guide kids to sit in a large circle.
- Invite a volunteer to recite the monthly memory verse, then say it a few times together. *“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)
- Give one kid the ball.
- Lead kids to say the verse word by word (with help as needed) as they pass to ball to the person next to them. Play a few times, getting faster each time.
- Try it again, but instead of passing the ball, roll the ball to someone across the circle saying one word of the verse at a time.
- Play as time allows, encouraging kids to say the verse faster each round.

AT THE 5- MINUTE CALL: PRAY

- Ask, “Does anyone have any prayer requests or things they want to thank God for from this week? *(Let the kids share their prayer requests and praises)*”
- “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!”

PARENT PICK UP POINT: As adults arrive to pick up, encourage the kids to show off their shields and share one way they can remember: “God is always with me!”