



Kindergarten-2nd

July 18-19, 2015

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Moses

LESSON TITLE

Exodus 12-14; Jeremiah 29:11

WHERE TO FIND IT

God provides for his family.

MAIN POINT

schedule

Connect Time (15 minutes): Five minutes after the service begins, split kids into groups and begin their activity.

Large Group (30 minutes): Begin 20 minutes after the service starts. Model what it looks like to be engaged in large group.

Small Group (15 minutes): Keep kids in small groups until parents arrive. If you *all* have extra time at the end, you can review the video and songs together.

tips

When kids enter the room, welcome them by name. It will make them feel known and give them a sense of belonging.

check-in/out

As kids leave, tell parents that they made something special to give to the birds. We can help take care of birds just like God takes care of us.

large group heads up

There are many ways God provides for his family. But he did some incredible miracles to bring them out of slavery and into the Promised Land. Today, we're talking about some of those!



connect time

GOAL: *Connect Time is all about engaging kids in an activity that allows them to connect with each other right away while simultaneously piquing their curiosity for Large Group and preparing their minds for what they're going to hear.*

PROVISION Pictionary

**Break kids into groups, the same small groups they'll be in after Large Group.*

- Give each group a **large, tear-off sheet** of paper
- Ask kids to each think of something God provides for them like food, a house, clothes, friends, a pet, etc.
- Choose one kid to be the **artist** and one to be the **idea person**.
- Have the idea person whisper his/her thing that God provides to the artist.
- The artist draws the thing in one corner of the paper (many items will go on this sheet of paper).
- As the artist draws, everybody else guesses what it is. (The small group functions as one team.)
- When the kids get it right, choose a new artist and idea person and draw another on the same sheet of paper.
- Play as many rounds as you can until the sheet is full of things God provides for us.
- Leave the paper where it is (you'll need it for small group)

Before you go to Large Group, you can ask kids how their week went. You can also remind kids of the expectations for Large Group behavior: (1) be kind, (2) listen when somebody speaks, and (3) follow the leader's instructions.



instructions

Goal: Kids will (1) recognize different ways God took care of his family in Exodus and (2) understand that God still provides for his family

Why? God can do miracles, which means no situation is too hard for him. Remembering that brings hope!

Tip: Double-check any allergy alert stickers! (Parents were instructed to ask leaders for stickers if they were concerned about their kids coming into contact with plain Cheerios.)

small group

REVIEW THE STORY

1. How did God take care of his family in today's story? (sent plagues to show his power, kept his family's sons safe, made Pharaoh send them away, led them with a cloud and fire, made a path through the Red Sea)
2. How does God take care of us? (sent us Jesus; also refer to sheet from the Connect Time)
3. Can God take care of us when things are really hard? How do you know?

APPLY THE STORY

- **Ask God to take care of us:** Go around the circle and have all kids decide what they could ask God to provide them with this week (it may be what they talked to God about during Large Group). Once they have shared, they can add their request to our Pictionary Mural by writing or drawing what it is.
- Remind kids that we won't get everything we *want*, but God will give us what we *need*. So we're going to make something to take care of birds, just like God takes care of us.
 - Give each kid **a pipe cleaner**
 - String **Cheerios** onto the pipe cleaner (no eating; they are for birds!)
 - Then bend them into a shape: hearts, cross, fish, anything!
- Encourage kids to feed the birds with these this week by placing the pipe cleaner somewhere outside. As they feed birds, remember that God is taking care of them!

***Pray, asking God to help kids with their specific requests this week (pray for the items they added to the paper if you can remember them).**

*Then give kids a **Red Sea coloring page**. If you have extra time, practice memorizing today's verse. See the following page for hand motions!*

Let's remember the verse with some hand motions! Use silly voices if you want.

- **Jeremiah 29:11** – (hold up two fingers, then nine)
- **“For I know the plans I have for you,”** – (point to brain on “know,” then spread hands out)
- **says the LORD.** – (point up)
- **“They are plans for good and not for disaster,** - (thumbs up, then thumbs down)
- **to give you a future and a hope.** - (hold out left hand, palm up; hold out right hand, palm up)

special notes

Teaching kids that God takes care of us can be tough when some kids are facing difficult situations. The thing is, the Israelites went through suffering too. As you teach today's lesson, seek to convey God's love while not making it seem like everything will be easy for God's family.

presenter tips

There are two videos today (you can find links to preview them on the prep page). Pace yourself so that you have time for both without making Large Group longer.

script

*Click to play intro music

Hi everybody! Welcome to Kids' Club. I'm so glad to see you. Before we start, I want to officially invite you to Movie Night in TWO weeks, on Friday night, July 31. Come with an adult and bring a friend—or ten! This is a great chance for you to bring friends who don't know Jesus to Crossroads. We can't tell you exactly which movie we're showing, but I think you'll like it...to give you a hint: it's about six friends who became BIG-time heroes.

