

Brad's Story Younger Version

Suggestion: Use the following script to share with children about Brad's Story. Review the story asking who, what, and why questions; then open the Bible to read corresponding scripture and reassuring truths. If using the Missions Kit for a 5 day VBS or camp, use one section per day, taking time to review the previous day.

Print the following pages (2-11 only) front and back on cardstock for leaders to show children as they read the story on the back.



Brad:

Brad loved playing baseball and being on a team. Brad's coach told Brad he was safe and could tell him anything. Bad things happened to Brad at home. He wasn't safe there.

The next day Brad went to school and found his coach because he trusted him. School is a safe place to ask for help.

Questions to Ask:

Who helps Brad? His Coach

Why wasn't Brad safe at home? Bad things happened

Why did Brad look for his coach? Because he trusted the coach and felt safe.

Reassuring Truth:

God is our helper.

"Where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord," Psalms 121:1-2



School:

Brad told his coach about the bad things that happened at home. His parents did not take care of him and keep him safe.

The adults at school listened to Brad, helped him, and made sure he felt safe. Brad met a special helper, who found him a safe place to live, called a foster home. A foster home has a mom and a dad, who take care of children when their parents can't take care of them.

Questions to Ask:

Who listened to Brad at school? The Adults

What did Brad tell the adults? About bad things that happened.

Why did Brad go to a foster home? To keep him safe.

Reassuring Truth:

God is our safe place. He always listens.

"So do not fear... I will strengthen you and help you," Isaiah 41:10



DSS:

Brad's special helper spent time with him and made plans to take Brad somewhere safe. Brad was angry. He did not want to live in a new house, with new parents. His helper worked hard to find a good foster home for Brad. She took him to the new home to meet the parents, who would take care of him and keep him safe.

Questions to Ask:

What did Brad's helper do? Spent time with him and made plans for him to be safe.

Why was Brad angry? He did not want to live in a new place

Where did Brad's helper take him? To a foster home

Reassuring Truth:

God is our comforter.

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ ... the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles." 2

Corinthians 1:3-4a



Foster Home:

The helper drove Brad to meet his foster parents. A kind man and woman welcomed him in. Brad did not have any bags or clothes to bring with him. The man told him they would go shopping to get everything he needed. Brad slept at the new house. The next morning, Brad ate breakfast, and then went to PS I Love You.

Questions to Ask:

Where did the helper drive Brad? To meet his foster parents.
What did Brad take with him? Nothing, no clothes or toys or anything

Where did the foster parents take Brad to get clothes?
PS I Love You

Reassuring Truth:

God gives us peace and rest.

“I will both lie down and sleep in peace, for you alone, Lord, make me live in safety.” Psalm 4:8

PS i love you Shopping List

- 8 outfits
- 2 pairs of pjs
- Underwear/diapers
- Seasonal items
- 1 pair of shoes/socks
- Toiletries
- Books

New placements

- Diaper bag
- Car seat
- Stroller/Pack n Play
- Toiletries/Notebook
- Newest/As Available
- Car seats
- Baby equipment
- Bedding
- Outdoor toys
- Books



PS I LOVE YOU:

Brad went to PS I Love You to shop for things that he needed. He picked out shoes, clothes, a new bookbag, and a new baseball glove! It was all FREE!

Brad felt safe in his new home. He got to play baseball. His new family taught him about Jesus.

Questions to Ask:

Where did they go shopping? PS I Love You

What did Brad shop for? Shoes, clothes, bookbag, baseball glove

What did Brad's new family teach him? About Jesus.

Reassuring Truth:

God is our provider.

"And my God will supply all your needs according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:19