



LESSON SNAPSHOT

BOTTOM LINE:

With a heart like God's, kids can protect and help others.

OBJECTIVE:

Kids will learn that they can serve and protect others.

KEY PASSAGE:

Exodus 1:22-2:10. Miriam protects her brother.

MEMORY VERSE:

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SUMMARY:

With God's help, kids can do big things for God. When Pharaoh ordered that every Israelite baby be thrown into the Nile River, the life of Miriam's brother was in danger. But with her mother's quick thinking, and Miriam's protective watch, the baby was saved. That baby would grow up to be the man that God would use to save his people.

SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

With your help, every kid can do great things. Give us hearts of love that want to serve and protect others.

*In Jesus' name,
Amen*



MEMORY VERSE

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"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young. Set an example for the believers in what you say and in how you live. Also set an example in how you love and in what you believe. Show the believers how to be pure. " - 1 Timothy 4:12 (NIV)

LARGE GROUP:

Write each word of the verse on a poster board. Bring enough kids on stage so each kid can hold one of the words. Then have the kids unscramble the words and put them in order on stage so the audience can read it.

SMALL GROUP:

Work as a group to create motions to accompany the verse. Say the verse several times while acting out the motions. (K-2nd)

Give all the kids a Bible. After you read the verse, give them the reference and see who can find it first in their Bible. (3rd-5th)



SKIT

JUST KIDS CLUB, PART TWO

ITEMS NEEDED:

Table
Chairs
Soccer ball
Tray
Snacks

CHARACTER BREAKDOWN: 3M, 1F

CHARACTERS:

Billy – 10 year old
Sally – 10 year old
Timmy – 10 year old
Mr. Horton – Timmy's dad

Billy, Sally and Timmy are seated around the table.

BILLY: We're all here, so I call this meeting of the Just Kids Club to order. Our first item of business is -

Mr. Horton enters carrying a soccer ball.

HORTON: Hey kids. Are you having another one of your little club meetings?

TIMMY: Dad, you said you weren't going to interrupt us today.

HORTON: I know. I know. But I was cleaning out the attic and I found this great soccer ball. I thought you guys might want it.

BILLY: Maybe after our meeting, sir.

SKIT

HORTON: Oh, come on. It's a beautiful day outside. You kids should be outside having fun.

TIMMY: Dad!

HORTON: Fine. I'll just leave this here, in case you decide to play later.

Mr. Horton exits.

TIMMY: Sorry about that, guys. He means well.

SALLY: I was just thinking: there's a family down the street from me that doesn't really have enough money to buy toys for their kids. How about we go down there after our meeting and give them this soccer ball?

BILLY: That's a great idea. And we could play a few games with them while we're there. Okay, so back to our meeting. There is a -

Mr. Horton enters with a tray of snacks.

HORTON: Hey there, kids. I thought you might be hungry, so I brought you some snacks.

SALLY: Thank you, Mr. Horton.

BILLY: Thanks.

Mr. Horton sets down the tray. Then he just stands there.

TIMMY: Thanks, dad. You can go now.

HORTON: Oh, sorry. Get back to your meeting.

Mr. Horton exits.

BILLY: These snacks have got me thinking, it's been a while since we did collected food for the rescue mission.

TIMMY: I'll talk to the mission and see what kinds of food they need.

SALLY: And then we could go around the neighborhood asking for donations.

BILLY: Sounds great. Now back to the meeting -

SKIT

Mr. Horton enters.

HORTON: Hey guys.

TIMMY: Dad!

HORTON: I don't mean to interrupt. But I just wanted to let you know that there's a great movie on TV right now. Come on into the living room and we can watch it together.

TIMMY: Dad, our club is meeting.

HORTON: Can't your club watch a movie?

TIMMY: There's nothing wrong with watching movies or playing soccer or eating snacks. But that's not what our club is about.

SALLY: The Just Kids Club is here to see where people are in need and then to help them. We want to live out Jesus' example. Our goal is to help and serve other people.

HORTON: That's a pretty great goal. I'll leave you to it. I'll be in the living room if you need me.

Mr. Horton turns to leave.

TIMMY: Wait, dad! Why do you keep coming in here? Are you okay?

HORTON: I'm fine. It's just. . . well, you're mother is out of town on that business trip. . . and I'm. . .

