

JUNE 15
9:00am & 11:00am
Three and Four Year Olds
MOSES LED THE ISRAELITES
(EXODUS 17-18)

CHRIST CONNECTION: Moses was a great leader, but he was not able to meet all the needs of the people. Jesus is able to hear and respond to all of our prayers. Jesus met our need to be rescued from sin by dying on the cross and coming back to life.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION: Why does sin separate us from God? Because God is holy.

KEY PASSAGE PHRASE: Psalm 34:17 *"The Lord hears, and rescues."*

STORY POINT: God helped Moses lead the people.

LEARN

(GATHER ON THE RUG FOR THE LESSON)

1. INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

Show preschoolers the pretend **wooden staff** and tell them that Moses carried a staff.

SAY *A person can use a staff to help them walk. Do you know who carried a staff like this? Moses did! God showed His power to Moses by turning his staff into a snake, and then back into a staff again. Everywhere Moses took the staff, he was reminded that God was with him and God is powerful. Moses' staff plays an important part in today's story. Let's find out more.*

2. PLAY THE BIBLE STORY VIDEO ON THE TV.

9AM Volunteers with 3s in room 125: You will need to combine with room 124 for bible story time.

How? Turn on the TV and Apple TV, Open the Plex App, and play the video with today's date (If needed, the Plex Pin is 1234)

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3. REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY

Ask the following review questions:

1. What did you like about the Bible story? *(Answers will vary.)*
2. What were some things in the Bible story that made Moses happy or sad? *(Answers will vary.)*
3. How did Aaron and Hur help Moses? *(They got him a rock to sit on and held up his hands.)*
4. God used Jethro to encourage Moses to ask others to help with his work. Who are people God has given you to help you? *(Answers will vary.)*
5. Who died and rose again for us and is always able to help us? *(Jesus)*

6. Why does sin separate us from God? Because God is holy.

SAY *Moses was a great leader, but he needed help do to the big job God gave him. Aaron and Hur helped Moses hold his arms up during a battle so that God's people would have victory. Jethro helped Moses by encouraging him to ask others to lead the people with him.*

God helped Moses lead the people. *God sends people to help us, too. The best person God sent to help us is Jesus. Jesus helps us with our biggest problem: our sin. He died and rose again so we could be forgiven!*

4. LEARN THE BIG PICTURE QUESTION AND ANSWER

SAY Let's review our big picture question and answer one last time. **Why does sin separate us from God? Because God is holy.** All people are sinners, and that means all people are separated from God. That's a problem, because God created us to be with Him, and we'll never be truly happy away from Him. Thankfully, God sent Jesus to die for us and rise again so we could be forgiven and be with God forever. .

5. PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE PHRASE

Place the key passage marker at Psalm 34:17. Invite a child to open your Bible to the key passage. Read the key passage aloud. Invite any preschooler who would like to say the verse from memory. Prompt preschoolers as needed with the next word of the passage.

SAY God heard His people. God rescued His people from Egypt and gave them Moses to lead them. **God helped Moses lead the people.**

6. PRAY FOR LEADERS

Help preschoolers to think of and share the names of people who lead them and help them. Prompt preschoolers to think through parents and other extended family, teachers at schools, and church staff members. Lead preschoolers in a prayer for these leaders.

SAY Leading other people is hard work! God has given each of us many leaders who help us. We should pray for our leaders and ask God to help them, just like **God helped Moses lead the people.**

PRAY Dear God, thank You for sending people to help us, just like You sent Aaron, Hur, and Jethro to Moses. Thank You most of all for Jesus. Amen.

ACTIVITIES

(PLEASE DO ALL OF THE ACTIVITIES BELOW)

ACT IT OUT

Use the **staff from the intro** as "Moses' staff." Choose one preschooler to be "Moses" and to hold up the staff. Challenge the preschooler to see how long he can hold the staff up. Enlist other children to help when Moses' arms get tired. Review the Bible story.

SAY When Moses held up his staff during the battle, the Israelites started winning! When he started to lower his staff, the Israelites started losing. Moses' friends helped him keep his staff up, and the Israelites won the battle! God rescued the Israelites from the battle, and He sent Jesus to rescue us from our sins.

PLAY STAFF UP, STAFF DOWN

Play a stop-and-go game with the preschoolers. Use the **staff from the intro**. Explain that the preschoolers can move around when you hold the staff up, but they must stop when you bring the staff down. Play as interest allows. Retell the Bible story as children play.

