

## A Litany for the 2020 Moravian Children's Festival God is Always with Me

Immanuel God, you are always with us.

When we are afraid, or upset, or alone, you stay right beside us. You hold our hand to help us feel Your presence. You promise that you will never leave us.

**You are with us, every step of the way.**

God is with me when I pray,  
In the dark and in the day,  
When afraid or when I'm sad,  
Even when I'm feeling mad.  
God is with me every day  
As I live and learn and play.

**A baby named Moses was alone in a basket, floating down a river all by himself. Even though he was alone, You were there with him.**

A boy named Daniel was by himself in a cave full of hungry lions. Even though his friends could not be there, You were there with him.

**A young woman named Hannah wanted to be a Mom more than anything in the whole world. Even though she felt alone, You were there with her.**

A brave queen named Esther risked her life to save her people! She must've felt upset and yet You were there, too, with her every step of the way.

**Thank you for being with us.**

God, lots of people in our world are sick right now. We have to wear masks to keep from getting sick. Sometimes we are afraid. Yet, in spite of it all, You are always here with us.

**Thank you for being with us when we are sick.**

God, lots of people in our world are hurt and angry right now. We want our world to be full of Your Love and Your Light. We want our world to be healed from hurt and anger.

**Thank you for being with us when we are angry or hurt.**

God's here when I feel alone  
Needing not email or phone.  
God's presence is everywhere,  
Bringing comfort, peace and care.  
I can feel God's presence here,  
Bringing hope and love and cheer.

**God, many of us can't go to the places we used to go. We are sad. Sometimes we feel alone. But we know that You are always here with us, even when we feel like we are by ourselves.**

Thank you for being with us when we are sad.

**God, many things are changing in our world right now. Nothing is the same. We feel upset and afraid.**

Help us to remember we are never alone.

**If we are at home, you are there. If we are at school, you are there, too. When we are outside our house, you are there and when we go to bed at night, you are there, too. You love us.**

Help us to never forget how much you love us.

God loves me so I've been told.  
It's a story never old,  
Often told and always true:  
God loves me and God loves you.  
Loving others, let us live  
As God's children, and forgive.

Your love for us is like an ocean that goes on forever and ever and ever. Help us to make choices that share your love with others, and forgive us when we make bad choices.

**Help us to be happy and content like Moses in his basket, to be brave and courageous like Daniel in the den of lions, to be hopeful and faithful like Hannah hoping for her baby, and to be heroic and bold like Queen Esther, risking her life for her people.**

Help us to remember that no matter where we are, or what we are doing, or how we feel, you are always with us.

**Amen.**