Unit 6 Summary:

Sticky Situations

Some days it seems like life is an endless series of sticky situations. It’s hard to face the problems and challenges that don’t always have easy answers. In this sticky-themed unit, kids will discover that, no matter what sticky situation they find themselves in, God is much stickier. Kids will see that God is a faithful Covenant partner who sticks by their side no matter what.

In this second Covenant and Kingdom unit, kids will continue exploring key Old Testament stories that will help them understand the big picture of relationship and responsibility from the Bible.
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**Lesson Outline**

- **Game** Which is stickier? (5 min)
- **Bible Story** Israelites stuck in Egypt (15 min)
- **Bible Verse** (2 min)
- **Application** (5 min)
- **Prayer** (3 min)
Hey Guys, welcome back to Kairos Quest. Today we’re going to start a brand new series called Sticky Situations. To get started, let’s find out how much you guys know about sticky stuff.

**Opening Activity: Which is stickier?**

*The purpose of this activity is to introduce the Sticky Situation theme.*

**Instructions**

**How To Play:**

Give the kids two sets of sticky items to compare and then ask them, “Which is stickier?” Kids will yell out the answers.

The way this game works is simple. I’m going to list two choices and ask you guys, “Which is stickier?” All you have to do is yell out the choice that you think is the stickiest.

**Which is stickier?**

1. A doughnut or a muffin?
2. A wet sucker or freshly chewed gum?
3. Motor oil or ketchup?
4. Glue or tape?
5. Maple syrup or grape jelly?
6. A Post-It Note or Velcro?
7. Orange juice or chocolate milk?
8. Fruit Roll-Ups or melted M&Ms?
9. Rubber cement or a wet Popsicle stick?
Now here’s one more: Which is stickier — the stickiest, trickiest problem you’re facing right now or God? *Kids respond.*

The Bible is very clear that whatever sticky situation we find ourselves in, God is stickier. He sticks by our side no matter what. That’s what we’re going to be learning about in this series.

**Bible Story**

You will need a splat sign, which can either be printed or drawn on foam board or poster board. It should look like a glob of slime or paint has been thrown on the sign and is dripping down.

Does anyone know what a sticky situation is? A sticky situation doesn’t have anything to do with wet suckers or maple syrup. A sticky situation is any time you have a problem that’s tough to deal with. How many of you guys have ever found yourself in a sticky situation? *Kids respond.*

I have this big splat sign up here to remind us of sticky situations. Every time I hold it up, I want you to say, “That’s one sticky situation!” Let’s try it.

*Hold up splat sign so that kids say, “That’s one sticky situation.”* Practice a couple of times. Have some fun with it by starting to raise the sign, then stopping, then raising it quickly to fake the kids out.

Maybe you have two friends who are fighting, and they both want you to take their side.

*Hold up splat sign so that kids say, “That’s one sticky situation!”*

Maybe you’ve broken your dad’s computer, and you have to decide whether tell him you did it.

*Hold up splat sign so that kids say, “That’s one sticky situation!”*

Maybe you have a kid who keeps trying to copy off of your paper at school. The kid is bigger than you so you’re afraid to tell the teacher and make this kid mad.

*Hold up splat sign so that kids say, “That’s one sticky situation!”*
The great news is that when things like this happen, you can remember that you’re not the first person to end up in a sticky situation. In fact, God’s kids have been getting into sticky situations for years, and God loves to come to our rescue. The only thing stickier than a sticky situation is our sticky God!

We say that God is sticky because He sticks by our side no matter what. The Bible uses the word **faithful** to describe how God sticks with His people through the ups and downs.

Do you remember who we learned about last week? *(Kids answer.)* It was Joseph. Last week we saw how God led Joseph to Egypt so that he could save a bunch of lives by storing up food when there was a famine. The story had a very happy ending. Joseph was the second most powerful ruler in Egypt next to Pharaoh. Joseph forgave his brothers for being mean to him, and Joseph’s whole family came to live with him in Egypt. Joseph was a hero and everything was great.

But many years later, things were not so great. Joseph’s family had kids, and then their kids had kids, and their kids had kids. After a while, Joseph’s family was so big that it was all over Egypt and became very powerful. Listen to what the Bible says happened next.

*Read Exodus 1:8-14 in the NLT or another contemporary translation.*

Eventually, a new king came to power in Egypt who knew nothing about Joseph or what he had done. He said to his people, “Look, the people of Israel now outnumber us and are stronger than we are. We must make a plan to keep them from growing even more. If we don’t, and if war breaks out, they will join our enemies and fight against us. Then they will escape from the country.”

So the Egyptians made the Israelites their slaves. They appointed brutal slave drivers over them, hoping to wear them down with crushing labor. They forced them to build the cities of Pithom and Rameses as supply centers for the king. But the more the Egyptians oppressed them, the more the Israelites multiplied and spread, and the more alarmed the Egyptians became. So the Egyptians worked the people of Israel without mercy. They made their lives bitter, forcing them to mix mortar and make bricks and do all the work in the fields. They were ruthless in all their demands. *(Exodus 1:8-14 NLT)*
Because Joseph’s family — the Bible calls them the Israelites — got so big, the Egyptians were afraid of them. The Egyptians made the Israelites their slaves and were really mean to them. They made them work really, really hard all the time.

