



TOY BOX | WEEK 1 | SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

## 2s-3s Lesson

# Moses' Mom

**Bible Story:** *God is with me so I can be brave.* Moses' Mom • Exodus 1:22–2:10

**Memory Verse:** "We have the Lord our God to help us." 2 Chronicles 32:8, NLT

**Key Question:** Who is always with you?

**Bottom Line:** God is always with me.

**Basic Truth:** I am made for a purpose so the Holy Spirit will help me do big things now.

**KID CONNECT:  
30 MINUTES**

**LARGE GROUP:  
15 MINUTES**

**SMALL GROUP:  
15 MINUTES**

## LEADER BIBLE STUDY

*Many of us remember a special toy or plush friend from our Toy Box that gave us comfort and companionship when we needed it. It's part of growing up. We were made to want someone with us. And that Someone is Who we will be talking about this month. He is the only One who can truly always be with us. We will say countless times this month, "God is always with me."*

*We want our preschoolers to believe it with all of their hearts. With this truth as a foundation, they can be brave and wise. They can have courage and strength. Then, when the times comes that their favorite toy, blanket, or pillow cannot be with them, they will know that there is Someone who loves them and will always be with them. No matter where they go or what they do, God is always with them...and you.*

**Story Focus: God is with me so I can be brave.** Week one, we tell the story of baby Moses and his mom. Moses' mom believed that God was always with her and that God would always be with her baby. That is what helped her be brave enough to hide Moses in that tall grass.

# KID CONNECT

## WELCOME TIME

(VIDEO: ARRIVAL MUSIC)

Play intro music in the background as you greet preschoolers and follow the KidCity check-in procedures. Set out a few favorite theme-related toys, such as puzzles and blocks.

## OPENING ACTIVITY

(No Supplies)

All this month, our Kid Connect time will be spent building relationships with the kids. Gather your small group together for some intentional connecting time before Large Group. You can do small activities while you chat together (like coloring or building with blocks) or just sit and listen to each other. Ask your kids relationship-building questions like:

- How old are you?
- Do you have a favorite stuffed animal?
- Do you have a brother, sister, or pet? What are their names?
- What do you like to play at home?
- What's your favorite food/color/animal/ice cream flavor?

# LARGE GROUP

## COUNTDOWN

(VIDEO: COUNTDOWN)

Show the countdown video as the children clean up and transition to Large Group.

## SETTING UP FOR SUCCESS

(CG: EXPECTATION SLIDE: BASIC TRUTHS SLIDE)

*LARGE GROUP LEADER (LGL) enters, carrying the treasure box. Inside is a Bible and scarves for Worship.*

**LGL:** Hello my friends! How are you today? Come sit with me. I am so glad to see you here. I love being here with you!

Here in KidCity we have three rules. How many rules do we have? (*kids respond*) That's right! Three rules. Let's go over our rules now. (List rules while counting on fingers)

1. **Be kind.** We can be kind by using our indoor speaking voices, by staying on our blankets (or whatever space you have), and by obeying our leaders.
2. **Be safe.** We can be safe by walking around the classroom and keeping our hands to ourselves.
3. **Have fun!** We are going to have SO much fun, and that's because you are here!

Can everybody follow those rules today? (*kids respond*) Great! KidCity is a place where we learn about God and Jesus! And there are three big truths that we want you to know. Let's say them all together! Are you ready?

