



Good morning parents!

We hope you and your family had a good week. Today one of the worship songs that your kids will be singing/listening to is 'Surrounded' and this song specifically relates to the story that Miss Anne will be sharing with your kids. God provided for Israel's army and Elisha by sending an angel army. Elisha's servant couldn't see them at first but eventually he was able to know and see that God was with them. Sometimes we all go through things where we don't feel that God is with us, but this story reminds us of and will remind your kids that God is always there. As you go throughout your week, we pray that you will trust that God is always with you because he cares and loves you.

We find it a great joy to serve your family and to walk alongside you. We are here if you are in need of prayer or support. Or if you know of another family in need of support, please let us know how we can be of help. Don't hesitate to reach out!

Kids Branch

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Kids Branch @ Home Video Option – <https://youtu.be/9nm7P9OXHyQ>

- This includes worship and Bible lesson

Kids Branch @ Home Parent Led Option

Worship Suggestions

During worship encourage your kids to sing, follow along with the actions, have a dance party or just listen and think about what the words say who Jesus is and who we are to him. All of these are ways that we can express our joy and love for God.

- Play "Counting on God" - <https://youtu.be/7-Lk78-QKIA>
- Play "Surrounded" - <https://youtu.be/DpuUIPfx0Ow>

Bible Story Suggestions – God Surrounds Elisha with Angels (2 Kings 6:8-23)

Parent Recap: God gives Elisha the battle plans for Israel's enemies, the Arameans. Finally, the king of Aram is fed up with losing and sends an army to surround Elisha and his servant. But Elisha sees a more powerful army of God's angels, not visible to most. God opens Elisha's servant's eyes to see the angel army.

Activities

- Use this [object lesson](#) to help your kids understand that even if they can't see God, they can know that he is always there.
- [Dig Deeper](#) with your preschool/kindergarten aged kids and help them to learn that God is always with us and can provide us comfort. (click [here](#) for the handout)
- [Dig Deeper](#) with your elementary aged kids and explore the idea of how sometimes we might feel that God is not with us, but we can still trust that he is there. (click [here](#) for the handout)

Throughout the Week

- Introduce your kids to an age-old memory trick: tying a string around your finger. Or you can use a hair elastic around the wrist.
- Pick a day this week when everyone in your family will wear a string tied around a finger all day or an elastic on their wrist.
- Whenever family members look at their strings or elastics, they can be reminded that God is with them.
- If anyone asks about your strings or elastic, you can explain what they mean!

Pray Together

Just as the angels surrounded Elisha, take a moment to embrace your children and pray over them. Remind them that God is always with us and that we can trust that he watches over us because he loves and takes care of us.

Memorize Scripture

“No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 8:39).