_Hold up splat sign so that kids say, “That’s one sticky situation!”_

But wait — it gets worse!

The Israelites kept having more and more children, and that made the Egyptians even more afraid that they would take over Egypt. So the new Pharaoh did something really bad. When the Israelites had a baby, if it was a girl, she could live. But if it was a boy, this Pharaoh ordered his soldiers to throw the baby in the Nile River so that the boys wouldn’t grow up to fight against the Egyptians.

_Hold up splat sign so that kids say, “That’s one sticky situation!”_

This was definitely a sticky situation. The Israelites didn’t know what to do. They were completely stuck. They could not escape Egypt on their own. So they cried out to God for help...

…and God heard their prayers! He looked down from heaven and saw how mean the Egyptians were to His people. Maybe God said...

_Hold up splat sign so that kids say, “That’s one sticky situation!”_

OK, so God probably didn’t call it a sticky situation, but He knew the Israelites needed His help. God loved the Israelites just like He loves us today. He didn’t want them to be slaves. He wanted them to live with Him in a land of their own. He wanted to be their King and their Dad.

Do you remember a couple of weeks ago when we talked about Abraham? God made Abraham a really special promise. Do you remember what it was? God promised Abraham that He would make his children into a great nation and that God would protect and provide for Abraham’s kids and grandkids and great grandkids just like He did for Abraham.

So God decided it was time to act. It was time to help his people get unstuck from their sticky situation. He called a man named Moses and said,

_I have certainly seen the oppression of my people in Egypt. I have heard their cries of distress because of their harsh slave drivers. Yes,
I am aware of their suffering. So I have come down to rescue them from the power of the Egyptians and lead them out of Egypt into their own fertile and spacious land... Look! The cry of the people of Israel has reached me, and I have seen how harshly the Egyptians abuse them. Now go, for I am sending you to Pharaoh. You must lead my people Israel out of Egypt. (Exodus 3:7-10 NLT)

God saw their sticky situation. God heard their cries of suffering. God knew how mean the Egyptians were to them, and because He loved the Israelites He was about to rescue them in a way that would blow their minds. Next week we’re going to find out exactly how He did it. But today we simply want to remember that God is faithful.

**Bible Verse**

Our Bible verse today is from Psalm 145:17. It says, “The Lord is righteous in all his ways and faithful in all he does.” God is faithful. He is super-sticky. God will stick by you in even the stickiest situations because He loves you and wants you to be a part of His kingdom.

**Application**

For the application, you will need several pictures to hold up or project on a screen.

Pictures:
- School
- Dentist
- Camp
- Roller coaster
- Playground
- Sleepover
- Pool
- Home
Everybody stand up and repeat after me.
Wherever (put your hands out to your side with your palms up)
Kids repeat.
I go (point to yourself with your thumbs)
Kids repeat.
God sticks (point up with both hands)
Kids repeat.
like glue. (bump your fists together as if they’re stuck together with glue)
Kids repeat.

You’re probably not going to become a slave in Egypt this week, but you will find yourself in some sticky situations where you need to remember that God is faithful. I have bunch of pictures of different places you might go where you need to remember that God is with you. I’m going to hold up one of the pictures and ask when you go to this place if you think God sticks with you. If you think this is a place God sticks with you, I want you to say:

Wherever (put your hands out to your side with your palms up)
I go (point to yourself with your thumbs)
God sticks (point up with both hands)
like glue. (bump your fists together as if they’re stuck together with glue)

Are you guys ready? Are you sure you’re ready? Are you really ready? Here we go!

Display pictures at random and ask kids the question,

When you’re at (insert place name), does God stick with you?
Prompt kids to respond:

Wherever (put your hands out to your side with your palms up)
I go (point to yourself with your thumbs)
God sticks (point up with both hands)
like glue. (bump your fists together as if they’re stuck together with glue)

Repeat with all remaining pictures.

Wherever you go, whatever you do, God will never leave your side. He is your faithful friend no matter what sticky situation you find yourself in.

Let’s pray.

Prayer

Dear God, You are faithful. Thank you for sticking with us no matter what. Help us to remember that whatever sticky situation we’re in, you’ll be there to help. We love You!

Amen
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- Pencils (1 per child)
- God sticks with me stickers (1 set of six per child)
- Bible verse cards
Welcome / Large Group Review

Gather kids in a circle either on the floor or around a table.

Welcome back to Huddle. Today we are going to be talking about some sticky situations.

Have you ever accidentally sat on something sticky, like gum or candy? What happened?

Today, we’re not talking about sticky candy. We’re talking about a different kind of sticky. What do you think we mean by a sticky situation?

What kind of sticky situation did the Israelites find themselves in during today’s Bible story?

What made that hard?

How do you think you would have felt if you had been in their shoes?

