National Youth Sunday 2020

Through my fear, I trust in God (Psalm 56:1-4)

Children's Story for older kids by Rachel Johnson

Do you all have a best friend? A person you are always hanging out with at school and that you tell a lot to? You probably really trust that person, right? (Let some kids answer).

Have any of you ever lost a really good friend? One of the people you had put a lot of trust into? (wait for answers) Sometimes we lose people in our lives that we care a lot about and trust a lot. It really does stink!

Maybe some of you have moved to a different place and had to go to a new school, and none of your friends were there with you. And you didn't know anyone your first day, so you had to sit alone at lunch or you had no one to play with you a recess. You didn't know who to go to and talk to, you were lonely and lost.

There is One who will always be there for you no matter what! Who? (let kids answer) Yes! God! God will always be there for us. Unlike people who can come and go in our lives, God will always be there for us. We can always go to God and lean on God whenever we need to.

Anytime you might be the new kid somewhere and don't know anyone, remember that God is always there! All we have to do is look for God and ask for

God to be with us! We can show God to others by talking to the new student at our school or by sitting with the person all by themselves at lunch.

So can you all do that? Next time you see someone who is lonely or doesn't know anyone, you go sit with them?

Let's pray: (pause) God, be with all these lovely kids here. I pray that they will always hold on to the fact that you are always right here, ready to comfort us when we are feeling afraid, lost, or lonely. Thank you for each and every one of these kids and for their willingness to learn more about you. AMEN.