



Toddlers & 2s

# Parent Page

## God Is With Us

For the next four weeks, the toddlers and 2s class will be learning that God is with us. The children will use all of their five senses to discover that just as God helped David defeat Goliath, God will be with them, too. Use these Parent Page ideas to help reinforce the point that God is with us.

### Tips for Ts and 2s

Whether it's Mommy's day out or the first day with a new baby sitter, young children typically experience separation anxiety that may turn them into teary-eyed clinging vines. It's helpful to realize that a fear of being left alone is normal—and usually harder on you than on your toddler! Once parents are out of sight, little ones focus on their new environment and settle happily into play. Reassure your child that you'll be back and that he or she is being left with a loving caregiver. Soon your child will understand that, because you're a loving parent, you will always provide care and protection.

### Together Time

- Have some bedtime fun with shadows. Invite your child to use a flashlight to make hand shadows on the wall. Then let your child hold objects such as stuffed animals, books, or toy trucks in front of the flashlight to make large, unusual shadows. Talk about how big the shadows seem, and then point out how small the objects actually are. Tell your child that God is bigger than anything and that God is always here to love and protect us.
- Sing this fun action song with your toddler:

### God Is With Us (adapted from Joshua 1:9c)

(sung to the tune of "The Farmer in the Dell")

**Goliath stood so tall.** (*Stand on your tiptoes.*)

**David was so small.** (*Squat down.*)

**Clap your hands and turn around** (*clap twice; then turn around*)—

**God is with us all!** (*March in place.*)

**David trusted God.** (*Cross your arms over your chest.*)

**He made Goliath fall.** (*Crouch down.*)

**Clap your hands and turn around** (*clap twice; then turn around*)—

**God is with us all!** (*March in place.*)

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**God is with us all!** (*March in place.*)