

Have you ever needed someone's presence just to feel okay? A newborn baby screams and flails under another's watch, but as soon as Mommy swoops the baby back into her arms the world is right again. It's as if the mother's embrace whispers, "It's okay. I'm here now."

But a mother's comfort can only last so long. Soon that baby is headed off to kindergarten and later out driving around in the family car. While the mother's love sends the child out, a mom cannot be tucked into a backpack or buckled into every passenger seat.

There is someone who can, though.

The Lord declares, "Fear not for I am with you to save you" (Jeremiah 30:11). God is always with us. His presence never leaves us. We don't have to fear being alone. At the moment we invite Jesus into our hearts, His presence is inside of us. He promises to be with us...in the dark. In the daylight. In the quiet. In the loud. He will never leave us.

- Ask God to remind you of His nearness every day.
- What times do you most need to remember that you are not alone?
- Try memorizing this verse to say aloud when you feel afraid or alone.
- Draw a picture of the Lord with you, saving you as the verse describes.

