

Questions

Bottom Line: God is always with you.

- 1. When have you felt alone?
- 2.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?
- 3. Why do you think God allowed Daniel to go through something so hard? What good came out of it?
- 4. What can you do to help remind yourself throughout the day that God is always with you?

ACTIVITY

- 1. Show the kids the cup with the sponge at the bottom. And show how it will not fall out when you flip it upside down.
- **2.** Ask, "What do you think will happen if I push this cup straight down into the water, upside down?"
 - 3. 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!"
 - 4. Invite every kid to take turns giving it a try.
- 5. 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.

In the same way God kept the lions mouth shut to keep Daniel safe. The air kept the sponge from getting wet.



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

- Write out the memory verse on a white board then have all the kids say it together.
- 2. Slowly remove a few of the words from the verse and have them recite the whole verse with the missing words.
 - 3. Keep doing this until you do not have any more words left on the white board and have them recite the whole verse

Prayer time

- Give each kid an index card and a pencil.
- 2. Invite the kids to write down a prayer request.
- 3. You can give a few ideas to spark their thinking: → Wondering if you're going to make that sports team. → Nervous about standing up for a friend. → Something that God knows what's best and we're afraid to do it.
- 4. Once everyone is finished, invite them to place their index card in the bag.
- 5.Tell kids you will take cards home and pray for them during the week6. Close your group in prayer.



Pray out

God thank you for this day! Thank you for all the blessings you have given us and the opportunity to be in a small group together. God thank you for always being with us. It does not matter where we are at in the world. You are always with us. I pray when we are afraid, we can remember you are with us.