

2-4 Year-olds

Small Group

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Small Group Leader Guide

Preschool Timetable



10 Minutes

FREE PLAY

SOMETHING THEY CAN DO ON THEIR OWN! LIKE PUZZLES, TOYS, AND SO ON.

5 Minutes

PRAISE & WORSHIP

LET'S WORSHIP THE LORD WITH ALL OUR HEART!

5 Minutes

MOVE ACTIVITY

LET'S GET MOVING!

15 Minutes

BIBLE STORY

IT'S BIBLE STORY TIME--LET'S LISTEN TO THE TRUE STORY!

5 minutes

MEMORY VERSE

ALL TOGETHER NOW!

5 minutes

CREATE ACTIVITY

CRAFT TIME!

5 minutes

SNACK TIME

PLEASE SAY GRACE FOR THE SNACK AND CHECK ALLERGIES.

5 minutes

HOME TIME

PLEASE MAKE SURE KIDS TAKE THEIR CRAFT HOME.

THIS MONTH



Today's Bible Story

Baby Moses

Exodus 2:1-10 I can trust God's plans.

Key Question

Who has plans for you?

Bottom Line

God has plans for me.

Memory Verse

"For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord.

Jeremiah 29:11 NLT

Inclusive Pro Tips



This leader guide is designed to be inclusive of children with a disability who attend a group with their peers. See highlighted sections below for additional inclusive pro-tips. Check out the Special Needs Resource Kit for more ideas for adapting each segment.

MOVE ACTIVITY

Roll and Hide



What You Need

- ☐ Box
- ☐ Green Crepe Paper Streamers
- ☐ Playground Ball



Inclusive Pro Tips

Assist each child, as needed.

For a version with less movement, place the tree cutout on the floor or table and sit down around it. If using this version, adjust wording in What You Say section accordingly.

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What You Do

Before the Activity

1. Place a box in the open area.
2. Line children up a few feet from the box.

During the Activity

1. Encourage the children to take turns rolling the ball through the streamers, trying to get it to stop inside the box.
2. Retrieve the playground ball after each turn and continue until every child has had a chance.
3. Repeat the game as many times as the children enjoy.

After the Activity

Introduce the Bible Story.

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What You Say

Before the Activity

"Friends, come over here and let's stand in a line! I have a fun game for us to play with this playground ball!"

During the Activity

"See that tall, tall grass over there? (*POINT.*) We're going to take turns rolling the ball into the grass. We want to try and get the ball to stay in the grass. Are you ready to give it a try? (*Pause for responses.*) Great! [CHILD'S NAME], roll the ball. (*PAUSE.*) Whoa, good try! (*Collect the ball and give in to the child to pass to the next friend in line.*) [CHILD'S NAME] it's your turn! (*Continue with each child.*) That was so much fun! Getting the ball to stay under the table was harder than it looked!"

After the Activity

"In our Bible Story today, we'll hear about a baby named Moses. Moses was put in a basket and hidden in some tall, tall grass. Come with me and let's find out why."

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Memory Verse with Motions

Faith Skills

Hear from God

Pray to God

Talk about God

Live for God

What You Need

☐ No Supplies Needed

Inclusive Pro Tips



Invite children to say it with you or repeat words after you.

Set out the picture cutouts made from the "Memory Verse Hand Motions" PDF for children to hold up or point to as an alternative to saying or repeating the verse out loud.

If using this version, adjust wording in What You Say section accordingly.



CREATE ACTIVITY

In the Tall Grass



Faith Skills

Hear from God

Pray to God

Talk about God

Live for God

What You Need

☐ "In the Tall Grass" Activity

Page

- ☐ Cardstock
- ☐ Green Tissue Paper
(6 pieces per child)
- ☐ Safety Scissors
- ☐ Adult Scissors
- ☐ Stapler
- ☐ Permanent Marker

Inclusive Pro Tips



Pair children to do the activity together.

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What You Do

During the Activity

1. Encourage children to color baby Moses with crayons and sticks green tissue paper on the grass.
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.

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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. Stick green tissue paper on the grass. (PAUSE.) Great! Now we can fold your paper up like this (DEMONSTRATE) and I'll staple the ends together. (PAUSE.) 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."

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Prayer



Faith Skills

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What You Say

“Dear God, We believe You have plans for us. Please help (SAY EACH CHILD’S NAME) and me trust Your plans. We love You, God! In Jesus’ name. Amen.”

