

Today's Suggested Schedule—November 2025, Week 3

Bible Story: Daniel and the Lions' Den • *Daniel 6*

Conversion Starter: When have you felt alone?

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)

OPENER

HOST: "Hey, everybody! Welcome to Bedrock—where we're building confidence, block by block! I'm so glad you're here.

"Let's get things started with a game called ... Bedrock Build. Now, I don't know about you, but when I'm playing a building video game like in our theme, you have to really know the right way to build things. Who would say that they're pretty good at building? *(Wait for responses.)*

"Well, today you'll get to test how much you can *trust* those building skills. This is how you play!

Point to the two sets of cups.

"In just a second, I'm going to split you into 2 groups of builders to build a strong tower. I'll give you 2 minutes to create the tallest and strongest tower out of your team's cups. After that timer is over, we're going to test the tower's strength together.

Point to the bin of ball pit balls.

"Then, once we've got those towers built, I'm going to give you a chance to try to knock down these two towers.

"Whichever tower is still standing in 30 seconds will be the winner!

"Do you think you can trust your building skills? Let's choose our two builders. If you want a chance to build, raise your hands!

Choose two sets of two volunteers from the kids who are raising their hands. Set each pair down by a set of 25-30 cups. Start the timer and let the two teams build for two minutes. Comment on their building abilities.

"Oh, wow! These are some pretty great towers! Let's see if they can stand up to the challenge.

Distribute the ball pit balls as you'd like. (Or give a few kids access to the bin of ball pit balls.)

"Is everyone ready who is going to test the towers' strength? Let me get my timer ready! Alright, ready, set, throw!

Start the timer for 30 seconds and see which tower is standing after. (Or none! Or both!) Congratulate the winning team(s) and dismiss the volunteers to their seat.

"Those were some pretty great towers—those builders really needed to trust that their skills would keep their tower up!

"Today, we're going to learn about Someone even better whom we can trust. But before that, it's time to worship God! So let's stand up and sing together!"

BIBLE STORY

VIDEO: *So&So Starting at 2:44*

LANDING

COMMUNICATOR: “Wow! What an incredible adventure we just heard! Imagine Daniel, surrounded by the deep, echoing roars of lions, the darkness pressing in all around him. He must have felt scared, right? But Daniel wasn’t alone for even a second. Why? Because the God who created the universe—the God who made the stars and knows your name—was right there with him in that lions’ den!”

“Let’s shout our Bottom Line together, with all the confidence of Daniel: ‘God is always with you!’ Ready? 1, 2, 3—”

COMMUNICATOR and KIDS: God is always with you.

“That’s awesome! And guess what? That truth isn’t just for Daniel—it’s for you. Whether you’re laughing with friends at recess, sitting alone on the bus, facing a tough moment at home, or even lying awake at night feeling worried, God is right there. He promises that He’ll never leave you or abandon you. He’s always present, giving you strength and courage, just like He did for Daniel!”

“Let’s think about our Conversation Starter for a second.

SLIDE: *Conversation Starter*

[Conversation Starter] “When have you felt alone?”

“Maybe it was your first day at a new school. Maybe you were sick, or someone let you down. Maybe your heart was pounding before a big test, or you moved to a new school and didn’t know anyone. Take a quiet second and remember how that felt.

“Daniel knew what it was like to feel alone, surrounded by people who didn’t believe what

he believed. But Daniel knew he could talk to God anytime, anywhere. And so can you.

“No matter how alone you might feel, God is right there. You can talk to Him anytime—He’s always listening. Let’s chew on that Conversation Starter as we head to our Small Groups. And let’s pray together now.”