Do you think it was easy or hard for them to believe God was still with them?

How do you think they felt when they found out God heard their prayers and was going to rescue them?
Huddle Activity: God Sticks With Me!

The purpose of this activity is to help kids understand that God is faithful and that He will stick with them wherever they go, even in the toughest of circumstances.

How It Works:

Pass out Sticky Situation papers to each child. Have the kids write places they will go throughout the week on them. Have them share a couple of their answers and then discuss sticky situations kids may encounter in some of those places. As a group, lead kids to put “God sticks with me” stickers on each space to remind them that God will stick with them wherever they go.

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Copy the “God sticks with me” reproducible onto a sheet of adhesive labels to make the sticker sheets for kids. If you do not have the resources to do this, you can hand write “God sticks with me” onto adhesive nametag stickers (creating one set of six per child).

Pass out Sticky Situation papers to each of the kids.

Right now I want you to think about all the places you’re going to be this week and write them down on your Sticky Situation paper. There are six splats on your sheet. You can write down the name of one place in each splat space, or if you think of more than six, you can write a couple in each splat. Maybe you’ll be at home, at school, at a friend’s house, at the doctor, at the dentist, at your grandparents’ place, at the soccer field, in the dance studio, or some other place. Go ahead and write these places on your paper.

Give kids time to fill in their paper. For kids who can’t write yet, encourage them to draw a simple picture to remind them of each place. Once most of the kids are done, go around and let them share one or two places on their paper. If you have fewer kids in your Huddle, they can share more.
In each of these places, you could end up some sticky situations. Remember that sticky situations are those times in life when we have a problem and don’t quite know what to do about it – or maybe we do know what to do about it, but it’s just hard to do the right thing.

Let’s pick some of your places you’ve listed and think of some problems or sticky situations you could face in that place.

Go around the group and choose some examples from the kids’ papers and brainstorm with kids about dilemmas they might face at that place.

Here’s the great thing to remember: In every single one of those places you’ll go this week, God is with you.

Pass out a God sticks with me sticker sheets to each child.

Look at that first space on your paper. Is God with you there? You bet He is? Peel off your first sticker, but don’t stick it on yet. We’re going to count to three and say, “God sticks with me” and then stick it on the space together. And when you stick in place, yell, “splat” to remind you of how sticky God can be.

Here we go. Peel your first sticker off. Let’s say it together: “God sticks with me! Splat!”

Now let’s move on to the next one. Look at your next space. Is God with you there? Absolutely! Peel off your next sticker. Let’s say it together: “God sticks with me! Splat!”

Continue until kids have placed all six stickers on their papers.

Wherever we go this week, whatever sticky situation we find ourselves in, we can remember that God will stick with us no matter what!

Huddle Discussion & Bible Verse

Pass out Bible verse cards to kids.

Today we said that God sticks with us no matter what. We said that the Bible uses a special word that tells us God is always with us. Does anyone remember what it is? Kids answer “faithful.”
Right, the Bible says that God is faithful. He keeps His promise to stick with His people no matter what. Our Bible verse today is from Psalm 145:17. It says, “The L ORD is righteous in all his ways and faithful in all he does.”

Does that verse say God is righteous in some of His ways? How about none of His ways? No! What does it say? God is faithful in (encourage kids to answer) all of His ways. God is always faithful. He is with us wherever we go and sticks by our side no matter what problem we face.

Are you facing any sticky situations right now? How does that make you feel? What do you think God wants you to remember in that situation?

Let kids share their examples and do your best to process what God is saying to the kids and what He wants them to do about it. Affirm to them that God is with them in their sticky situation and wants to help them walk through it day by day.

Pray through this time, asking the Holy Spirit to help you to know to respond to each child’s situation. Whenever possible, point kids back to a Scripture and affirm that God loves them and loves that they are listening to Him in their lives.

**Prayer**

Take prayer requests. Write them down so that you can pray over them during the week. Take time to pray together as a group. Encourage kids to pray for each other during the group time. You may want to close out with a prayer like the following example.

God, You are always faithful. Thanks for sticking with us wherever we go. Please help us in whatever sticky situation we find ourselves in this week. Help us to be as faithful to you as you are to us.

Amen
The Lord is righteous in all his ways and faithful in all he does.  
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Today I Learned: God is faithful

Bible Story: Israelites stuck in Egypt (Exodus 1-3)

Family Challenge
Take some sticky notes and keep them on the kitchen table with a pen all week long. At meal times, have everyone go around and write down either one sticky situation God has helped them through in the past or a current sticky situation where they need to remember that God is with them.

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* The four questions you are asking are ways of figuring out what your kids' Kairos moment was
**Dinnertime Discussion**

At dinnertime this week, ask one of these questions to get your family talking.

1. What is the stickiest thing on the table right now?
2. What are the stickiest situations we have been in as a family?
3. How did God show up in those situations?
4. Who needs to be reminded most today that God always sticks with us?

Use these questions to help kids think about how God is a faithful Covenant partner who walks with us and helps us through the most difficult situations in life.