SAY When Moses held up his staff during the battle, what happened? Yes, the Israelites started winning! When he brought down his staff, what happened? Yes, the Israelites started losing. Moses' friends helped him hold up his staff, and the Israelites won the battle!

COLOR THE ACTIVITY PAGE (please send this home with parents)

As children color, **SAY** The people were crying out for food and water, and God provided everything they needed. **God took care of His people**, and He takes care of us, too.

PLAY A GAME: FREEZE TAG

Invite children to play a game. Choose one preschooler to be the “freezer” and one preschooler to be the “rescuer.” Explain that when the freezer tags another preschooler, that person is frozen, but when the rescuer tags that person, they are unfrozen. Allow preschoolers to play as time allows. Review the Bible story.

SAY *In our story today, the Israelites went into battle. But Moses was not able to meet all the people’s needs. Jesus met our need to be rescued from sin by dying on the cross and coming back to life. God rescued His people in the battle, and He sent Jesus to rescue us from our sin.*

OPTIONAL TEACHING OUTLINE

Open your Bible to Exodus 15. Show the video or tell the Bible story. Use the bold version of the Bible story for young preschoolers. Props in the storytelling tips are not typically provided, but feel free to bring them from home.

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STORYTELLING TIPS

Raise your hands: Invite preschoolers to hold up their hands in the air while you tell the first part of the Bible story. Pause and ask preschoolers if their arms are tired and what they might do to help keep their hands in the air.

Dress as a Bible person: Invite an adult male dressed in Bible times clothing to assist in telling the Bible story. Guide him to tell part of the story as Jethro, specifically recalling what Jethro told Moses in the Bible story.

Moses obeyed God and continued to lead the Israelites through the wilderness. One day, a man named Amalek and his army came to fight the Israelites. Moses sent Joshua to lead the battle. Moses, Aaron, and a man named Hur went to watch on a nearby hill.

Whenever Moses held up his hand with God’s staff, Israel would start winning! But whenever he put his hand down, their enemies would begin to win. Moses’ hands began feeling tired, so **Aaron and Hur found a rock for Moses to sit on and held up his hands to keep God’s staff in the air. The Israelites defeated the enemy army!**

A man named Jethro heard about everything God had done for His people. He **came to visit Moses. Moses shared all that the LORD had done and how God had rescued the Israelites from their enemies. Jethro said, “Blessed be the LORD who rescued you! I know the LORD is greater than all gods.”**

The next day, Moses sat down to listen to the people and help them with their problems. He did this all day, everyday. **Jethro saw this and said, “What you are doing is not good. You will become tired and be unable to help the people. You can’t do this alone.”**

Jethro told Moses he needed some helpers. Moses took Jethro’s advice and chose some men to help him. All the people’s needs were met.

Christ Connection: Moses was a great leader, but he was not able to meet all the needs of the people. Jesus is able to hear and respond to all of our prayers. Jesus met our need to be rescued from sin by dying on the cross and coming back to life.

DISMISS PRESCHOOLERS

- Release preschoolers to parents by matching up the number on the child’s sticker with the guardian receipt.
- Give parents today’s activity page to reinforce today’s Bible story and Christ connection throughout the week.
- Tell parents something that their child enjoyed doing or did well during the session.

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STORY POINT: God took care of his people.

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3. PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE PHRASE

Sing to the tune of "You Are My Sunshine":

" God always hears you, God always rescues.
He always listens, and keeps you safe.
God always hears you, God always rescues.
I know my God will hear me today."

SAY *Does God hear us? Yes! Does He rescue us? Yes! Our key passage phrase says, 'God hears and rescues.' Moses heard God, obeyed God, and led the Israelites through the wilderness.*

ACTIVITIES

(CHOOSE ONE OR ALL OF THE ACTIVITIES BELOW)

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Use the **staff** from **Introduce the Bible Story** as "Moses' staff." Choose one toddler to be "Moses" and to hold up the staff. Challenge the toddler to see how long he can hold the staff up. Enlist other toddlers to help when Moses' arms get tired. Review the Bible story.

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Lead preschoolers to complete the **activity page**. As they work, continue talking about the Bible story.

SAY The people were crying out for food and water, and God provided everything they needed. **God took care of His people**, and He takes care of us, too.

OPTIONAL TEACHING OUTLINE:

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Check diapers and release toddlers to parents according to security procedures. Give parents today's activity page to reinforce today's Bible story and Christ connection throughout the week.