

3-5 Year-Olds

Small Group

September — Week 2

GROUPS 1/6

# Hidden Shapes



## Memory Verse Review

### Faith Skills

Hear from God

Pray to God

Talk about God

Live for God

### What You Need

- ☐ "Hidden Shapes" Activity Page
- ☐ Cardstock
- ☐ Washable markers

### Notes

You can find examples of hand motions in the "Memory Verse Hand Motions" PDF and video, included in the Prelude folder and on Pinterest.



### Inclusive Pro Tips

Pair children to do the activity together.

## ① What You Do

### Before the Activity

1. Copy "Hidden Shapes" on cardstock, one per child.
2. Say the Memory Verse together as you do the motions.

### During the Activity

1. Identify each of the shapes in the "key" below the picture.
2. Encourage children to look in the picture to find each of the listed shapes.
3. When a shape is found, ask children to circle or color it in both the picture and the key.
4. Assist as needed.

### After the Activity

Connect the Memory Verse to the Bottom Line.

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## ② What You Say

### Before the Activity

"Friends, come stand with me, and let's say our Memory Verse as we do the motions. Ready? Here we go. "'For I know (TOUCH HEAD WITH FINGERTIPS) the plans I have for you,' (MARCH) says the Lord,'" (POINT UP) Jeremiah 29:11. (OPEN HANDS LIKE A BOOK) Wow! Great job everyone!"

### During the Activity

Come sit at the table with me. I have a picture for each of you. (GIVE EACH CHILD A PICTURE.) What a fun picture! Look down here at the bottom of the picture. See these shapes? Let's say what each shape is starting with this one. (POINT AT EACH SHAPE AS YOU SAY IT'S NAME.) Each of these shapes down here are hidden in the big picture. Let's look and try to find them. (PAUSE.) Yay! You found the [SHAPE]! Color it in or circle it in the picture and the key. Let's keep looking until we find all the shapes! (ASSIST AS NEEDED.) You did it! You followed the plan and found all the shapes! Let's say our verse together one more time as we do the motions. "'For I know (TOUCH HEAD WITH FINGERTIPS) the plans I have for you,' (MARCH) says the Lord,'" (POINT UP) Jeremiah 29:11. (OPEN HANDS LIKE A BOOK) Hooray!"

### After the Activity

"We looked for hidden shapes because in today's Bible Story, Moses' mother hid him in a basket in the tall grass. She trusted God and knew that God had plans for her and for Moses! And we know that God has plans for us! God has plans for you and [BOTTOM LINE] God has plans for me! Who has plans for you? [BOTTOM LINE] God has plans for me!"

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# Pretend Play



## Bible Story Review

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### What You Need

- ☐ Blue Butcher Paper
- ☐ Tall Artificial Plants/Grass
- ☐ Baby Doll
- ☐ Basket
- ☐ Toy Binoculars or Paper Tube Telescope
- ☐ Princess Crown
- ☐ King Crown
- ☐ Several Child Size Aprons

## ① What You Do

### Before the Activity

1. Spread out a long piece of blue butcher paper on the floor to be the river.
2. Place the artificial plants/grasses along the edge of one section of the blue paper.

### During the Activity

1. Guide children as they take turns using the items to act out the story together.

### After the Activity

Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.

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## ② What You Say

### Before the Activity

"Hey everybody, I have a fun idea! Let's use these things to pretend we are the people from our Bible Story today!"

### During the Activity

"We can pretend this blue paper is the river where the baby Moses was put it in a basket. Now let's put the tall plants over here. Remember how Moses' mom hid him in the tall grass by the river? There! Now we can all pretend together. **[CHILD'S NAME]**, you can wear this king crown and be Pharaoh. Do you remember how Pharaoh wanted to hurt all the baby boys? That was not good!"

