

WEEK

ONE

Toddlers

Small Group

September — Week 1

Small Group Leader Guide

Today's Suggested Schedule

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Story Time

→ Tell It

Craft Time

→ Tall Grass Handprints

THIS MONTH
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Today's Bible Story

Baby Moses Exodus 2:1-10

Bottom Line

God has plans for you.

Memory Verse

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

Jeremiah 29:11 NLT

Story Time

What You Need

- ☐ Preschool Bible

Note

Some children (especially the younger ones) may wander. That's okay. They're still listening and learning!

① What You Do

→ Gather children on a rug or in a specific area of the classroom to tell the story.

② What You Say

"Hello, friends! I'm so glad to see you today. Come join me on the floor. Today's true story from the Bible (**HOLD UP THE BIBLE**) begins with a baby named Moses. He was one of God's people.

"Moses' mom wanted to keep him safe from the mean ruler, Pharaoh, so she made a basket and put Moses in it. Moses' mom hid him in the tall grass by the river and Moses' sister watched to see what would happen. Someone found baby Moses, it was the Pharaoh's daughter, and she decided to keep Moses safe. Moses' mom trusted God and knew God had plans for Moses, and **[BOTTOM LINE]** God has plans for you."

Craft Time

What You Need

- ☐ "Tall Grass Handprints" Activity Page
- ☐ Cardstock
- ☐ Green Washable Inkpads
- ☐ Baby Wipes
- ☐ Permanent Marker

Notes

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① What You Do

Before the Activity

1. Copy "Tall Grass Handprints" on cardstock, one per child.
2. Write each child's name on their paper.
3. Gather small groups of children around you at a table for toddler craft time.

During the Activity

1. Help children press and cover their hand with the ink and press it over baby Moses once or twice.
2. Clean hands as needed.

② What You Say

"Look on your paper, there's baby Moses! Moses' mother put him in a basket and hid him in some tall, tall grass to keep him safe from the mean Pharaoh. Let's make some grass to hide Moses in. Let's cover your hand with the green ink pad and press it on top of Moses. **(HELP CHILDREN INK THEIR ENTIRE HAND AND PRESS IT ON THEIR PAPER OVER MOSES. CLEAN HANDS AS NEEDED.)** Where's Moses? There he is hiding in the grass, safe and sound! God kept Moses safe because God had plans for Moses, and **[BOTTOM LINE]** God has plans for you."

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Story Time

→ Show It

Craft Time

→ Create a Frame

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Story Time

What You Need

- ☐ Preschool Bible
- ☐ "Story Pictures" Activity Pages copied on cardstock

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① What You Do

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② What You Say

"Hello, friends! I'm so glad to see you today. Come join me on the floor. Today's true story from the Bible (**HOLD UP THE BIBLE**) begins with a baby, (**HOLD UP A PICTURE OF BABY MOSES**) his name is Moses. Say hi to Moses. (**WITH CHILDREN.**) Hi Moses! Moses was one of God's people.

"This is Moses' mom. (**HOLD UP A PICTURE OF MOSES' MOM.**) She wanted to keep him safe from the mean ruler, Pharaoh (**HOLD UP A PICTURE OF THE MEAN PHARAOH**), so she made a basket and put Moses in it. (**HOLD UP THE PICTURE OF MOSES' MOM WITH MOSES IN THE BASKET.**) Moses' mom hid him in the tall grass by the river (**HOLD UP THE PICTURE OF MOSES IN THE BASKET IN THE TALL GRASS**), and his sister watched to see what would happen. Someone found baby Moses; it was the Pharaoh's daughter (**HOLD UP THE PICTURE OF PHARAOH'S DAUGHTER HOLDING MOSES**), and she decided to keep him safe. Moses' mom trusted God and knew God had plans for Moses, and **[BOTTOM LINE]** God has plans for you."

Craft Time

What You Need

- ☐ "Create a Frame" Activity Page
- ☐ Cardstock
- ☐ Washable Ink Pads
- ☐ Baby Wipes
- ☐ Permanent Marker

Optional

- ☐ Construction Hat
- ☐ Camera
- ☐ Photo Paper
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Glue Stick

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① What You Do

Before the Activity

1. Copy "Create a Frame" on cardstock, one per child.
2. Write each child's name on their paper.
3. Gather small groups of children around you at a table for toddler craft time.

During the Activity

1. Encourage children to press their fingertips on the ink pads then press them on their paper.
2. Repeat several times with the different colors.
3. Clean hands.

② What You Say

"Today in our Bible Story, we learned that God had plans for Moses and **[BOTTOM LINE]** God has plans for you. Let's decorate your picture frame with your sweet little fingerprints. Press your finger on the ink pad then press it on your paper. **(PAUSE.)** Keep going until your frame is filled with lots and lots of little fingerprints. **(PAUSE AND CLEAN HANDS.) [CHILD'S NAME] [BOTTOM LINE]** God has plans for you. **(CONTINUE WITH EACH CHILD.)**"

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Story Time

→ Draw It

Craft Time

→ Plans for a Door Hanger

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Memory Verse

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Jeremiah 29:11 NLT

Story Time

What You Need

- ☐ Preschool Bible
- ☐ Butcher Paper
- ☐ Washable Markers

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① What You Do

→ Gather children on a rug or in a specific area of the classroom to tell the story.

