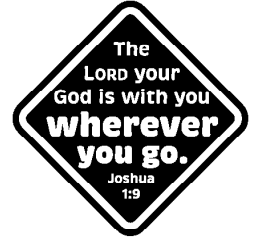




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God is with us on the journey.



Bible Story

Abraham & Sarah Follow God (Genesis 12:1-9)

Today we learned about a man named Abraham and his wife, Sarah. God told Abraham to leave the land where he lived and go to a land that God would show him. God promised Abraham that he would not be alone, but that God would go with him on the journey. God also promised to bless Abraham and Sarah. Abraham and Sarah did not know where God would take them, but they trusted God to go with them and care for them. Abraham and Sarah obeyed God and took their whole household with them on the journey. When they arrived in a place called Canaan, God told Abraham that this is the land God had promised them. Abraham responded to God's fulfillment of the promise by traveling all over that land, building altars to God and worshipping God on that land. Abraham realized that God had kept the promise to go with him, Sarah, and their whole household on the journey to Canaan, the land God promised them.

Family Follow-Up

Our Road Trip is one journey we will take with God together, but God is always with us on all of life's journeys! What are some ways we can remember that God is with us?

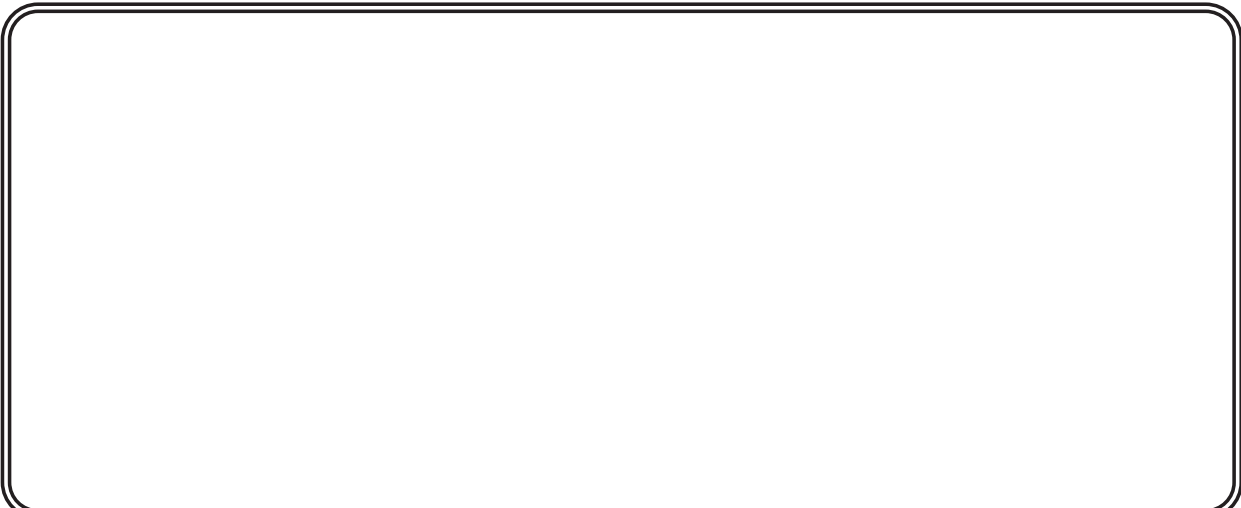
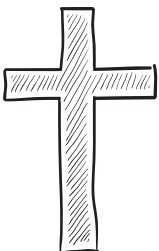
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God is with us when we go off course.



Bible Story

The Israelites Take the Scenic Route

(Exodus 13:17-22) Today, we heard a story about the Israelites, some of the descendants of Abraham and Sarah, who we learned about in our last session. The Israelites had been enslaved by the pharaoh in Egypt, but God led them out of slavery and promised to return them to the land that God had promised Abraham.

In this story, we learned about the special way God guided the Israelites from Egypt to the promised land. It would've been dangerous for the Israelites to go directly from Egypt to Canaan because the pharaoh's army would be on that path. Instead, God guided the Israelites on an indirect path out of Egypt. God led them through a column of cloud during the day and a column of lightning at night. Because it was God in the column leading the Israelites, they did not have to rely on human leadership. God showed the Israelites that God's presence was with them even on an unexpected path.

Family Follow-Up

Let's think of some ways that God leads us.

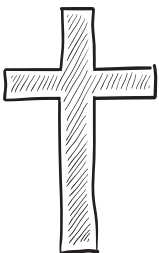
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God is with us when we're joyful.



Bible Story

Mary & Elizabeth's Family Reunion

(Luke 1:39-56) Our story today picked up just after Mary received a very special visitor and a very special message: The angel Gabriel told her that she would be the mother of a child named Jesus, God's Son! When Mary heard this news, the first thing she did was hurry to visit her relative Elizabeth, who was also expecting a child. As soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child she was carrying leapt for joy! The Bible story tells us that Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and proclaimed a blessing on Mary. When Mary heard these words, she was also filled with joy! She praised God for choosing her to carry God's Son. Mary realized that the child who would be born to her would reverse the roles of the fortunate and the unfortunate, and she thanked God for this. She also thanked God for fulfilling all of God's promises, and for continuing to fulfill the promises God made to her ancestor, Abraham, so long ago. Mary gave thanks to God for being with her during this time of great joy!

