



TOY BOX | WEEK 1 | SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

4s-5s 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?

*Transition to Large Group...*

# 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; BIBLE)

**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 holds up Bible in front of him/her.*

**LGL:** Do you know what this is? It's a Bible! (*hugging the Bible*) Oh, I love the Bible! It's so special. 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.

## WORSHIP

(**VIDEO: VERY BIG THINGS, WHEREVER, WHATEVER**)

Sing the worship songs together.

## INTRO SKETCH

(**Duffle Bag [or something similar], Toothbrush, T-Shirt, Teddy Bear [or something similar]**)

"That was some AWESOME singing! I love our new song, 'Very Big Things', because it's what we are going to talk about today...how with God's help we can do big things! (*Be sure to follow up this train of thought after the Bible story video using today's Basic Truth*)

Speaking of big things, let me ask you a question. Have you ever had a sleepover? I remember going for sleepovers at my grandmother's house when I was little! And when you go for a sleepover, you have to pack. Let's see . . .

*Pull out the toothbrush.*

"You definitely need to clean your teeth! So, you need a toothbrush.

*Pull out the T-shirt.*

"I need some PJ's for when I go to bed. You know, I remember the very first time I went for a sleepover. I'll be honest, I was a little scared about it because I'd never slept anywhere but my very own bed! So guess what I would do?

*Pull out the teddy bear.*

"I would take Mr. Bear! Whenever I felt afraid, I could hug him super-tight to help me be brave! Sometimes being brave can be hard, but I think we'll learn something REALLY important that we can remember when we feel a little scared. Listen close to our Bible story to find out more.

## 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, BOTTOM LINE)

“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 AND TRANSITION TO SMALL GROUP

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### FIND THE BABY

(Green paper plates, "Moses Cutouts" Activity Page, Glue Stick)

#### What You Do:

*Before the Activity:* Copy "Moses Cutout", one per activity. Cut out Moses and glue the picture to the bottom of one of the green plates. Gather the plates, including the one with the baby on the bottom and scatter around the room, one plate per child. Make sure the plates are bottom side down so the baby is hidden.

*During the Activity:* Gather the children around the plates. On "Go," instruct the children to stand next to a plate to pick it. The child who finds the baby will bring it to you as you review the story using the dialogue below. If time allows, gather the plates and put them out again for the children to hunt for the baby.

*After the Activity:* Gather the plates and set aside for clean-up.

#### What You Say:

*Before the Activity:* "Friends, let's play a game! Do you see these plates scattered all over the floor? Let's find a plate and look at the bottom. One plate is different from the rest! Ready? Go!"

*During the Activity:* "You found the plate! What do you see? (Pause.) Yes, a baby! It's Baby Moses. In our story, Moses was hidden in a basket. His mother and his sister were so brave. They didn't know what would happen. Do you remember who found the baby? (Pause.) Yes, the princess! She needed help taking care of Baby Moses so his sister Miriam said Moses' mom could do it!"

*After the Activity:* "God was with Moses' mother and his sister Miriam, and He is with us, too! He will help us all be brave! Tell me, who is always with you? **[Bottom Line] God is always with me.**"

### PRINCESS, PRINCESS, WHERE'S BABY MOSES?

(Baby Doll)

#### What You Do:

*Before the Activity:* Gather the children to sit in a circle. Select one child to sit in the center of the circle and close their eyes.

*During the Activity:* Teach the children to repeat the words below like the game "Doggy, Doggy, Where's Your Bone?" As the children chant, hide the baby doll behind one of the children. Make sure the children in the circle know to place their hands behind their backs. As the chant ends, the child in the center will open their eyes and have three guesses to find

Moses (baby doll). If correct, the child with the doll moves to the center. Repeat so that every child has a chance to find Moses.

### **What You Say:**

*Before the Activity:* “Friends, come sit with me. Let’s sit in a circle facing each other. I choose [child’s name] to sit in the center of the circle.”

*During the Activity:* “Everyone say this chant with me. Listen closely. **“Princess, princess, where’s Baby Moses? Someone hid him I suppose. Guess who! Maybe you. Wake up now and tell us who.”** (to the child in the center) “You will close your eyes as I hide our ‘baby.’ Then you’ll open your eyes and try to guess which friend has the baby. Are you ready, friends? (Pause.) Great! Let’s go!”

*After the Activity:* “We found Baby Moses, just like the princess found him that day in the basket. God was with Baby Moses, his mother, and sister, and God is with us, too! Who is always with you? **[Bottom Line] God is always with me.**”

## **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.)*

## **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.