

God Is Always With Us: Sprouts "I Can Pray!" Lesson 2

Opening Activity

- Free play
- Emotion Simon Says: "Show me HAPPY, SAD, ANGRY, etc)"

Transition Song to Snack Time

- Play Track 7 on the Wee Wonder CD as they clean up. Play through it a few times while kids are waiting for snack and to kick-off your lesson!

If you're happy (sad, angry, etc.) and you know it, God is here.

make the ASL sign for God; point to floor on "here"

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**If you're happy (sad, angry, etc.) and you know it,
then you really oughta show it.**

make corresponding facial expression

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Story Lesson: Luke 15: 3-6

- While kids are enjoying snack, act out the story with the materials provided

The bible says: The shepherd loves the sheep

hold sheep to chest with one hand; cross wrists over sheep

The shepherd is happy.

smile

God is here.

make ASL sign for God; point to floor on "here"

The shepherd lost a sheep.

put sheep behind back

The shepherd is sad.

frown

God is here.

make ASL sign for God; point to the floor on "here"

The shepherd found the sheep.

bring sheep in front of you

The shepherd is happy.

smile

God is here.

make ASL sign for God; point to floor on "here"

Understanding Our Story: Questions & Prayer Jar

- The bible says God is here! He is with us when we are sad. He is with us when we're happy! We can talk to God when we are happy and sad because He's with us!
- When are you sad?
- When are you happy?
- We can talk to God when we are happy and sad!
- Hold up the prayer jar. Say, "This is our prayer jar. We will use it to help us pray. Can you help me put prayers in our prayer jar?" Hand each toddler a prayer strip and encourage him or her to put the prayer strip in the prayer jar.
- Say, "Good job. Let's get ready to pray!" Pull a prayer strip from the prayer jar. Encourage toddlers to fold their hands, bow their heads, and close their eyes. Pray the prayer on the prayer strip. Allow volunteers or toddlers to pull out a few more strips and pray.

Activity Choices

Choice #1: Emotion Simon Says/Music Dance Party with Track 7

Choice #2: Tell-It Again Box (using props for the lesson)

Choice #3: Sensory bin of small branches, leaves, stones, and small toy sheep they can hide/find

Take Home Activity

- Please send home the bag with the take-home activity with parents
- If they weren't there last week, please give them an extra prayer jar too (from week 1)