

## **Children's Sermon 9/17/17: Solar Eclipse, Faith**

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Good morning! It is wonderful to be with you today!

Who knows what these are? (show glasses)

That's right, these are eclipse glasses. Did anyone use glasses like these to see the Great American Solar Eclipse last month? (show sun and moon)

Remember, a solar eclipse is when the moon comes between the earth and the sun, blocking out light from the sun.

Did anyone travel to see the eclipse in the path of totality (where the moon completely covered the sun)?

Wow! Was it exciting?

How else did it make you feel? Worried or nervous? How about scared?

It is not something that happens very often, having nighttime darkness in the middle of the afternoon!

Do you ever have times when you feel nervous or scared?

I think going back to school is one of those times when all of us can feel that way. Meeting a new teacher ... Making new friends ... Learning your way around a new school ...

But guess what?! We never have to feel nervous or scared, because Jesus is always with us.

(show sun and moon) Jesus is with us in times of darkness and lightness.

Jesus is with us in sadness and happiness.

And He is with us when we are feeling scared and our most confident.

Because we can't actually see Jesus we need to have faith.

Faith is believing in something even when we can't see it. And faith is believing something in your heart that your mind tells you can't be true.

To remind you of this faith I have a special bookmark to give you that you can tie to the outside of your backpack or put in an inside pocket. (show bookmark) When you see this bookmark I with you think, "Jesus is with me."