



# ACTIVITIES FOR K2-K5 CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES

## October 17, 2021 - Week 1

**Today's Bible Story:** God is always with me.

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego • *Daniel 3:1-28*

**Memory Verse:** "God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9, NLT

**Key Question:** Who's got it?

**Bottom Line:** God's got it.

**Basic Truth:** God loves me.

## Put Out the Fire

*Made to Move: An activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn*

**What You Need:** Three empty, clear two-liter bottles; red and yellow tissue paper; and a blue pit ball or other blue ball

### **What You Do:**

*Before the Activity:* Remove the label from each two-liter bottle. Fill each empty, dry bottle with red or yellow tissue paper. Set the bottles upright on the floor in a "V" formation (like bowling pins). Set the blue ball three feet away on the floor in your activity area.

*During the Activity:* Line up the children behind the blue ball. Let the children take turns rolling the blue ball (water) to knock down the pins (fire). Make sure each child rolls the ball and retrieves it. Sanitize the ball and then hand it to the next child in line so that everyone has a turn. Repeat as time and interest allow.

*After the Activity:* Gather the bottles and the ball to set aside.

### **What You Say:**

*Before the Activity:* "Friends, come stand here with me. Do you see our bottles here? They look like fire! Let's roll the ball, which is blue like water, to knock over the bottles and put out the fire. After you roll the ball, run to pick it up, and bring it back so everyone can have a turn. Let's put out that fire!"

*After the Activity:* "Great job, little fire fighters! In our Bible story, we'll hear about some men who faced a VERY hot fire, but they didn't have any water to put it out. Let's find out what happened."

## **Red and Yellow Make FIRE!**

*Made to Imagine: An activity that lets preschoolers pretend, imagine, and role play to enhance their learning*

**What You Need:** Red and yellow washable finger paint, gallon size zip-top bags, and wide masking tape

### **What You Do:**

*Before the Activity:* Lay several zip-top bags flat on the table and carefully place some yellow finger paint inside the bags on one side and red finger paint on the other side. Carefully push all the air out of the bags and secure the top. Tape all four sides of the zip-top bags to the table.

*During the Activity:* Encourage the children to use their fingers to combine the two colors to make “fire.” Be sure to give each child their own bag or wipe down bag between children.

*After the Activity:* Pull up the tape and discard the bags of for clean-up.

### **What You Say:**

*Before the Activity:* “Everyone, gather around the bags of paint. What colors do you see? *(Pause.)* Yes, red and yellow! These are the colors of fire. Let’s use our fingers to mix the two colors together!”

*During the Activity:* “I love your new combinations of color! They look beautiful.”

*After the Activity:* “Way to go, friends! Remember, these are the colors of fire. Let’s pay close attention in our Bible story to hear all about a fire.”

## **Memory Verse with Motions**

### **Hear from God | Memory Verse Review**

*Made to Move: An activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn*

**What You Need:** No supplies needed.

#### **What You Do:**

*Before the Activity:* Say the memory verse and do the following motions in front of the children.

"God (*point both hands straight up*)  
is with you (*point out to a friend*)  
wherever (*wave hands in a circle*)  
you go," (*march in place*)  
Joshua 1:9 (NLT). (*Open your hands like a book.*)

*During the Activity:* Say the verse again with the motions and invite the children to do it with you. Repeat several times.

#### **What You Say:**

*Before the Activity:* "I'm going to say our new memory verse. Everyone, watch me!"

"God (*point both hands straight up*)  
is with you (*point out to a friend*)  
wherever (*wave hands in a circle*)  
you go, (*march in place*)  
Joshua 1:9." (*Open your hands like a book.*)

*During the Activity:* "Now, let's do it together! Are you ready?"

