



Lesson
27

1st-4th

REMEMBER & CELEBRATE

Feb 28 & March 1

GOD IS WITH US



LESSON GOAL:

Background: In the Old Testament, God asked the Jewish people to slow down each season and celebrate the work He was doing in their lives. We call this Remember & Celebrate.

Lesson Goal: For kids to spend time reflecting on how God has been working in their lives through a focused time of Worship Response.

Isaiah 41:10



KEY VERSE:

The Lord gives wisdom. Knowledge and understanding come from his mouth."

Proverbs 2:6, NIRV

MISSION FOCUS:

SALT

This month's missions focus is SALT — Serving And Loving Teachers. Teachers pour so much into their students, and we want to encourage them just like God encourages us.

As part of our partnership with ACTS, we will create cookie, muffin, and donut cutouts for their March Teacher Conference. Kids will write encouraging words on the cutouts and help string them into garlands to decorate teachers' spaces for the Conference. These small acts of kindness will help remind teachers they are seen, valued, and appreciated.

THEME FOR TODAY:
Remember & Celebrate



25
min

CHECK-IN

The goal of check-in is to greet parents/guardians and children by name and help them feel known and welcome.



SAY:

I'm so glad to see you today, **(insert child/parent name)**!

Grab today's **Lesson Card**. Look up the Bible passage in your own Bible or a classroom Bible and leave your card there as a bookmark. Then, you can play with the classroom activities until we begin Explore time.

20
min

EXPLORE

The goal of Explore is to help kids connect relationally and think about the Bible story. It should be completed in small groups of 5-7 kids per one Ministry Partner.



DISCUSS: Remember & Celebrate!

Help kids connect relationally by asking them about their week, then discuss the lesson topic for the day and read the Bible passage together.



SAY:

Let's take turns sharing three words about our week. I'll go first!
Share your three words then invite the next child to share.



SAY:

Today is a very special day called Remember & Celebrate! We are pausing to think about and celebrate how **God is With Us** in our lives! Let's look at our Bible passage for today, **Isaiah 41:10!** Can you open your Bible to the passage with me so we can read it together?



DO:

Read the Bible passage aloud or pick a child to read it aloud.



CONNECT: Feasts & Festivals



Help kids understand the value of looking back and remembering what God has done in their lives and celebrating His goodness throughout history.



SAY:

Today, we want to take time to Remember & Celebrate! What are some special things you like to celebrate? (**examples: birthdays, holidays, getting good grades in school, winning sports events**) Why do you like to celebrate these things? (**allow kids to respond**) We celebrate things that are important to us or have a special meaning in our lives.

In the Old Testament, God asked the people to do the same thing! He wanted the Jewish people to slow down each season and celebrate the work He was doing in their lives. He gave them a religious calendar of seven special feasts and festivals to participate in that all pointed back to one thing - Jesus!

God wants us to slow down and celebrate, too. Sometimes that might look like participating in a feast of our own or sometimes that looks like sitting in a circle and sharing how God has helped us. However it looks, we want to take time to Remember & Celebrate together!



MAKE: Picture Frame

Help kids think about the lesson further and have fun by doing this activity!

Supplies: Paper frame, "God is with me" paper, markers/crayons



DO:

Pass out one frame and one paper insert per child. Have them draw a picture of themselves on the "God is with me" paper and add it to their frame.



SAY:

God is with you! He loves you so much and He wants to have a relationship with you too! God is with you always. Let's make a special craft to remind us of this truth about who God is.



CLEAN UP: Transition to Large Group

Ask kids to clean up the activity or save it to finish for the end of class. Then, ask kids to line up and/or transition to Large Group.



Craft Example



6:25-6:50pm
9:25-9:50am
11:25-11:50am



LARGE GROUP

REMEMBER & CELEBRATE



EXPECTATIONS

As kids transition to Large Group time, play the expectations video.



HOST MOMENT

The Host welcomes the kids as they enter for Large Group.



SAY:

Welcome! You may have noticed it looks a little different in Large Group today. That's because today is Remember & Celebrate! We're going to spend some time reflecting and thanking God for all He has done! God is faithful!

REMINDER

Remind kids that even though today looks a little different, we still need to follow our Large Group expectations.



LESSON VIDEO - Remember & Celebrate

Play the Remember & Celebrate lesson video.



