



## TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

### TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

#### Float On

Moses Is Born

Exodus 2:1-10 (Exodus 1)

### TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Hold on even when you don't know what to do.

### HOST SUPPLIES

- Two Small Group Leaders
- Masking or gaffer's tape
- Two small buckets
- Lots of toy "stretchy climbers" like <https://amzn.to/3ncTQxu> (at least 30)
- "Week 3 Timeline Image" printed on cardstock from the LG Assets PDF
- Clothesline and clothespins for the timeline in your room

### STORY SUPPLIES

- Table, with a game show-style push button attached to the middle (remove the batteries so the button doesn't make any sound)

### PRELUDE: Setting the tone for the experience

See the **Getting Ready** pages at the end of this document for a detailed description of what you'll need for today.

In the **Prelude** folder of your curriculum, you'll find a variety of other resources to help you prepare.

### SMALL GROUP

15  
MIN

#### SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction

Early Arriver  
Opening Activity

### LARGE GROUP

35  
MIN

#### STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

Welcome/Opener  
Worship ("Making Waves" from *Making Waves* and "Over and Over" from *Everything to Me*)  
Bible Story  
Bottom Line  
Prayer  
Closer

### SMALL GROUP

25  
MIN

#### GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

**Bible Story Review:** Do What You Can Do (*k-1st grade*), Rolling Down the River (*2nd-3rd grade*)

Application Activity: Baby in the Basket Bingo (*k-1st grade*), Shrinking Problems (*2nd-3rd grade*)

Memory Verse Activity: Reed Weave (*k-1st grade*), Rocking Verse (*2nd-3rd grade*)

**Prayer Activity:** Pray and Dismiss

### HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

Parent Cue Card (print or email)

Devotionals for Kids

Parent Cue App



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## MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

"Let us not become tired of  
doing good. At the right time  
we will gather a crop if we  
don't give up."

Galatians 6:9, NIV

## MONTHLY VIRTUE

Grit—Refusing to give up  
when life gets hard

## BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter what.

## LARGE GROUP

ENGAGE KIDS' HEARTS THROUGH A DYNAMIC AND INTERACTIVE BIBLE STORY, WORSHIP, AND PRAYER EXPERIENCE IN A LARGE GROUP SETTING.

**AUDIO:** PLAY HIGH-ENERGY MUSIC AS KIDS ENTER.**SLIDE:** THEME**OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE):** THEME LOOP

## WORSHIP

*Worship Leaders enter***WORSHIP LEADER:****AUDIO:***Host enters as Worship Leaders exit.***OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE):** COUNTDOWN (30- OR 60-SECOND VERSION)**OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE):** THEME

## OPENER

**HOST:** "Hello, friends! It's a great day to be here at [your environment's name]. We're having a ton of fun here this month as we talk about GRIT.

**SLIDE:** VIRTUE**OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE):** THEME TRANSITION TO VIRTUE**"Grit is refusing to give up when life gets hard.****SLIDE:** THEME**OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE):** VIRTUE TRANSITION TO THEME

"I know all of us have days when everything is going great. We also have days when it seems like nothing is going right. On THOSE days, that's when we really need to rely on God and ask Him to help us. God can give us the strength we need to hold on!

"One place where you definitely need to 'hold on' is when you're climbing a mountain.

# CLIFFHANGER

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*Act like you're climbing an imaginary mountain.*

"It doesn't matter what obstacles are in your way—you keep on climbing past 'em!

"I've got a fun mountain-climbing game for us today. I'll need two Small Group Leaders to play—one from this side of the room and one from this side. (*Indicate the two sides of the room.*)

*Bring up a leader from each side of the room. Bring the two leaders to your mountain wall, i.e. the two mountain-shaped tape outlines on the wall.*

(*to the two leaders*) "Thanks for playing, [leaders' names]. As you can see, we have a mountain cliffside for each of you. I've also got a bucket for each of you filled with these little 'mountain climbers.'

*Give a bucket of "stretchy climber" toys to each leader. Hold up one of the climbers to show the kids.*

(*to audience*) "Check this out. Look at this little climber! He's ready for action. And he's very sticky, which means he's good at holding on. When I say 'Go,' our friends will stand behind the line and try to toss their mountain climbers onto the mountain—AND get them to stick! (*to the leaders*) Just a tip, [leaders' names], the climbers may try to climb back down, so you might want to aim high.

"You'll have 60 seconds to play. If any climbers fall off the mountain, you can pick them back up, go back behind the line, and toss them again. When the timer stops, the contestant with the MOST climbers on their mountain, wins! (*to audience*) Audience, your job is to cheer them on! Leaders, let's do this! Ready, set, toss!