TIMMY: Lonely.

HORTON: I guess so. But I'll be okay. You kids enjoy your meeting.

Horton exits.

TIMMY: Poor dad. I wish I could help him.

BILLY: Well, that's our mission, isn't it? To help and serve others.

TIMMY: How can we serve him?

SALLY: Looks like he needs someone to hang out with.

SKIT

BILLY: I wouldn't mind watching a movie.

TIMMY: Let's do it. Grab the snacks. *(loudly)* Hey dad, don't start without us.

Billy grabs the tray and the three exit. END.



OBJECT LESSON OR KIDS SERMON

ITEMS NEEDED:

Shaker of salt

Is anybody here hungry? Would you like something to eat?

Give the salt shaker to one of the kids who says he is hungry.

Here's some salt. A nice big shaker full, just for you. What's with the face? Don't you like salt?

The truth is we don't eat salt alone. But that doesn't mean we don't like it. Salt is great, isn't it? If the food you're eating is bland, all you have to do is put some salt on it and it starts to taste better.

Salt is also used to protect food. It's called a preservative. All food will eventually go bad if you leave it uneaten. Adding salt to food helps to make it last longer. Salt is used to preserve food in places where they don't have refrigeration.

Jesus told his disciples that we are the salt of the earth. I guess that means we are here to give this bland world a little more flavor. And we're also here to protect and preserve, just like salt protects food.

Even though salt is a small thing, it does big things, like protecting food. And you can do big things too, like help and serve others, no matter if you're big or small.



LARGE GROUP GAME

PROTECTION

ITEMS NEEDED:

Chair or music stand
Soft soccer-sized ball

INSTRUCTIONS:

Choose four kids to be throwers and one kid as the protector.

Place a chair on one end of the stage. Have the throwers line up on the other end of the stage. Each thrower will have one chance to throw the ball and hit the chair.

The protector stands in the middle of the stage and protects the chair. If the protector is able to stop all four throwers, he wins. If a thrower hits the chair, that thrower switches places with the protector and the game starts over.

VARIATION:

For younger kids, have kids play throwers only. Place stationary objects between the kids and the target to serve as protectors.

WHAT'S THE POINT?

Miriam protected and watched over her baby brother, Moses.



LARGE GROUP LESSON

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INTRO

Parents and many other adults feel a great responsibility to be there for kids. To be there when they need help. To provide a safe place for them. To protect them from all the bad things that could happen. Adults can be quite a blessing with their help and protection.

But kids can also help. They can serve other kids and adults. They can provide for others. They can protect.

Miriam was just a little Hebrew girl living in the land of Egypt. Even though she was young, she proved that she had as much courage and compassion as anybody.

When the Israelites had first settled in Egypt, they were welcomed by the Pharaoh. Joseph had served the Pharaoh well and so Joseph's family was allowed to settle in the land as free people. But now, many years later, a new Pharaoh was on the throne of Egypt. The Israelites had grown in number and they were very prosperous. Pharaoh was jealous of their blessings and grew to hate the Israelites.

He wanted to see the tribes of Israel die out, and so he ordered that every time a Hebrew boy was born, he was to be thrown into the Nile. Miriam was a girl and so she was safe. But then Miriam's mother had a baby boy. His life was in danger. As we're about to see, his survival depended on the care and protection of his sister Miriam.

LARGE GROUP LESSON

READ Exodus 1:22-2:10.

MAIN POINT

When Moses was born, his mother, Jochebed, loved him. She did not want to throw her baby boy into the Nile River as Pharaoh had demanded. She hid him for three months. Eventually though, she realized that she would not be able to hide his existence forever. So she came up with a plan that she hoped would help to save the child's life.

Jochebed took a basket and coated it with tar and pitch – this would ensure that the basket would float on the water and none of the water would leak into the basket. Then she placed Moses into the basket and put him into the Nile.

The baby was safe in the basket, but where would the basket end up? That's where his sister Miriam came in. As the basket floated up the Nile River, she followed it. She watched over her brother to make sure that he was safe in the basket, and to see where he would end up. She was there to help if she could.

When the Pharaoh's daughter found Moses, she felt sorry for the little baby. Even though he was a Hebrew baby, she chose to let the baby live. Moses was safe. But Miriam had an idea to help her family even more.