Family Follow-Up

Mary responded to God's presence in her time of joy by praising God. How can you thank God for the joy you experience?

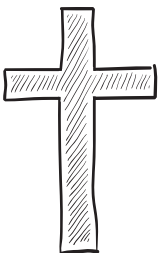
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God is with us when we're lonely.



Bible Story

Jesus Visits Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10)

Today we heard a story about Jesus's travels from Galilee to Jerusalem. On this journey, Jesus traveled through a city called Jericho, where he was greeted by a very large crowd. One of the people of Jericho who wanted to see Jesus was a man named Zacchaeus. Zacchaeus was a tax collector, so he was disliked by the people because he took money from the people unfairly to give it to the Roman Emperor. In the story, Zacchaeus could not see Jesus over the large crowd that gathered, so he climbed into a sycamore tree to get a better view of Jesus as he passed by. Even though Zacchaeus was alone in the tree, Jesus noticed him and invited himself to Zacchaeus's house. The crowd was shocked at Jesus's grace toward Zacchaeus, who had a reputation for corruption. Zacchaeus was so blown away by Jesus's grace that he said he would repay those he wronged four times what he owed them. Zacchaeus's story taught us that we can never be so lonely, even from our own wrongdoing, that God is not with us!

Family Follow-Up

Draw a picture of what it feels like to be lonely. Then, draw a representation of God's presence with you in the picture to remind you that God is with you when you're lonely!

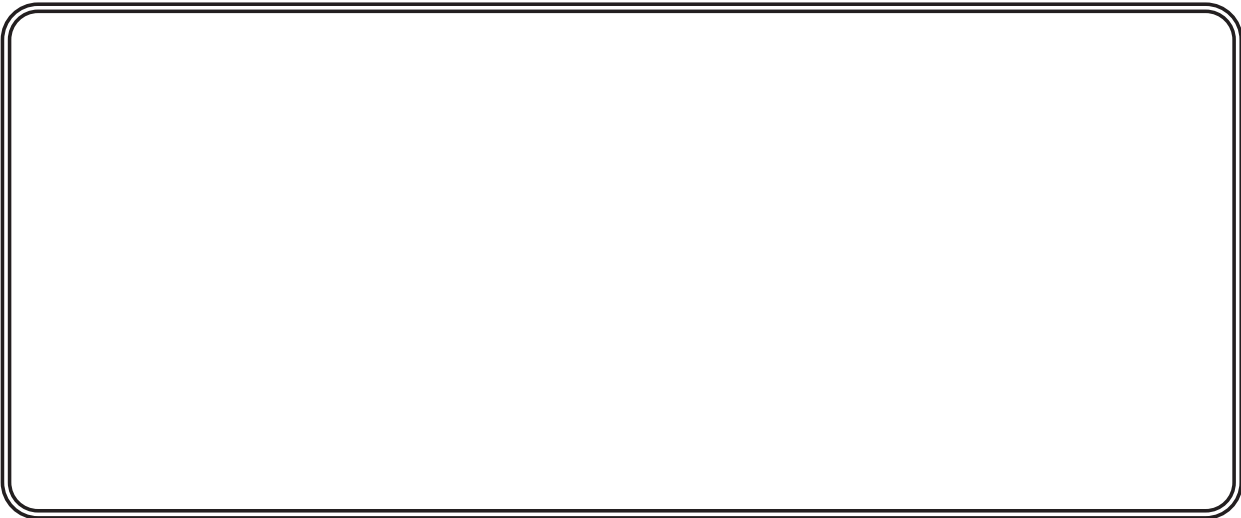
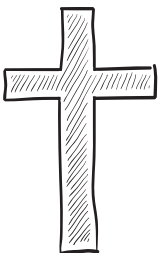
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God is with us near and far.



Bible Story

On the Road with Paul (Acts 18:1-11)

Today we learned one story about how the message of Jesus continued after his death and resurrection through a man named Paul. Paul traveled all over the area around the Mediterranean Sea to spread the good news of God's kingdom. In the story we heard today, Paul traveled to a city called Corinth, where he met a couple named Aquila and Priscilla who had been kicked out of Rome because they were Jewish. Paul, Priscilla, and Aquila worked together to create leather goods at the Synagogue, and Paul shared the gospel message with the people there. After he was rejected by the leaders of the Synagogue, he began sharing the gospel in the home of a Gentile God-worshiper named Titius Justus. After Paul left Corinth and continued his travels, he wrote letters to the church he had established there, teaching them about love, encouragement, and building each other up. God was with Paul on all of his journeys, no matter how near or far!

Family Follow-Up

What is the farthest from home you have ever been? Could you feel God's presence with you there? If so, how? If not, what are some ways you can remember that God is always with you?

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Today, as a Traveler at Road! Trip VBS, I learned that God is with us near and far. I had so much fun at Road Trip! VBS! I look forward to seeing you again at Sunday School and church!

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