**AUDIO: FUN INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC**

**OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): COUNTDOWN (60-SECOND VERSION)**

*If you're not using a screen countdown, set a timer on your phone for 60 seconds.*

*Comment on the action as the leaders toss their climbers.*

*At the end of 60 seconds, count up how many climbers each leader has on the wall. Cheer for the winning team. Thank both leaders and dismiss them to their seats.*

"That was so fun! Those little climbers were good at holding on. Maybe someday, I can have GRIT like them! Let's take some time now to sing to our God who is always with us and always helps us hold on. Everyone, up on your feet!"

## WORSHIP

*Worship Leaders enter as Host exits.*

**WORSHIP LEADER:**

**AUDIO:**



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**BIBLE STORY****SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND**

*Storyteller enters as Worship Leaders exit.*

**SETTING UP THE STORY**

**STORYTELLER:** "Hello, friends! It's great to be here with you as we continue God's Big Story together. (*Hold up Bible.*)

"I thought it would be fun to tell you what happened in today's story . . . with some sound effects!

*Walk to the table with the button on top.*

"First, let's see if this thing is working.

*Hit the button.*

**AUDIO: SOUND EFFECT 1 (BOING)**

*(Each time, wait until the button is pushed before you play the sound effect.)*

*Hit the button again.*

**AUDIO: SOUND EFFECT 2 (CAT YOWL)**

*Hit the button again.*

**AUDIO: SOUND EFFECT 3 ("AHOOGA" HORN)**

"Perfect! Do you think all of you could help me with the sound effects during the story? When I raise my hand, then you can raise YOUR hand if you'd like to come up and hit the button. If I point to you, then run up as fast as you can, hit the button, then head right back to your seat. Cool? Cool.

"Let's start by going back to the very beginning, when God first created the world—and the first people, Adam and Eve. Adam and Eve disobeyed God by taking a bite of fruit, even though God had told them not to.

*Raise your hand to get the kids to raise theirs. Point to a kid with his/her hand raised. The kid should come up, hit the button, then go right back to his/her seat.*

**AUDIO: SOUND EFFECT 4 (BITE OF FRUIT)**

*Note: You'll do this each time you want to cue a sound effect. Make sure you're choosing kids from the back and sides of the room—not just up front. Also, if a kid takes a long time to come up, you may need to repeat the cue line just before the kid hits the button.*

"People's relationship with God was broken. But God had a plan to make things right. God promised to bless the whole world through the family of a man named Abraham and his wife Sarah.



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“Abraham and Sarah’s great-grandson was named Joseph. Joseph’s brothers were so jealous of him that they took his special robe and sold him into slavery in Egypt. But, after many hard years, Joseph was put in charge of the food in Egypt. Which meant he was able to save his family from starving!

*Raise your hand and pick a kid to come up and hit the button.*

**AUDIO: SOUND EFFECT 5 (JOSEPH’S FAMILY—“MMMM”)**

“Over the years, Joseph’s family grew and grew, and they became known as the Israelites, or Hebrews. The number of Israelites grew so large that the Egyptian ruler, Pharaoh, began to worry. The pharaoh thought that the Israelites might try to join Egypt’s enemies. He wondered if they might try to conquer him and take over his kingdom.”

### PHARAOH’S FEAR

**STORYTELLER:** “So the pharaoh enslaved the Hebrew people, and he made them do lots of hard work for no pay.

*Raise your hand and pick a kid to come up and hit the button.*

**AUDIO: SOUND EFFECT 6 (ISRAELITES WORKING)**

“That’s the way it was for hundreds of years. And in that time, the Hebrew families still continued to grow. So the pharaoh came up with an awful plan. He declared that all Hebrew baby boys must be thrown into the Nile River. He didn’t want them to grow up and be able to fight against him.

“In the middle of all this, a Hebrew woman named Jochebed and her husband Amram had a baby boy.

*Raise your hand and pick a kid to come up and hit the button.*

**AUDIO: SOUND EFFECT 7 (BABY CRYING)**

“Jochebed knew that she needed to protect her baby. So for three months, she kept him hidden.”

*Raise your hand and pick a kid to come up and hit the button.*

**AUDIO: SOUND EFFECT 8 (“SHHHH”)**

### BABY IN A BASKET

**STORYTELLER:** “But there was no way that Jochebed could KEEP hiding her son. Listen to what she did next.

*Open the Bible to Exodus 2:3 (NirV) and read.*

*“She got a basket made out of the stems of tall grass. She coated the basket with tar. She placed the child in the basket. Then she put it in the tall grass that grew along the bank of the Nile River.*

“Jochebed carefully placed her baby in the basket and put the basket in the river—among the tall grass.

*Raise your hand and pick a kid to come up and hit the button.*



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**AUDIO: SOUND EFFECT 9 (RIVER SOUNDS)**

"Maybe Jochebed thought this was a place no one would come. Or maybe she knew it was the spot where Pharaoh's daughter came to bathe. Either way, Jochebed had to trust that God would keep her baby safe.