1. **I am made by God.** What is it? (*kids repeat*)

2. I am loved by God no matter what. What is it? (*kids repeat*)
3. I am made for a purpose! What is it? (*kids repeat*)

*LGL sits with the treasure box in front of him/her.*

*NOTE: You can choose to put any large group props that fit inside the box and pull them out for a dramatic reveal.*

**LGL:** Do you see this box? This is a beautiful box, isn't it? It looks special. I wonder what's inside. Do you want to see what's inside? Let's see. (*LGL opens the box and pulls out a Bible*) It's a Bible! (*hugging the Bible*) Oh, I love the Bible! It's so special. Everybody pretend to hug your Bible. Go ahead! (*pause*) Very good! I wonder...what's in the Bible? The Bible is God's Big Story, and it tells us all about God! We are going to hear a true story from the Bible today. I wonder what else is in this special box? (*Pull out scarves for worship time and pass them out to the children.*)

## WORSHIP

(VIDEO: VERY BIG THINGS; WHEREVER, WHATEVER; WORSHIP SCARVES)

Pass out the scarves to the kids and sing the worship songs.

## INTRO SKETCH

(Baby Doll, Story Box)

*LGL brings the story box with the props inside to the middle.*

"I have my story box ready. I'm SO excited to see what we are learning about God today. Let's see what I have in here..."

*Pull out baby doll.*

Oooo, a baby doll! Our story today is about a baby named Moses' mom. She was scared that something bad was going to happen to baby Moses, but she knew that God was always with her and would help her be brave. God is ALWAYS with us and can help us be brave, too!

Have you ever been scared? Maybe when you have to go to someplace new or when there is a big storm? It's hard to be brave when scary things happen. But we can remember that God is always with us and can help us do big things now, like be brave!

Let's watch our story and see how God helped Moses' mom be brave."

## WATCH THE BIBLE STORY

(VIDEO: BIBLE STORY, BOTTOM LINE)

"What a great story! God was with Moses' mom and helped her be brave! And God is always with us, too. When I ask, 'Who is always with you?', I want you to say, [*Bottom Line*] 'God is always with me!' Ready? Who is always with you?" (*God is always with me.*)

## WRAP UP AND BASIC TRUTH

(CG: BASIC TRUTH SLIDE)

“It’s a BIG thing to be brave, especially when being brave means that we need to do the right thing, even if it’s scary. Our Basic Truth says, ‘I am made for a purpose so the Holy Spirit (who is God) will help me do big things now.’ God promises to help us do all kinds of big things!”

## PRACTICE THE MEMORY VERSE

(CG: MEMORY VERSE)

“Let’s say our memory verse together. I will say it first and then you will say it with me.”

“We have (*bend wrists and tap fingertips to chest*)  
the Lord our God (*point up*)  
to help us,” (*right thumbs-up on top of left palm*)  
2 Chronicles 32:8. (*Open hands like a book.*)”

*Say it once while doing the motions and then invite the kids to do it with you.*

## PRAY

Let’s pray together. (*Have kids “put both hands up in the air, clap them together once [keep hands clasped], and then lower them down to their lap”*)

“God, you are AWESOME! We know that just like you were with Moses’s mom and his sister Miriam, you are with us, too! We can be brave because you are with us. Thank you, God. We love you. In Jesus’ name we pray, amen.”

## TRANSITION TO SMALL GROUP

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## MEMORY VERSE WITH MOTIONS

(*Memory Verse Motions Poster – 1 per group*)

Say the memory verse using motions from the Memory Verse Motions poster. Repeat several times and encourage children for trying.

“We have (*bend wrists and tap fingertips to chest*)

the Lord our God (*point up*)  
to help us,” (*right thumbs-up on top of left palm*)  
2 Chronicles 32:8. (*Open hands like a book.*)

## CARRY THE BABY

(Baby Doll, Tri-fold Green Poster Board [cut to look like tall grass], Princess Crown)

### What You Do:

*Before the Activity:* In one area of the room, set up the tri-fold poster board to look like tall grass. In another area, place the crown where it will be visible to the children.

*During the Activity:* Walk as a group to the tall grass (poster board) then to the princess (crown) as you review the Bible story together. Each time you do this, a different child will carry Baby Moses (baby doll). Make sure each child gets to carry the baby.

*After the Activity:* Talk about how God was always with Baby Moses and Moses’ mommy.

