

CLIFFHANGER

THE STORY ISN'T OVER



WEEK

THREE

OCTOBER 2022

SMALL GROUP

K-3

PRELUDE

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GROUPS

HOME

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION
15 MINUTES

MADE TO PLAY

an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and/or working as a group



Before kids arrive, take a few moments to pray for them. Ask God to help kids hold on even when they don't know what to do next. Pray that God would put people in the lives of your few who can be voices of wisdom, strength, and encouragement, and that those voices would echo God's loving kindness toward us.

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Float On

Moses Is Born
Exodus 2:1-10 (Exodus 1)

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

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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

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EARLY ARRIVER

WHAT YOU NEED: Offering container, scrap paper, and pencils, (optional) small prize

WHAT YOU DO:

- Greet kids as they arrive and get them settled with their Bibles and offerings.
- Offer paper and pencils and challenge kids to a tic-tac-toe tournament.
 - Pair kids up to play each other.
 - The first round is best three out of five.
 - The winners move on to the next round.
 - The rest of the rounds are best two out of three.
 - *(Optional)* Give a prize to the winner.
- As you play, ask kids about their strategy, particularly about what they do to anticipate their opponent's move.
 - How do they decide where to place their mark?
 - What are they thinking or hoping their opponent will do?
 - What happens when their opponent does something unexpected?
 - How do they change their strategy on the fly?
- If you have more time, start another tournament.



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CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO CREATE

an activity that explores ideas through the process of drawing, building, designing, and problem-solving



1. ROLLING DOWN THE RIVER

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Baby Moses" Activity Page cutouts, kiddie pool or plastic bins of water, tape, popsicle sticks, pipe cleaners, aluminum foil, glue sticks

WHAT YOU DO:

- Pair kids up and lay out the craft supplies.
- Tell kids to work with their partner to make a basket for Baby Moses to float down the "river."
- They can use as many or as few of the supplies provided to make their basket, but they want to make sure it will float.
- Once they finish, they will place a Baby Moses cutout in their basket and take it to the water.
- One kid will be Miriam on one side, and the other kid will be the princess on the other side.
- Miriam gets three "pushes" to get the baby across the water to the princess.
- Ask these questions once everyone is finished.
 - Did your basket sink or float?
 - Did it make it to the princess?
 - Was it easy or hard to make your basket?
 - What if a real baby was in your basket? Do you think it would be even harder to make sure your basket would float and keep him safe?
 - Would you have been scared to place your baby in a basket in the river and walk away? Why?
 - Do you think Moses' mom took a lot of time to make sure the basket was perfect?
 - What was Miriam's role in the story? *(To make sure Moses stayed safe and to tell the princess about her mom.)*
 - What did the princess do when she found the baby? *(She adopted him and let his real mom take care of him until he was grown.)*

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"You guys did an amazing job of baskets for Baby Moses and getting him across the river. It wasn't easy, but you did it! Moses' mom, Jochebed, wasn't sure what to do, but she trusted God and took the next step she knew. She saved her baby boy, who we will learn will eventually save God's people from Pharaoh. You can **hold on even when you don't know what to do.**"



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DRAW A MOUNTAIN

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Blank paper, coloring materials, and Bibles

WHAT YOU DO:

- Hand out the blank paper and coloring materials.
- Tell kids to draw exactly what you say and nothing more.
- Make sure they only look at their paper and no one else's.
- Direct kids to:
 - Draw a mountain in the middle of the paper.
 - Draw some trees near the mountain.
 - Draw a climber on the mountain.
 - Draw a stream coming down the mountain.
 - Draw a sun in the sky.
 - Draw some grass near the bottom of the mountain.
 - Draw a rainbow over the mountain.
- Some kids may have specific questions like what colors to use or how big something should be. Just remind them to follow your instructions the best they can.
- Let kids compare pictures when they're finished.
- Look up and read the memory verse using the navigation tips below.

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Finding verses with a multi-age group: Guide all kids to open their Bibles to the front and find the table of contents. Hold up a Bible opened to the table of contents to show the kids what the page looks like. When the kids find the table of contents, ask a middle elementary kid (2nd–3rd grade) to find Galatians in the list under New Testament. When the kid finds Galatians, lead them to look at the page number beside the word and say it, explaining that the number tells them on what page they can find Galatians. Ask older elementary kids (4th–5th grade) to help younger ones find the correct page in their Bibles. When they all find Galatians, explain that the big numbers on the page are the chapter numbers. Ask a kindergartner or 1st grader to find chapter 6, and give time for all the kids to find it. Explain that the small numbers are verse numbers, and ask a middle elementary kid to find verse 9 in chapter 6. Then read the verse aloud slowly, especially for your pre-readers, or ask older elementary kids to read it to the group.

- Guide kids to write Galatians 6:9 along the bottom of their picture. Help younger kids as needed.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"These pictures are all different! No two of them are exactly the same, but you all had the same instructions and the same materials. How many of you had questions, even just in your mind, when I was giving directions? Maybe, how big should the mountain be, where should the climber go, how many trees

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(DRAW A MOUNTAIN, CONTINUED)

should I draw? (Pause.) How did you decide what to draw when you didn't have all the information? (*thought of what it should be, what I know a mountain looks like, etc.*) You didn't know everything, but you did know enough to draw what I directed and do it the best way you could.

[Make It Personal] (*share a time you felt confused or uncertain but you had to act. What did you do? How did you decide what to do? Did you pray, talk to wise friends, read the Bible, think about how to love God and others through your choice?*)

"We don't know everything in life, but you can **hold on even when you don't know what to do**. We know that in any situation, God wants us to love other people, show kindness, and forgive. We know that we should treat others the way we want to be treated. We know that we can trust God no matter what. These are the things that guide us and help us when we don't know what to do.

(*Open Bible to Galatians 6:9 and read the verse out loud.*) "Paul reminds us in this verse that we'll have a 'crop' if we don't give up doing what's right. That crop is the result of following God. Look around at the results of your choices. Are there people you have been kind to? Have you been respectful when you're asked to do a chore at home or at school? Are there other ways you've followed Jesus? Those are things you can remember when you're not sure what to do. Those will give you the best 'crop' of wise choice results."



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MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that creates space for personal processing and application



PRAY AND DISMISS

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Drawings from "Draw a Mountain" Activity and pencils or pens

WHAT YOU DO:

- Ask kids to write the Bottom Line on the tops of their paper. **Hold on even when you don't know what to do.**
- Close in prayer.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"Dear God, thank You that You are always with us and give us strength, courage, creativity, and grit so we can find ways to follow You, even when we don't know what happens next. Please show us how to follow You even better this week. Amen."

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

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

As adults arrive to pick up, send home the directed drawing pictures and show adults the mountains from "Build a Mountain" Activity. Let kids pose for pictures if they want.

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