Slide: Movie Night

You'll get an invitation on that way out. Hope you guys can make it!

Now let's talk about Connect Time: The game you played looked like so much fun! I love thinking about all the different ways God takes care of me. What are some of the pictures you guys drew? (Let 5-6 kids share.) Wow, those are all great things God does for us or gives to us.

Does anybody know WHY God takes care of us? (Let kids respond.) Yep, he loves us! Even when we face hard times, He is with us. Today, we're going to find out about some big ways God helped his family a long time ago.

WHAT'S IN THE BACKPACK?

First, let's look in our **backpack** this week and see what's inside to help us understand what happened to God's family. (**Click to show picture of sunglasses.**) What are these? (Let kids say: Sunglasses.) Yep, and when do we need sunglasses? (Let kids respond.) That's right, when we're in the sun.

SET THE SCENE

Well, in today's story, God's family was in a spot with a lot of sun, a country called Egypt. Let's



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imagine for a minute that you are one of God's people working for the ruler, called Pharaoh (**click to show a picture of pharaoh**). Who would like to pretend to be pharaoh? (Allow someone to come up and stand with crossed arms, like a pharaoh.)

Let's pretend that this kid is pharaoh. He is going to tell all of us to work, and we're going to HAVE to listen because he's in charge. Some of the work they did was to make and carry heavy bricks, so when he yells work, we're going to pretend we're carrying heavy bricks on our back, like this (hunch over and walk in place).

So I need you guys to stand up! Ready? (*Let kids stand. Have "pharaoh" yell "work" and kids should walk in place. He should yell "work" again and they walk in place even faster. As they walk, narrate*): You can feel the hot sun on your back and in your face. Your stomach is growling and you are so hungry and tired. You have been working since the sun came up and it's late in the day. You don't actually have any sunglasses so your eyes are burning (squint). Sweat begins to drip down your face. But your arm is almost too tired to wipe it off (let kids wipe sweat). Whew, now have a seat. (Let kids—including "pharaoh"—sit.)

GOD LEADS HIS FAMILY OUT OF EGYPT

This is where God's family was living for many years. It was hard, but God saw how painful it was for them and he had a plan to take care of them. Just like how he sees us when we need help now! Let's watch a video to see what God does. As you watch see if you can find at least ONE way God took care of his family.

Video: God's Story: Passover

Amazing! So how did God take care of his family in that video? (*They may say: God sent plagues so Pharaoh would see his power, God kept his family's firstborn children safe when they put lambs' blood on the doors, God made Pharaoh send God's family away from Egypt, God sent Jesus to rescue US! Summarize anything they missed or help them out if they are having trouble remembering.*)

GOD LEADS HIS FAMILY ACROSS THE RED SEA

Well, guess what? God took care of his family, but he has to KEEP taking care of us because we keep needing things, don't we? I mean, raise your hand if you need to eat every day (let kids raise hands). Yep, me too!

After God's family left Egypt, they got in trouble again. Pharaoh changed his mind—he wanted them to come back and work for him again! So he sent an entire army out to chase them and bring them back. The good news is, God had a plan to take care of his family in a BIG way. We've got a different video to show us what happened next. Like the last one, see if you can figure out at least ONE way God took care of his family.

Video: The Israelites Cross the Red Sea

Wow, so how did God take care of his family this time? (Let kids respond.) You got it: he showed them where to go with a cloud and with fire. When they got to the Red Sea, he made a



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dry path right in the middle! He brought his whole family safely across...then got rid of the Egyptian army chasing them.

When it said they sung a song at the end, that's because they were so happy God had taken care of them. They were praising him!

IMAGINE, RESPOND AND PRAY

Remember how we imagined being God's family at the beginning of the story? When we were working so hard in the hot sun? Once again, lie down and close your eyes (let kids get situated). Pretend you are lying on the sand on the shore of the Red Sea. It's still warm from the sun. You can taste salt in the air. Nearby you can hear the sound of waves (**click to play the sound effects**). Right now, you are thankful that God brought you here.

Let's talk God, just like his family did on the beach of the Red Sea. In your head, tell God about a problem you are facing. Maybe it is a struggle at school, with a friend or with a brother or sister. Maybe you are struggling to keep your room clean or obey your parents. Maybe you are just feeling sad about something.

Ask God to give you what you need. And remember, God is bigger than any problem we may have! (Allow kids about 1-2 minutes to quietly talk to God and ask him to provide for them in their time of need. Then wrap up with something like: God, thanks for taking care of your family. Thanks that even when we face hard times, we know you're with us.)

REMEMBER GOD'S PLAN

You can sit up now. The best part is, in case you're ever not sure that God wants to take care of you, let's remind ourselves of our verse in Jeremiah 29:11. It says:

SLIDE: Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.