"Jochebed's older daughter, Miriam, crept down to the river so she could keep watch over her brother in the basket."

*Raise your hand and pick a kid to come up and hit the button.*

**AUDIO: SOUND EFFECT 10 (TIPTOE)****MOSES RESCUED**

**STORYTELLER:** "Soon, Pharaoh's daughter, the princess, came down to the river to bathe.

*Raise your hand and pick a kid to come up and hit the button.*

**AUDIO: SOUND EFFECT 11 (TRUMPET FANFARE)**

"The princess saw the basket with Miriam's baby brother! She sent an attendant to pick it up.

**AUDIO: SOUND EFFECT 12 (FOOTSTEPS)**

"When the princess looked inside, she realized that it must have been one of the Hebrew babies.

"Miriam then did something very brave. She walked up to the princess.

*Raise your hand and pick a kid to come up and hit the button.*

**AUDIO: SOUND EFFECT 11 (TRUMPET FANFARE)**

"Miriam asked the princess if she would like one of the Hebrew women to take care of the baby for her—like a nanny. The princess agreed!

"Miriam ran to get her mother, Jochebed.

*Raise your hand and pick a kid to come up and hit the button.*

**AUDIO: SOUND EFFECT 13 (RUNNING)**

"Together, they returned to see the princess. The princess said to Jochebed . . .

*Open the Bible to Exodus 2:9 (NirV) and read.*

"Take this baby and feed him for me. I'll pay you.' So [Jochebed] took the baby and fed him.

"Can you believe that? Jochebed was able to save her baby—and she even got PAID to take care of him!"

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*Raise your hand and pick a kid to come up and hit the button.*

**AUDIO: SOUND EFFECT 14 (COINS)**

## WRAPPING UP THE STORY

**STORYTELLER:** "Jochebed was able to care for her son at home. When he grew up, she took him to live at the palace with Pharaoh's daughter. The princess called him 'Moses.' It's pretty cool, because the name Moses means 'to draw out.' The princess chose that name because she pulled the baby out of the water.

"Moses will go on to play a really important part in God's Big Story, as we'll see in the next couple of weeks!

"For now, though, it's important for us to imagine what this must have been like for Moses' mom, Jochebed. She did everything she could to keep her baby safe! Miriam did, too. She was brave enough to go to the princess in order to protect her baby brother.

"Jochebed and Miriam both had a lot of grit. God helped them know what to do, even in a really difficult situation. Just like the two of them did, we can hold on when WE face tough times. We just have to remember this.

**SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE**

**"Hold on even when you don't know what to do.**

"Let's pray and ask God to help us do that."

**SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND**

## PRAY

**STORYTELLER:** "Dear God, You are amazing! You helped Moses' mom and sister in a situation that must have seemed impossible. And they were able to save Moses' life! Please show us how we can hold on even when we don't know what to do. Help us be able to **[Basic Truth] trust You no matter what.** We love You, God, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."



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**CLOSER**

*Host enters as Storyteller exits.*

**HOST:** “Wow—Moses’ mom, Jochebed, was in a really terrible situation! She didn’t know what to do, but she knew she had to do SOMETHING to save her baby.

**SLIDE: GOD’S BIG STORY TIMELINE SLIDE**

**SLIDE: WEEK 3 TIMELINE IMAGE**

*If you’re making a timeline of printed images on your wall, take this moment to place today’s timeline image on the clothesline.*

“She didn’t give up, and neither did Moses’ sister, Miriam. They used their creativity to think of a way to save Moses’ life.

“Sometimes we find ourselves in situations that seem difficult or even impossible, and we’re not sure what to do. God is always with us, even in those times. God is there, even when life feels scary or confusing.

“This is a big part of having grit.

**SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE**

**“Hold on even when you don’t know what to do.**

“Sometimes things happen with our family or friends, and we don’t know how to fix it. It helps if we think about what Jesus said is most important: love God and love others. It’s not always easy to know exactly what to do—but if we act with love, that’ll put us on the right track, every time!

“Don’t forget, you can talk to God about what’s going on. You can ask God to help you. You can talk to your mom or dad or someone else in your family, or another adult who loves and follows God. If you’re going through something big and feel like your whole world is changing, remember that you’re never alone. You can hold on. God is there to help you, and God has put people in your life who can help you, too.

*Optional: Take a minute to share a quick, kid-appropriate story of how God helped you hold on, even when you didn’t know what to do.*

“Let’s head to Small Group and talk about how we can hold on in any situation—even when we’re not sure WHAT to do!”

*Dismiss kids to their small groups.*

**AUDIO: PLAY HIGH-ENERGY MUSIC AS THE KIDS EXIT.**

**SLIDE: THEME**

**OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP**