



## VOLUME 2 SUGGESTED THEMES

### Unit 4: God Delivers His People

Why does sin separate us from God? Because God is holy, sin has broken our relationship with God.

**Theme Idea: Animal Rescue Center:** This unit focuses on God's deliverance. We will use the theme of an animal rescue center to tie in the idea of God saving all people from sin. Decorate for this theme using clean animal carriers, stuffed animals, bags of dog food, bandages, and a stethoscope.

- Session 1: God Called Moses: Two workers bring in a carrier with a dog inside. The dog was injured and left on the side of the road. They found him just in time! Tie this to the idea that God sees us in our suffering and makes a way for us to have hope through Jesus' work on the cross.
- Session 2: Moses Confronted Pharaoh: The workers discuss what they love about working at the center. They talk about the compassion and mercy they feel for the animals. Connect this to the idea that God shows us compassion and mercy when He sees us in our sin, and He wants to rescue us.
- Session 3: Red Sea: It's bath time! The workers put the dog in a basin and use washcloths to get him clean. They discuss how the dogs don't always like baths because they dislike water. Tie this to the idea that the Israelites were afraid of the Red Sea, but God miraculously rescued them.
- Session 4: God Provided for His People: The workers are feeding all the animals. They discuss the importance of good nutrition for the animals and how food affects their overall health. Connect this to how God provided food for the Israelites when they were in the wilderness. He knew what they needed, and He blessed them.
- Session 5: Moses Led the Israelites: The workers discuss the importance of the volunteers helping in their facility. Tie this to the theme of Moses needing support from others to lead the Israelites well.



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### Unit 5: God Instructs His People

Why do we need to be saved? People are sinful and cannot save themselves.

**Theme Idea: Construction Zone:** In this unit, we will learn how God built the family of Israel into a nation set apart from the world to demonstrate His goodness to others. Our theme takes us to a building site where the workers are planning and executing a new project. Decorate for this theme with orange cones, hard hats, and blueprints.

- Session 1: Ten Commandments: Construction workers look over a set of blueprints for a new community center. They must follow the instructions if they want the building to look and function properly. Tie this to the story of God giving His commandments (or instructions) for the people to follow.
- Session 2: The Golden Calf: The workers are on site and about to demolish an old structure to make space for the new building. They discuss how the old must make way for the new. Connect this to the idea that God had to teach His people to give up their old ways of worship so they could worship Him with loving hearts.
- Session 3: Building the Tabernacle: The work is underway to build the community center. The workers talk about all the ways this space will bring people together to learn from one another and help each other. Tie this to the story of how the people built the tabernacle so they could be close to God.
- Session 4: Worship at the Tabernacle: It's time for the ribbon cutting ceremony at the community center! The workers invite everyone to come check out all the amazing things they can do in this new space. Relate this to the idea that the tabernacle's purpose was to be a place of worship for the Israelites.





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### Unit 6: God Guides His People

Why should we obey God? We should obey God because He made us, He loves us, and His plans are good.

**Theme Idea: Marathon Training:** This unit covers the Israelites' time in the wilderness and their struggle to trust God. Use the theme of training for a marathon to help kids connect the idea that doing things God's way isn't always easy, but it is worth it. Decorate for this theme using a banner that says **FINISH**, running shoes, water bottles, and stopwatches.

- Session 1: The People Grumbled: We meet a runner and her trainer. They discuss the marathon that's coming up and all the work the runner will have to do to prepare. The runner is concerned that she's not going to do as well as the other people in the race. Her trainer reminds her that as long as she works hard and tries to improve, she can be proud of her race time. Tie this to the contentment we can have in God's provision.
- Session 2: The People Doubted: Marathon training is hard, and the runner is doubtful that she's going to be able to finish the race. The trainer encourages her to put in the work. Connect this to the idea that following God is not always easy, but God uses the hard things we face to shape us into the people He created us to be.
- Session 3: The People Complained: During training last week the runner sprained her ankle. She's worried it won't heal before the race. Tie this to how the people were bitten by snakes and had to trust God for healing.
- Session 4: Moses' Farewell: Race Day is here! The runner reminisces over the past few months of training. The trainer has given his best to help her and encourage her along the way. Tie this to how Moses gave his final farewell after leading the Israelites for many years.