

L4 GOD IS WITH YOU WHEREVER YOU GO

Objective: God is with us and IN us.

Key verse: I will never leave you. Heb. 13:5b

Review: Did the people of Israel grow big muscles and kick the giants out of the land? *No.* How were they able to take the land? *By trusting God's Word and being strong in the Lord.* How can we be strong in the Lord? *By trusting in His strength.*

Introduction: Last time we learned that the people of Israel were getting ready to go into the land. This time they were trusting in the Lord. God told them to be strong by trusting in His strength. God also told them not to be afraid, "for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go," (Josh 1:9b). Who do you think is bigger and stronger- those giants in the land or God? If God is bigger, and He has promised to go with them, Israel should have nothing to worry about.

God was with the children of Israel. He said to them, "I will not leave you." Did you know that God is always with **us**? He is. If we trust in Him and believe in Jesus, He lives in our hearts. God is not only with us wherever we go, but He is IN us. God can't leave us because He has made us one with Himself.

*Show the children the difference between being **with** and **in** by using two objects- one that can be placed inside the other (nesting eggs, toilet tube and ball, etc.). Showing the example of **in**, ask, "Can the thing inside go a different place than the object on the outside? If God is IN us, is there anywhere we can go where He is not with us?"*

Conclusion:

Let's learn a verse: "I will never leave you," Heb. 13:5. If we believe in Jesus, His Life lives in our hearts and He will never leave us. Knowing that He is in us can help us not to worry or be afraid. Just as the people of Israel trusted in God this time, we can put our trust in God.

Review:

God told the children of Israel to be strong and not to be afraid. Why? *Because He would be with them.* Will God also be with us? *Yes.* Is there anywhere we can go where He is not with us? *No.*

Craft:

People figures with Jesus in their hearts. Everywhere the people go, Jesus is there.