### What You Say:

*Before the Activity:* “I’m so happy you’re here today! You get to take turns carrying a baby while we talk about today’s Bible story.”

*During the Activity:* “We will pretend this baby doll is Baby Moses. Everyone say, ‘Hi, Baby Moses!’ (*Pause.*) Everyone will get a turn carrying Baby Moses while we walk and talk about today’s Bible story. [Child’s name], hold Baby Moses and everyone follow me. (*Lead the children slowly to the poster board.*)

“Moses’ mommy knew God was always with her and Moses. That helped her be brave. She made a special basket and hid Baby Moses from the mean people in the tall grass. “Let’s pretend these are tall grass. (*Point to poster board.*) [Child’s name], lay Baby Moses in the tall grass. God was with Baby Moses in the tall grass. While baby Moses was hidden in the tall grass, a princess heard him crying. [Child’s name], pick up Baby Moses. He’s going to the princess. (*Lead the children slowly to the crown.*) “The princess saw Baby Moses and wanted to help take care of him. I see the princess crown. (*Point to the crown.*) [Child’s name], lay baby Moses by the princess crown. God was with Baby Moses when he lived with the princess.” (*Lead the children back to the beginning and repeat the activity. Make sure every child who wants a turn gets to carry the baby.*)

*After the Activity:* “God was always with Baby Moses, and God is always with you! Who is always with you? **[Bottom line] God is always with me!**”

## OPTIONAL: TUNNEL

(Preschool Tunnel [option to sub out with hula hoop or table], Green Streamers, Tape, Baby Doll)

### What You Do:

*Before the Activity:* Place the tunnel in the middle of the activity area. Tear six to seven strips of the crepe paper from the roll and tape them to the entrance and exit of the tunnel so they hang down. This will be the tall grass. Place the baby doll inside the tunnel in the center. The baby doll will represent Moses.

*Optional:* If you choose, use a hula hoop with streamers or a table with streamers for kids to crawl through/under.

*During the Activity:* Tell the children that the baby is Moses and that his brave mommy hid him in the tall grass. Invite a child to crawl through the tall grass and the tunnel to get Moses, then crawl out. When the child emerges from the tunnel, ask them to pretend to be the brave mommy and hide him in the tall grass by placing him back inside the tunnel for the next child to have a turn. Repeat with the next child. Be sure each child has a turn to crawl through the tunnel, find the baby and hide the baby back in the grass.

**What You Say:**

*Before the Activity:* “I see a tunnel with lots of tall grass around it! (Point.) The tall grass is just like what was in our Bible story today.

*During the Activity:* “Let’s pretend that we’re crawling through the tall grass to find Moses. (Do activity.) When you find him, bring him out of the tall grass. Great job! Now you can pretend to be Moses’ brave mommy and hide him in the tall grass again.” (Finish activity.)

*After the Activity:* “God is with us and can make us brave! You were brave to crawl through the tunnel and get Moses. Moses’ mommy was brave to hide him and keep him safe. God is always with us! Who is always with you? **[Bottom Line] God is always with me!**”

## BOTTOM LINE SONG

Sing the song below to the tune of “If You’re Happy and You Know It”.

“God is always with you. Yes He is! (Clap, clap.)  
“God is always with you. Yes, He is! (Clap, clap.)  
“In the morning, in the night,  
“You are always in His sight.  
“God is always with you. Yes, He is!” (Clap, clap.)



## PRAYER

Let’s pray together. (*Have kids “put both hands up in the air, clap them together once [keep hands clasped], and then lower them down to their lap”*)

Dear God, you are so amazing and wonderful. There is no one else like you. Thank you for loving us and always being with us. Thank you for helping us be brave. We love you, God. In Jesus’ name, amen.”

## CONNECT WITH PARENTS/INFLUENCERS

**(First Look Placemats - 1 per child)**

Hand out placemats to parents as they arrive. Encourage parents/influencers to review the Preschool lesson with their child this week.