② What You Say

"Hello, friends! I'm so glad to see you today. Come join me on the floor. Today's true story from the Bible (**HOLD UP THE BIBLE**) begins with a baby, (**DRAW A SIMPLE SWADDLED BABY**) hello baby! This baby's name is Moses, he was one of God's people.

"This is Moses' mom. (**DRAW A SIMPLE STICK FIGURE WOMAN.**) She wanted to keep him safe from the mean ruler, Pharaoh (**DRAW A SIMPLE STICK FIGURE MAN WITH A CROWN TO THE LEFT OF MOSES' MOM**), so she made a basket and put Moses in it. (**DRAW A SIMPLE BASKET SHAPE WITH A SIMPLE SWADDLED BABY INSIDE.**) Moses' mom hid him in the tall grass by the river (**DRAW GREEN MARKS OVER MOSES IN THE BASKET**), and Moses' sister watched to see what would happen. (**DRAW A SIMPLE STICK GIRL TO THE SIDE OF THE GRASS.**) Someone found baby Moses; it was the Pharaoh's daughter (**DRAW A SIMPLE STICK FIGURE GIRL WITH A CROWN HOLDING A BABY**), and she decided to keep him safe. Moses' mom trusted God and knew God had plans for Moses, and **[BOTTOM LINE]** God has plans for you."

Craft Time

What You Need

- ☐ "Plans for a Door Hanger" and "Plans for Baby Moses" Activity Pages
- ☐ Green Cardstock
- ☐ White Cardstock
- ☐ Glue Sticks
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Baby Wipes
- ☐ Permanent Marker

Notes

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① What You Do

Before the Activity

1. Copy "Plans for a Door Hanger" on green cardstock and cut one per child.
2. Copy "Plans for Baby Moses" on cardstock and cut one cutout per child.
3. Write each child's name on their door hanger.

During the Activity

1. Help children rub glue on the back of their Moses cutout and glue in the grass on their door hanger.
2. Clean hands as needed.

② What You Say

"Moses' mom wanted to keep baby Moses safe from the mean Pharaoh, so she put him in a basket and hid him in the tall, tall grass. Look at all the tall grass on your paper, that's the perfect place to hide baby Moses! Let's rub some glue on the back of your picture then stick him in the grass. (HELP RUB GLUE ON THE BACK AND POSITION IT OVER THEIR PAPER. ALLOW CHILD TO STICK IT ON THEIR PAPER AND PAT IT DOWN.) Great job! (CLEAN HANDS AS NEEDED.) Moses' mom loved God and knew God had plans for her and Moses, and [BOTTOM LINE] God has plans for you, too."

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Story Time

→ Act It

Craft Time

→ Hide Baby Moses

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Story Time

What You Need

- ☐ Preschool Bible
- ☐ Baby Doll
- ☐ Basket with a Handle
- ☐ Green Crepe Paper Streamers
- ☐ Toy or Paper Crown
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Masking Tape

Note

Some children (especially the younger ones) may wander. That's okay. They're still listening and learning!

① What You Do

1. Gather children on a rug or in a specific area of the classroom to tell the story.
2. Cut streamers in 36-inches, four per group.
3. Fold each streamer in half and tape each folded streamer to the handle of the basket.

② What You Say

"Hello, friends! I'm so glad to see you today. Come join me on the floor. **(PLACE ALL THE ITEMS IN FRONT OF YOU.)** Today's true story from the Bible **(HOLD UP THE BIBLE)** begins with a baby **(ROCK THE BABY)**, his name is Moses.

"Moses' mom wanted to keep him safe from the mean ruler, Pharaoh, so she made a basket and put Moses in it. **(PUT THE BABY DOLL IN THE BASKET.)** Moses' mom hid him in the tall grass by the river **(MOVE THE STREAMERS OVER THE BASKET HIDING THE BABY)** while his sister watched to see what would happen. Someone found baby Moses; it was the Pharaoh's daughter, **(PLACE THE CROWN ON YOUR HEAD)**, and she decided to keep him safe. Moses' mom trusted God and knew God had plans for Moses, and **[BOTTOM LINE]** God has plans for you."

Craft Time

What You Need

- ☐ "Hide Baby Moses" Activity Page
- ☐ Cardstock
- ☐ Green Dot Markers
- ☐ Baby Wipes
- ☐ Permanent Marker

Notes

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① What You Do

Before the Activity

1. Copy "Hide Baby Moses" on cardstock, one per child.
2. Write each child's name on their paper.

During the Activity

1. Encourage children to fill in the tall grass to hide Moses.
2. Clean hands as needed.

② What You Say

"Can you point to baby Moses on your paper? (PAUSE.) There he is! See these lines? (POINT TO THE GRASS OUTLINES.) Use the marker to fill them in so they can become the tall, tall grass and hide baby Moses. (PAUSE.) Great job! Moses' mom hid him in the tall, tall grass to keep him safe because she knew that God had plans for him and [BOTTOM LINE] God has plans for you."