



WEEK ONE – OCTOBER 2019

Bible Story: *Basket Case* ▪ Exodus 2:1–10 (Supporting: Exodus 1)

Bottom Line: *You can do what you should, even when you don't know what will happen next.*

Memory Verse: "Be strong and brave. Do not be afraid. Do not lose hope. I am the Lord your God. I will be with you everywhere you go." Joshua 1:9b (NIRV)

Life App: *Courage—Being brave enough to do what you should do, even when you're afraid*

Basic Truth: *I can trust God no matter what.*

Summary: We kick off October in Exodus 2:1–10 where we meet Moses and his family. Moses was born in a time when Pharaoh commanded that all Hebrew baby boys be killed. Moses' mother and sister had courage to keep him alive. God rescued Moses through Pharaoh's daughter who ended up bringing him into the palace as her own son and raising him as an Egyptian.

Bottom Line: *You can do what you should even when you don't know what will happen next.* Knowing that God is with us and will help us can give us the courage to keep going, even in the face of fear. We won't always know what will happen, but we can trust God to work it all out.

9:00-9:10 | 10:30-10:40 - KIDS ARRIVE

Team Welcomes Kids *(Providing Time for Fun Interactions)*

"Je-sus loves me.

2 lap pats – 2 claps

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Jesus loves [child's name]"
shout out the name

1. Early Arriver Idea

Imagine: an activity that promotes empathy and facilitates biblical application through role-play

What You Need: "Baby Care" Activity Pages, pencils

What You Do:

- Welcome kids and spend time engaging in conversation and asking about their past week
- Invite kids to place their offerings in the *For Everyone* box on the wall near the main entrance
- Hand out a “Baby Care” Activity Page and pencil to each child.
- Instruct the kids to circle the items on the page that are needed to care for a baby and cross out the items that aren’t baby friendly.
- If time allows, encourage kids to draw or list other baby care items they can think of.
- Talk about baby care. Ask:
 - Is anyone a big brother or big sister?
 - Do you remember when your sibling was a tiny baby? If so, what do you remember about him/her?
 - What do you think is the hardest part about having a new baby? What do you think would be fun about being the parent of a little baby?

What You Say:

“Taking care of a baby is a lot of work. Can you imagine taking care of a real baby while having to make sure he doesn’t cry or make too much noise? [Transition] In our Bible story today, we’ll hear about a mother and a big sister who had to take special care of a baby for a very important reason.”

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

9:10-9:35 | 10:40-11:05 - LARGE GROUP

*Bible Story – INTRO, Story, OUTRO Videos (whatever works best for your few)
Worship SONGS*

9:35-10:05 | 11:05-11:35 - SMALL GROUP

GROUPS

(Creating a Safe Place to Connect)

2. Choose Your Ending

[Application Activity]

Connect: an activity that invites kids to share with others and build on their understanding

What You Need: Paper; Pencils

What You Do:

- Pass out a piece of paper to each child, and instruct kids to fold the paper in half and then in half again.
- After they’ve folded the paper, instruct kids to open it up and notice how the folds created four sections on the page.
- Read one of the scenarios listed below to the group.

- Then ask the kids to draw or write what they think will happen next in one of the sections on the page. (If kids have experienced a situation like that, encourage them to draw or write what actually happened in real life.)
- When finished, read the scenario aloud to the group, and call on two kids to share their endings (drawings) with the group.
 - After kids share about each scenario, ask them to quickly explain what they would do if they were being courageous in that situation.
- Scenarios:
 - A new kid just joined your class. She looks nervous and not really happy.
 - Your neighbor has a new dog, and you are afraid of dogs. But the neighbor is holding him on a leash and invites you over to meet the dog.
 - You notice a kid in your class teasing another kid on the playground.
 - In PE, you have to jump up onto a high padded wall and then jump back down. It looks scary.

What You Say:

*“I love your creativity, friends! And I love how each of the endings you drew were different. The truth is, we don’t know what will happen next. It could be any of these things you’ve drawn or none of them! But you can have courage and choose to do the right thing because a certain someone is always with you. Who is always with you? (God!) And the best part is that God DOES know exactly what will happen next. You can put your trust in God, and He will help you so that **[Bottom Line]** you can do what you should, even when you don’t know what will happen next.”*

4. Pray and Dismiss

[Prayer Activity]

Reflect: an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application

What You Need: Index cards or paper scraps; pencils

What You Do:

- Gather the kids to sit in a circle.
- Pass out a pencil and an index card or paper scrap to each child.
- Give the kids a minute or two to think of the week ahead.
 - Is there something happening that they’re worried or unsure about?
 - Is there a time of day or a place they go where they’re usually nervous or scared?
 - Give some examples, like in bed at night when it’s dark, during math or reading time when school work is hard, playing a sport, interacting with a kid who’s hard to get along with, etc.
 - Encourage the kids to draw a picture that represents their worry on the card.
- Let kids hold their cards as you pray for them. Ask that God would give them courage even when they aren’t sure how it will work out.

What You Say:

“Take a look at your cards. Do you know what will happen in each of these situations this week? (Pause.) Nope, none of us do. But God does. And He is with you. You can trust that He is in control and that He will

help you be brave. Remember, **[Bottom Line]** you can do what you should, even when you don't know what will happen next. Let pray, friends.

“Heavenly Father, I don't know what each of my friends has drawn on their cards, but You do. You already know what will happen. So this week, if we start to feel afraid or unsure, help us to remember that You are with us. Help us to do what we should do, even when we don't know what will happen. We love You. In Jesus' name, amen.”