SAY:

Let's all listen carefully to this special Remember & Celebrate lesson! Then, we're going to read a Bible verse together! **Play teaching video in powerpoint.**

After the recording, invite kids and leaders to stand and face the screens and ask leaders to help read Isaiah 41:10 out loud together.

Pray over the kids to transition to worship & worship response.



WORSHIP

Invite your Worship Leader to come up and play the worship song video. Encourage kids to participate and be respectful to others.

SONG 1: Build My Life



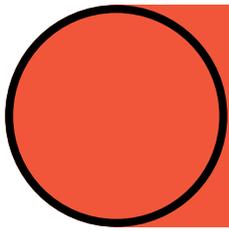
REFLECT: Worship Response Stations

Encourage kids to reflect by participating in each Worship Response station. Create a quiet space where kids can respond to what the Holy Spirit is teaching them.

Station 1 - God is With Me in Hard Times

Supplies: Station 1 - none

- **God is with us all the time!**
- **Close your eyes and think about a hard/scary time you've been through.**
 - **Then picture God with you in that same place.**
- **Even though our circumstances don't change, we are never alone! God is with us!**



LARGE GROUP

CONTINUED



REFLECT: Worship Response Continued

Help kids reflect on the lesson by providing a quiet space for the Holy Spirit to work in their hearts as they think about how it applies to them personally.

Station 2 - Prayers for Wisdom Wall

Supplies: Station 2 - prayer cards, markers/pencils, twine/wire station

- ***God is wisdom! God is with you and can help you make good choices!***
- ***Think about something you need God's help to make the right choice in.***
- ***Write a prayer request down and pin it to the wire/twine station.***

Supplies: Station 2 - paper cards, writing utensils, Cross station

- ***God made the ultimate way to be with us by sending Jesus to save us from our sins!***
 - ***Sin is anything we think, say, or do that goes against God.***
- ***On your card, draw something you might need to ask God forgiveness for.***
- ***Then, take your card and lay it at the foot of the Cross to remind yourself that God forgives you!***



WORSHIP

Invite your Worship Leader to come up and play the worship song video. Encourage kids to participate and be respectful to others.

SONG 2: Help Me Live In Step



BLESSING

As Large Group ends, speak this blessing over the kids.

May you know that God loves you and He is always with you. May you remember to celebrate that amazing truth everyday!



TRANSITION

After the blessing, the Host should dismiss the kids to return quietly to their classroom (if applicable) and transition to Respond.

6:50-7:10pm
9:50-10:10am
11:50am-12:10pm

RESPOND

The goal of Respond is for kids to think about the lesson and how it applies to them. It should be completed in small groups of 5-7 kids per one Ministry Partner.



CHAT & CHEW

Check your classroom roster to ensure none of your kids have allergies, then offer each child a snack and water (provided in your classroom).



Supplies: Goldfish crackers, cups



SAY:

Today, we learned that **GOD IS WITH US!** No matter where we are or what we do, God is with us and He loves us. He loves us so much He has had a plan from the beginning of time to save us from our sins through Jesus! God is with us and God forgives us always. ***As a special reminder, we're going to eat goldfish to remind us of how God was with Jonah in the giant fish!*** Even though he tried to go his own way, God used a big fish to remind Jonah of God's plan and that God is with us always, even when we make mistakes.

CHAT & CHEW QUESTION: When or how have you felt God with you recently?

LESSON REVIEW CARDS: We've also learned about A LOT of different things over the last several months. Today, I have a picture of each lesson that we've learned so far. Let's pass them around and remember all the ways God showed up in each story! Feel free to share ways God has shown up in your own story over the last several months - we want to celebrate with you!



PRAY: Connect Relationally

Help kids understand the power of praying together. Use the Prayer Tags from Check-In to write down prayer requests to take home and pray for during the week.



SAY:

Does anyone have a prayer request they'd like to share? You can also share with a leader privately, if you don't want to share aloud.



DO:

Invite kids to pray for each other, then the leader closes in prayer.

As parents
arrive after
service

CHECK-OUT

The goal of check-out is to re-connect kids with their parent and communicate any upcoming events or announcements as families leave.



DO:

Encourage kids to finish their activities or play classroom games until their parent comes to pick them up. As kids get picked up, mention any announcements while handing them the announcement card and ensuring they take their weekly **Lesson Card**.