

Hear Me Roar (Pre-K)

Week 3

BIG IDEA

I can keep learning – God is with me!

BIBLE

The Writing on the Wall: Daniel 5

WELCOME TIME

PLAY | Free Time

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Tables will be set with toys and activities for kids to play until the lesson begins. This is a great opportunity to get to know kids and build relationships.*
 - *Get on the floor and be silly*
 - *Play along with what they're playing*
 - *Ask get-to-know-you questions*
 - *Learn names and use them as you interact*

MUSIC | Worship Playlist

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *During free time, use one of our spotify playlists to play some background music.*

CLEAN UP

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Before moving onto the lesson content, play the "Clean Up" song and work together as a class to put all toys and activities away.*
 - *Place all toys in labelled tubs.*
 - *Place all tubs away in labelled cabinets*

INTRO

ACTIVITY | Cup Stacking

- Welcome everyone! I am so glad you're here with me at church today.
- **Who hear likes to learn new things?**
- Great! We're going to do an activity together and I need you to listen very carefully to the instructions.
- Everyone will stay sitting on their spot until you hear me call your name. Then, you can come up to the front and help me build a tower with these cups. We're all going to work together and carefully build a big, tall tower.
- **SUPPLIES**
 - stacking cups
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Help the kids work together to construct a pyramid by stacking the cups, one at a time, as high as they can. Encourage them to begin by creating a strong foundation on the bottom, then working their way up.*
 - **TODDLER HACK:** *Help the children stack the cups on top of each other instead of in a pyramid shape.*
- You did a fantastic job!
- In today's Bible story, we'll hear about some fancy cups that were used at a big party.

STORY TIME

SCRIPTURE | Daniel 5 (The Writing on the Wall)

- All month we've been learning about Daniel. The true story of Daniel's life is found in the Bible. First, we heard that Daniel and his friends had to leave their homes and go work for King Nebuchadnezzar far away in Babylon.
- Last week we heard that King Nebuchadnezzar wanted people to bow down and worship him, but Daniel and his friends said NO! because they worship God alone.
- Because they disobeyed the king, he got so mad that he threw them into a hot, hot, fiery furnace. But God was with them and he protected them! They didn't burn up in the furnace because God took care of them!
- Well, now, in today's story about Daniel, there's a new king and he is not very nice. His name is Belshazzar. Listen to this story with me.
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Play the [Bible story video](#).*
- It must have been really scary to see that writing on the wall come out of nowhere! And nobody knew what the words on the wall meant.
- But Daniel was able to tell the king what the writing on the wall meant. He told the king that God was not happy with him. The king did not love God and made all the wrong choices. So God was going to let another king take over.
- The king should have learned from the mistakes his dad, the old king, made.
- Instead of being like King Belshazzar, we can learn new things and help our friends learn things, too.

BIG IDEA | I can keep learning things – God is with me!

- The king learned something new when Daniel told him what the writing on the wall meant.
- We can keep learning, too. God teaches us all the very best and most important things! I'm so glad that he is always with us!
- That's what our Big Idea for today is all about... but, where is it?
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Look around for a few seconds and then look over at the white board, where*

you'll find a lion announcing the Big Idea.

- Here it is!
- *[read the Big Idea aloud.]* **I can keep learning — God is with me!**
- Stand up and let's say this together:
 - **I can keep learning** — (use both pointer fingers to touch side of forehead)
 - **God** (point up)
 - **is with me!** (use thumbs to point to self)

MUSIC | Sing and ROAR!

- Great job, friends! I am so glad that God is with me, aren't you?
- I think it's time to get up and move around! Let's worship God together because he is always with us!
- **SUPPLIES:**
 - *motion videos*
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Play the motion videos and encourage kids to dance along! Here are the songs for this month:*
 - "God is With Me"
 - "Anything At All"
 - "Attitude of Gratitude"
 - "Very Big Things"

PRAYER

- We're going to head to our small groups to talk with our friends about what we learned from the Bible today. Before we do, let's pray together.
- Can you show me you're ready to pray by folding your hands together and closing your eyes?
 - God, thank you for teaching us new things. Help us to share what we learn with others. Amen.

SHARING TIME

ACTIVITY | Coloring Page

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Print and distribute the coloring page along with crayons or markers. As the kids color, you can review today's Bible story, Big Idea, and memory verse.*

DISCUSSION | Circle Time

- In our story today, the king made a mistake. He should have learned from his dad's mistakes, but he didn't. Daniel helped him understand what God wanted him to know. God helps us keep learning, too. He is always with us and we can always keep learning about him.
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Start by handing a goblet to one child, then ask that child a question. After they answer, pass the goblet to someone else. Then that child will answer a question.*
- **What special item did the king use at the party?**
- **What made the king afraid?**
- **Who helped the king?**
- **Who teaches you things?**
- **How can you be a good listener so you can learn?**
- **Who is always with us, helping us learn new things?**

MEMORY VERSE | Nahum 1:7 (NIV)

- Practice the memory verse with the kids in your small group.
 - **"The Lord** *(make L's with fingers)* **is good** *(make two thumbs up)*, **a refuge** *(hands over head like a roof)* **in times of trouble** *(two thumbs down)*. **He cares** *(wrap arms around self like a hug)* **for those who trust** *(bring fist down on open palm)* **in him** *(point up)."*
Nahum 1:7 *(open and close hands like a book)*
- Award prizes for saying the verse.

PLAY TIME

EXTRA TIME ACTIVITY | Wall Mural

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Hang a sheet of butcher paper on the wall. Allow the children to write or draw on the paper. You can allow them the freedom to create whatever art they'd like. You could also have them draw pictures of today's Bible story.*