PRAYER

COMMUNICATOR: “God, thank You that You are always with us. When life feels scary or overwhelming, help us trust You, just like Daniel did. Help us remember that You go with us in everything we face, and may that give us confidence. We love You and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

Bible Story Extension

Talk about God | Bible Story Review

Made to Explore

Budget-friendly

What You Need:

- ☐ Clear plastic cups
- ☐ Paper towels
- ☐ Large, clear storage bin filled with water
- ☐ Plastic tablecloth

Before you begin, watch this video for an example of the experiment: bit.ly/46hx5QX

What You Do:

- Setup outside
- Give every kid one paper towel and one clear cup.
- Invite them to gather around the tablecloth.
- Kick off with these Bible Story Review questions:
 - Why was Daniel thrown into the lions’ den in the first place?
 - How did Daniel respond when he knew he could get in trouble for praying?
 - What happened in the morning when the king went to check on

Daniel after Daniel had spent the night in the lions' den?

Explore Together

- Direct the kids to wad up the paper towel and firmly wedge it into the bottom of the empty cup so it won't fall out or fall down when the cup is turned upside down.
- Ask, "What do you think will happen if I push this cup straight down into the water, upside down?"
- Say: "Push your cup straight down (don't tilt!) into the water until it's fully submerged. Then, remove the cup and pull out the paper towel—it will be dry!"
- Invite every kid to take turns giving it a try.
- Ask: "Why do you think the paper towel was able to stay dry?"
 - Explain that the air trapped in the cup acts like a barrier, protecting the paper towel from getting wet.

Talk Together

- Explain that Daniel was surrounded by danger, but God protected him, like the air protected the paper towel. Daniel walked out of the lions' den untouched because God was with him!
- Ask:
 - Why do you think Daniel wasn't touched or hurt by the lions? Who protected him, even when it looked impossible?
 - If God can keep Daniel safe in a den full of lions, what does that tell us about who God is when we're facing scary or impossible situations?
- **[Make It Personal] (Share about a time when you faced a scary situation, but how remembering that God was with you helped you get through it. How did you remind yourself that God was with you?)**

Take a Snapshot

Live for God | Application Activity

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What You Need:

- ☐ Opaque cups
- ☐ Index cards
- ☐ Pencils

What You Do:

- Give every kid a cup, an index card, and a pencil.
- Ask: "When have you felt alone or nervous at school, home, or anywhere else?"
- Invite the kids to write (or draw) their answer on one side of their card.
- Ask: "What's something you discovered about God through Daniel's story?"
 - *Kids might say, God is always with me, God is trustworthy, God is in control, etc.*
- Invite the kids to write (or draw) their answer on the other side of their card.
- Instruct them to fold the card and drop it in their cup.
- Gather in a circle. Let kids share what they wrote (if they'd like).

Talk Together

- Hold up a cup. Say: "We can't see what's inside the cup. In the same way, we can't always see God, but He is always with us, just like He was with Daniel. Daniel trusted God, even when he couldn't see Him, and God heard his prayers."
- Say: "The same God who shut the mouths of lions for Daniel is the God who listens to you, walks with you, and goes with you everywhere you go."
- Ask: What is some evidence that shows that God wants to be close to you and with you all of the time?
- Say: "God wants to be your friend so much that Jesus came and gave His life

to pay for your sins so that nothing could separate you from Him. Then, when you choose to follow Jesus, the Holy Spirit, God's very Spirit, comes to live inside of you. God is closer than close! God has done all of this to be close to you!"

- Ask: What can you do to remind yourself that God is always with you? *(It can help us remember that God is with us if we talk to Him all the time throughout our day, about everything.)*
- Ask: There are a lot of times when we don't feel like God is with us. How can we remind ourselves that He is?
- Say: "When it doesn't feel like God is with us, sometimes it helps to remember the times when He was with us in the past, even when we didn't feel Him. If we look back on our lives, we will see that He has been with us every minute!"

Discussion Questions

Talk about God | Bible Story Review

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What You Need:

- ☐ No supplies needed

What You Do:

- When have you felt alone?
- When have you felt like you were standing alone for something you believed was right? What did you do?
 - How can you remember that God is with you in moments like that?
- Why do you think God allowed Daniel to go through something so hard? What good came out of it?
- What can you do to help remind yourself throughout the day that God is always with you?