Say that out loud with me (lead kids in saying it as LOUD as they can). Great! God has great plans for us and will provide for us in even the hardest situations. What a great feeling!

WORSHIP

Now lets sing to God, like the Israelites! Everybody, stand up! Our first song is about how he will lead us and we can listen to him. The next song is all about how we don't have to be afraid, because he'll take care of us!

Song: Before I Go

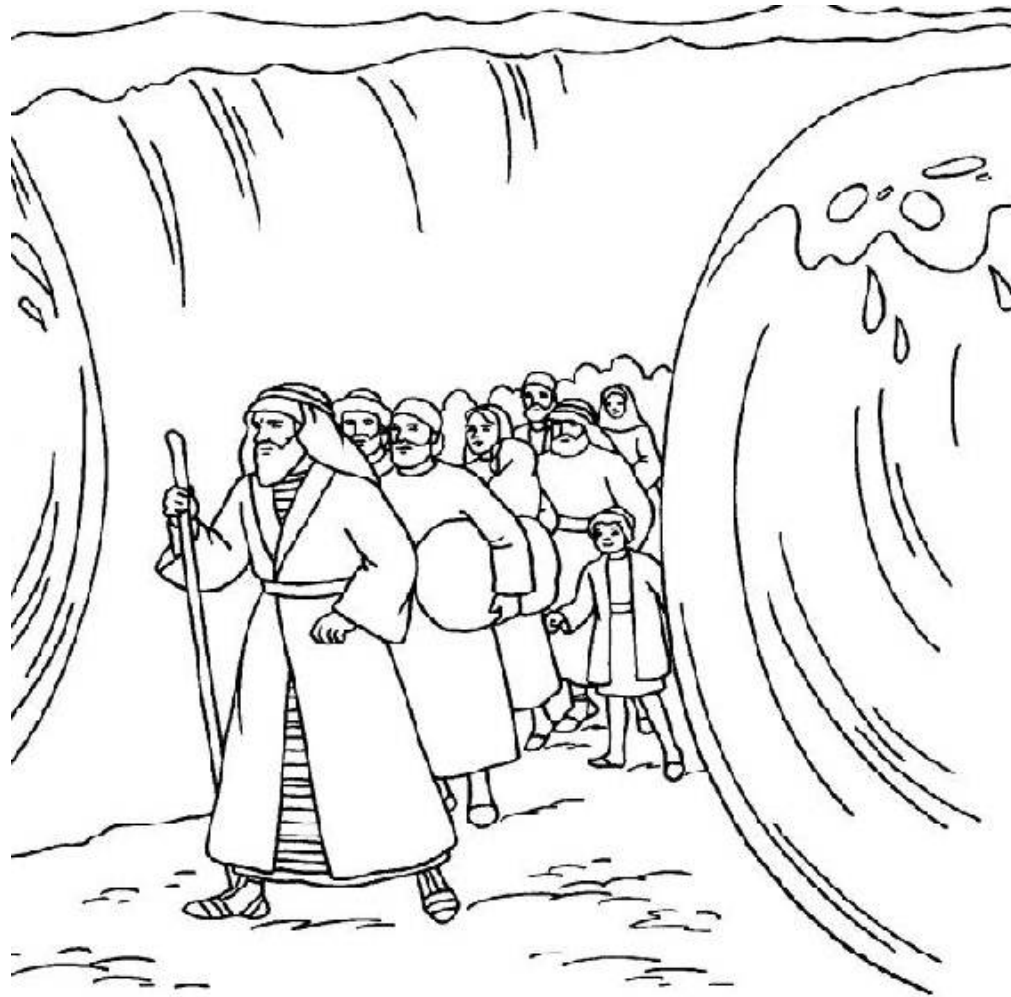
Music Video: I'm Not Afraid



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PREP needs



connect time supplies

Per group

1 large, tear-off sheet of paper
markers

small group supplies

Per kid

coloring page: Red Sea
1 pipecleaner

Per group

Markers
1 Bible
Cheerios (could fill Ziploc bags for each group)

*1 Movie Night Invitation per kid to be handed out as they leave

large group supplies

Bible
Backpack/knapsack

a/v needs

1. Song slide: for when kids enter the room (All that You Need instrumental; mp3 only; can be downloaded on website)
2. Slide: Movie Night
3. Image: sunglasses
4. Image: pharaoh
5. Video: God's Story: Passover (<https://vimeo.com/105255877>)
6. Video: The Israelites Cross the Red Sea (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xd3s5xmbeHU>) (0-1:54)
7. Beach sounds (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F-l6wHoYVhI>); cover with an image of the Red Sea.
8. SLIDE: For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.
9. Music Video: Before I Go
10. Song: I'm Not Afraid (<https://vimeo.com/121403086>)

connect questions

Kids will be making a craft with Cheerios today.
(Please tell a volunteer in the room if your child has an allergy so you can get an Allergy Alert Sticker.)

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