She bravely went up to Pharaoh's daughter. Pharaoh's daughter was royalty and Miriam was a slave girl. She took a big risk talking to a princess. Miriam offered to find a Hebrew woman to nurse the baby. Pharaoh's daughter agreed, so Miriam went and got her mother. So Moses' own mother was allowed to take Moses back home and take care of him for the first few years of his life.

DRIVE IT HOME:

Miriam protected her baby brother. And that baby would grow up to be the man God used to deliver the Israelite people out of slavery. So not only did Moses owe his life to Miriam, so did the entire Israelite nation. Miriam was just a little girl and she was a slave who had no rights in society. And yet, God used her to do some pretty big things.

God can use you too. You can serve God and others. If you have younger brothers or sisters, you can watch over them. You can teach them. There are things that they haven't learned yet that you've already experienced. You can treat them with love and compassion even during those times when they're acting bratty and being difficult to deal with.

You can help older people too. Miriam helped her mother by bringing her back to take care of Moses. You can help your parents by obeying and honoring them. You can serve them by doing things even before they ask. You can show you love them with a kind word, a card, or by giving them your time and attention.

BUT YOU'RE JUST A KID: A KID CAN PROTECT

LARGE GROUP LESSON

With God's help, you can do great things. You can help and protect others. After all, you're a kid!

CLOSE WITH A SIMPLE PRAYER

Dear God,

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SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION (K-2ND)

ICEBREAKER

Do you have any siblings?

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY

1 Timothy 4:12

Work as a group to create motions to accompany the verse. Say the verse several times while acting out the motions.

SMALL GROUP GAME/ACTIVITY

Fill a clear plastic container with water. Show your kids a variety of objects – paper clips, votive candle, beans, etc. - and see if they can correctly predict which items will float and which will sink. If you have the materials available, give each child a clear, plastic container with water and their own objects to experiment with.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read Exodus 1:22-2:10.

What order did Pharaoh give concerning the Israelites?

For how long did Moses' mother hide Moses?

What did she do when she could hide him no longer?

How was Miriam able to help her brother?

What ways can you help and protect others?

SIMPLE PRAYER

Dear God,

Like the little girl Miriam, every one of us can serve and protect others. We love you and we put our faith in you to use us.

In Jesus' name, Amen



SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION (3-5TH)

ICEBREAKER

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Give all the kids a Bible. After you read the verse, give them the reference and see who can find it first in their Bible.

SMALL GROUP GAME/ACTIVITY

Fill a plastic container with water. Using only construction paper, drinking straws, and tape, see which of your kids can construct a vessel that stays afloat for at least thirty seconds.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read Exodus 1:22-2:10.

Why did Pharaoh order the death of all the Hebrew baby boys?

What did Jochebed do when she could no longer hide Moses?

What do you think was going through Miriam's mind as she watched Moses floating in the river?

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POWERPOINT REVIEW GAME

TRUE or FALSE

Pharaoh ordered that every baby boy and girl be thrown into the Nile River.

FALSE (just the baby boys)

Moses' mother hid Moses for three months.

TRUE

Moses' mother placed him in a suitcase and put him in the river.

FALSE (she put him in a basket)

Miriam watched over the basket to make sure Moses was safe.

TRUE

When Pharaoh's daughter saw the baby, she ordered that he be killed.

FALSE

MAKE IT STICK

5 Simple Ways You Can Make This Lesson Stick With Your Kids

THIS WEEK'S LESSON: A KID CAN PROTECT



IN THE CAR:

Ask your child what they learned about this week on the drive home:

Today we learned that, with God's help, kids can do big things for God. When the Pharaoh ordered that every Israelite baby be thrown into the Nile, the life of Miriam's brother was in danger. But with her mother's quick thinking, and Miriam's protective watch, the baby was saved. He would grow up to be the man that God would use to save his people. Exodus 1:22-2:10.



HANGING OUT:

Make this week's lesson real:

This week, encourage your kid's God-given desire to serve and help. Thank them for the ways they serve you. Consider challenging them (and you) by entrusting them with great responsibility. Even if they stumble, reassure them that you see all the great things God is developing in them.



AT DINNER:

Here are some great discussion starters:

- Why did Moses' mother put him in the Nile River?
- How did his sister, Miriam, protect and help him?
- What are some big ways that you can serve God and others?