"**[CHILD'S NAME]**, you can be baby Moses' mom and this doll can be baby Moses. Moses' mommy trusted God's plans and kept Moses safe from Pharaoh. When she couldn't hide him in her house anymore, she made a basket and put baby Moses in it to keep him safe. Here is a basket for baby Moses."

"**[CHILD'S NAME]**, you can be Moses' big sister, Miriam. Here are your binoculars so you can watch baby Moses. Let's walk over to the tall grass. **(PAUSE.)** When Moses' mommy could not hide him in her house anymore, she hid him in tall grass by a river and told Miriam to watch to see what would happen. Okay, Miriam, watch baby Moses. **[CHILD'S NAME]**, you can wear this crown and be the princess. Everyone else can be the princess' helpers and wear these aprons. While Miriam was watching baby Moses, the princess came to the river with her helpers. When she found Moses, she took care of him and kept him safe. Miriam told the princess that her mom could help her take care of Moses, and the princess said yes! Yay! Moses got to be with his mom, and the princess kept them safe from Pharaoh! Let's do that again and everyone can pretend to be someone else!"

### After the Activity

"Pretend play is a fun way to remember today's Bible Story. God had plans for Moses' mom. God had plans for Moses. God had plans for the princess. And God has plans for you and me too! That's why every time I ask, who has plans for you, we all say **[BOTTOM LINE]** God has plans for me! **(SHORT PAUSE)** Who has plans for you? **[BOTTOM LINE]** God has plans for me! Yay! **[BOTTOM LINE]** God has plans for me!"

## GROUPS 5/6

# In the Tall Grass



## Application Activity

### Faith Skills

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### What You Need

- ☐ "In the Tall Grass" Activity Page
- ☐ Cardstock
- ☐ Washable Markers
- ☐ Safety Scissors
- ☐ Adult Scissors
- ☐ Stapler
- ☐ Permanent Marker

### Inclusive Pro Tips



Pair children to do the activity together.

## ① What You Do

### Before the Activity

1. Copy "In the Tall Grass" on cardstock, one per child.
2. For each child, cut around the circle then fold on each of lines.
3. Unfold each paper and cut along the remaining dotted lines.
4. Write each child's name on their paper.

### During the Activity

1. Encourage children to color baby Moses and the grass on their paper.
2. Assist each child in folding their paper with the flaps on the outside of either end.
3. Staple each side once near the bottom of the overlapping edge.
4. Encourage children to make cuts from the top edge down, all around their picture. Assist as needed.

### After the Activity

Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.

## ② What You Say

### Before the Activity

"Friends, come to the table with me. Today we are going to make a fun story picture of baby Moses hiding in the tall grass to help us remember our Bible Story."

### During the Activity

"Look at your picture. Do you see baby Moses? **(PAUSE FOR ANSWERS.)** Yes, there he is! Color your picture of Moses in the basket. **(PAUSE.)** See all these wavy lines around Moses? **(PAUSE FOR ANSWERS.)** These will be the tall grass he was hidden in. Color the grass on your paper. **(PAUSE.)** Great! Now we can fold your paper up like this **(DEMONSTRATE)** and I'll staple the ends together. **(PAUSE.)** Take your scissors and make a cut down each side like this. **(DEMONSTRATE.)** Great job everyone! Now it really looks like baby Moses is hiding in the tall, tall grass!"

### After the Activity

"In our Bible Story today, we learned how Moses' mother kept him safe from the mean king named Pharaoh by putting him in a basket and hiding him in the tall, tall grass. Just like the picture you made. Moses' sister, Miriam, was watching to see what would happen when a princess found him! The princess picked up baby Moses and decided she would keep him safe! Miriam told the princess she knew someone who could help her take care of baby Moses. That was Moses' mom! Moses' mom trusted God and knew God had plans for her and Moses. Thank You, God! God had plans for Moses, and God has plans for you too! Who has plans for you? **[BOTTOM LINE]** God has plans for me. One more time. Who has plans for you? **[BOTTOM LINE]** God has plans for me."