"God (*point both hands straight up*)  
is with you (*point out to a friend*)  
wherever (*wave hands in a circle*)  
you go, (*march in place*)  
Joshua 1:9." (*Open hands like a book.*)

*After the Activity:* "Our memory verse tells us that God is always with us, NO MATTER WHAT! **[Bottom Line] God's got it. Who's got it? [Bottom Line] God's got it!**"

## Story Umbrella

### Talk about God | Bible Story Review

*Made to Imagine: An activity that lets preschoolers pretend, imagine, and role play to enhance their learning*

**What You Need:** Golf umbrella (largest you can find); tape; red and orange crepe paper; and scissors

*NOTE: You will use this umbrella each week.*

### What You Do:

*Before the Activity:* Cut long strips of red and orange crepe paper. Tape them to the center of the top of the umbrella so that they hang over the edge of the umbrella.

*During the Activity:* Invite the children to sit under the large umbrella with you while you review the Bible story.

Social Distancing Option: Create a tape line circle for children to sit on with appropriate space between them. The Small Group Leader can sit in the middle of the circle and retell the story while holding the umbrella. Be sure to shift often to ensure eye contact with children.

### What You Say:

*During the Activity:* "Come under our story umbrella with me! Is everyone under the umbrella? (*Check the children.*) Great! What do umbrellas protect us from? (*Pause.*) Yes! Umbrellas protect us from rain. They keep us from getting wet. God was like an umbrella in our Bible story today. He was with Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the fire, and He protected them from getting hurt.

"Let's pretend this orange and red paper is fire. Are we getting hurt? No, because the umbrella is protecting us. That's how it was with Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the story. God was with them in the fire, and He kept them safe."

*After the Activity:* "God is always with you, too. No matter what happens, **[Bottom Line] God's got it! Who's got it? [Bottom Line] God's got it!**"

## In the Furnace

### Live for God | Application Activity

*Made to Create:* An activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible story, *Bottom Line*, or memory verse by creating a craft

**What You Need:** “Paper Plate Guys” Activity Page (BELOW;) cardstock; paper plates, two per child; metal brads, two per child; crayons, scissors, glue sticks, and small-diameter hole punch

### What You Do:

*Before the Activity:* Copy “Paper Plate Guys” on cardstock and cut, one per child. Cut one of each child’s plates in half.

*During the Activity:* Encourage children to color both plates brown. Color and glue the picture to the full plate. Place the two halves on top of the whole plate and punch a hole at the bottom of both plates close to where the two plates meet. Insert a brad into each hole and secure.

*After the Activity:* Talk about how God is always with you like God was with Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, and how **[Bottom Line] God’s got it.**

### What You Say:

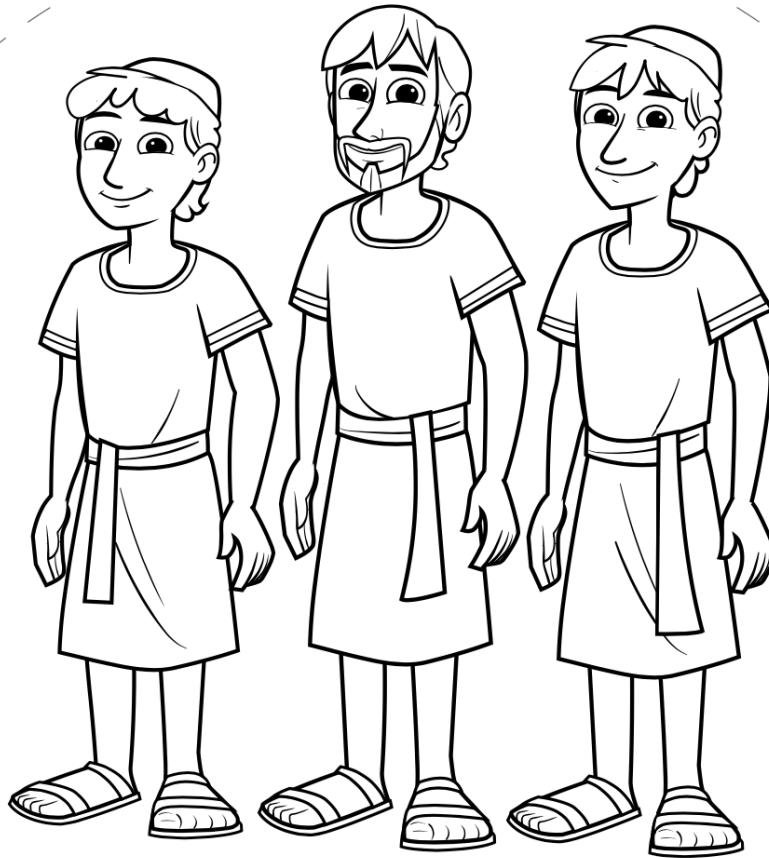
*Before the Activity:* “Friends, I have a craft for us to make to help us remember that God is always with us. Just like in the story of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, we don’t ever have to worry because **[Bottom Line] God’s got it.**”

