

Twinkles Doing Church Differently

Week 23: God is With Us

This week we will learn that God is always with us and that we are never alone.

Preparation: This week, if you have them, you can use a torch and some cotton wool to help tell the story. Make a pillar of cloud by sticking some cotton wool to a cardboard tube.

Message/Story time:

God loves His people and is always with them.

If you have them, use your cotton wool cloud and torch to tell this simple story with some toy figures:

Once a man called Moses helped God's people to escape from a mean king in a country called Egypt. When they escaped the people had to walk through a big desert for a really, really long time. There isn't very much in the desert and the people felt alone and scared. *(Clear some space on the floor around the toy figures to explain the desert)*

But God was with His people. During the day God went ahead of them in a big cloud to show them the way. *(Use your pillar of cotton wool to explain this).*

At night, when it was dark, God was a pillar of fire to show them the way. *(Make it dark if you can and shine your torch upwards in front of the toy figures)*

The cloud or the fire never left and was always with the people. God was always with them.

Even though we can't always see Him as clouds or fire like Moses and the people could, God is always with us. He goes with you wherever you go, you are never alone.

Some of you might have started going to a new nursery or school. Did you know that God is with you when you go there?

God goes with us to protect us and help us and we can always talk to Him.

Craft time: Salt dough holding cross

Use salt dough to make a small cross that you can keep with you, in your pocket or in your school/nursery bag to remind you that God is always with you. Alternatively, you could make one out of small twigs or lollipop sticks.

Recipe: 1 cup plain flour, ½ cup salt, ½ cup of water. Bake at 150°C until solid. Wait until cooled to decorate!

Worship time: Every step: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nZBhKp5_HwE

Prayer time: God is with me action prayer.

God is in front of me (*point forwards*)

God is behind me (*point over your shoulder*)

God is above me (*stretch your arms above your head*)

God is beside me (*stretch your arms out wide*)

God is all around me (*spin around*)

God is always with me (*give yourself a hug*)

Thank you God for always being with me!