AT BEDTIME:

Quiz your child on this week's memory verse:

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PARENT TIME:

What you need to know:

Miriam's watchful eye ensured Moses' safety, and ultimately the deliverance of all of the Israelites. Who has helped you to become the person that you are today? Let them know how much their service, mentoring, or protection has meant in shaping you.

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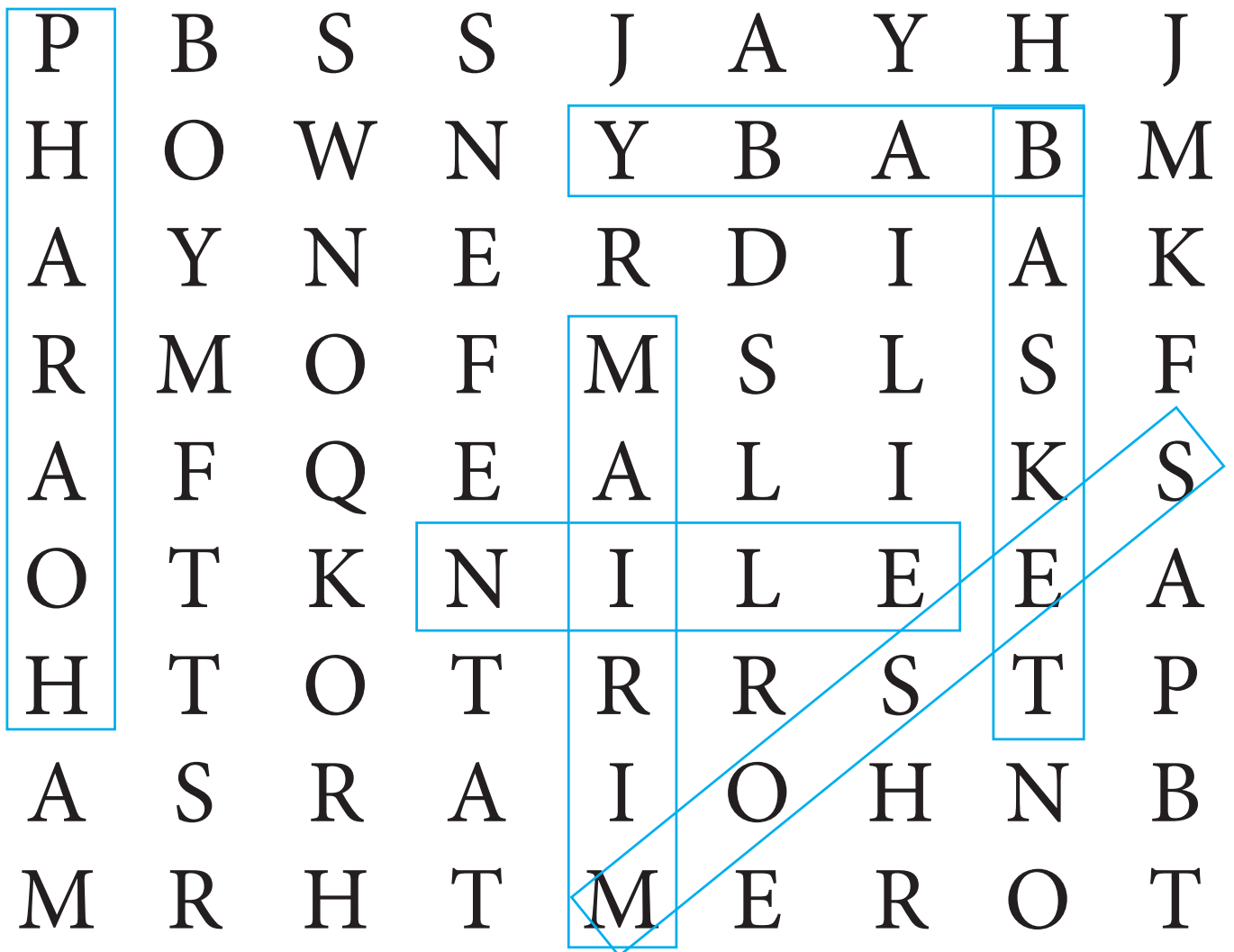
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