*During the Activity:* “Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego loved and obeyed God. They would not bow down to King Nebuchadnezzar’s statue, so he had them thrown into the furnace. A furnace is a room that’s like a fireplace. Color your plates with a dark color crayon. We’ll use these as the furnace. (Pause.) Now, color your picture. Glue Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego on the big plate. (Pause.) Nice job. The furnace has a door that opened and closed. Lay the two plate pieces on top of the guys. (Hole punch each on top and bottom edges. Push the brads through and secure.) Watch how the doors open and close. (Demonstrate.) Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were not afraid. They knew that God was with them and that no matter what happens, **[Bottom Line] God’s got it.**”

*After the Activity:* “When Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were in the fire, someone else was in there with them. It was an angel sent by God to protect them. King Nebuchadnezzar was so amazed that he told them to come out of the fire. God was with them and saved them from the fire. From that day on, the king prayed only to God. **Who’s got it? [Bottom Line] God’s got it.**”



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## **Prayer**

### **Pray to God | Prayer Activity**

*Made to Reflect: An activity that encourages personal application and prayer*

**PARENT:** “It’s PRAYER TIME time! Today, we’ll pretend it’s very hot. Wave your hand like this in front of your face because it’s so hot. (*Demonstrate.*)

“Okay, follow me to our spot! (*Wave your hand in front of your face and walk slowly as you lead the children to your small group spot.*) Whew! It’s so hot. But we made it! Let’s sit down and rest while we 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 was about something else very hot. What was hot in our story today? (*Pause*) Yes! Fire! King Nebuchadnezzar threw Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego into the fire, because they would not bow down to his statue. That’s bad! They would only bow down to the one true God. That’s good!

“Who was with Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the fire? (*Pause*). That’s right! God was with them! God sent an angel to protect Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego from the fire. King Nebuchadnezzar learned that no matter what happens, **[Bottom Line] God’s got it! Who’s got it?**  
**[Bottom Line] God’s got it!**

“The new Bible verse we’ll learn will help us remember that God is always with us, no matter where we go. The verse says . . . “*God is with you wherever you go*, Joshua 1:9. (*Close Bible and lay it down.*) Let’s stand up and say that with the motions.

**CHILDREN and PARENT:** “*God (point both hands straight up) is with you (point out to a friend) wherever (wave hands in a circle) you go (march in place), Joshua 1:9.*” (*Open hands like a book.*)

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

**PARENT:** “Yes! God IS with you wherever you go! And no matter what happens, **[Bottom Line] God’s got it! Who’s got it?”**

**CHILDREN and PARENT:** **[Bottom Line] “God’s got it!”**

### **Prayer**

**PARENT:** “Dear God, You are SO big and powerful, and You really can be with us wherever we go. You can be with us wherever we go. Only YOU can do that! Help us remember that You are always with us so we can be brave and do the right thing. We love You, God. In Jesus’ name, amen.”