



BIG IDEA

God can send people to help you.

THE BIBLE

Baby Moses in a Basket: Exodus 2:1-10 (Ecclesiastes 4:9-13, Philippians 1:3-6)

LARGE GROUP TIME

WHAT? What are we talking about today?

COUNTDOWN

Once it is time for class to start, begin the intro video. Instruct kids to clean up and then sit in their designated group spot. As kids sit down, Small Group Leaders should sit with the kids in their group.

RULES

1. Listen to your small group leader
 - Respect your leader and obey what they tell you
2. Treat others the way you want to be treated
 - Be a good friend
3. Have fun!



SO WHAT? Why does it matter to God and to us?

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- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Each week, do a big reveal (and make it fun) when you announce the Big Idea, like:*
 - Ask the kids to give you a drumroll by stomping their feet or patting their laps.
 - Shout the Big Idea, then point to the kids and have them shout it back (Change it up by using funny voices, different volumes, or inflections).
 - Have a character (either recurring or rotating) come out every week to reveal the Big Idea.
 - Write it on a piece of paper and hide it somewhere in the room. Have the kids go on a “hunt” for it. When it's found, ask someone to come up and read it.
- This week's Big Idea: **God can send people to help you.**

BIBLE STORY | Exodus 2:1-10

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Look up the story in your Bible and encourage kids to do the same. Read it!*
- *Explain to them what a pharaoh is (a ruler in ancient Egypt). You can show them a picture of an Egyptian pharaoh.*
- but the number of Israelites kept growing in Egypt. The new ruler of Egypt didn't care about the Israelites. He was afraid of them and made them slaves. Then he gave instructions to get rid of all the newborn baby boys.
- **What did Moses' mother do to try to save baby Moses?** She put him in a basket and put the basket in the river. **Could you imagine what it must have felt like for his mother to trust that he would be okay?**
- God sent someone to help Moses and take care of him. **Who found baby Moses in the river?** Pharaoh's daughter found him. **Do you remember what she did?** Moses' sister went to find a woman to feed him, and it was Moses' own mother! How cool!
- **Where did Moses grow up?** Moses went from being in danger and floating in a basket to being adopted into Pharaoh's house. God protected him. God sent people to help him.
- As we learn more of Moses' story, you'll see that God had a purpose for Moses to grow up in Pharaoh's house. You will see that it isn't an accident that people saved Moses as a baby.
- **How would Moses' story have been different if God had not sent people to help?**
- This story is a reminder that we are all helpless in our sin by ourselves. Just like God sent Moses' sister and Pharaoh's daughter to help Moses, God sent His Son, Jesus, to help us and save us from our sin. Not only did He do that, but He is also so good to provide people in our lives to help us be who He wants us to be and to help us do great things for Him.
- **Who are some people you know God has sent to help you?**
- **What are some ways God can use you to help other people?**

ACTIVITY | Rescue the Baby Race

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Divide the group into two teams and have them both line up. Place a basket at one end of the line. Give a baby doll to the person at the front of each line. When you say, “Go,” the kids will pass the baby down their line. The first person will pass the doll under their legs and the second person will pass the doll over their head. They will continue alternating over and under down the line until they get to the basket. That team member should put the baby in the basket and then pass the basket back the same way.*
- God sent people to help Moses and care for him, probably a lot more carefully than you handled the babies in that race!



VIDEO I Help To Finish the Race

- Now let's watch what happens when an Olympic runner had a big problem in the middle of his race and almost couldn't finish.
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Watch *this video* together.
- **What happened to the Olympian?**
- **How was he able to finish the race?** His father came beside him and gave him strength and helped him finish. God does the same thing for us when we need help and let Him help us.
- **Can you think of a time someone helped you do something you wouldn't have been able to do on your own?**
- We may not be running a race or floating down a river, but we all have times in our lives when we need help too. God sends people to help us. We can thank Him for those people.



NOW WHAT? What does God want us to do about it?

SCRIPTURE | Ecclesiastes 4:9-13

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Look up the verses in your Bible and encourage kids to do the same. Read them!*
- These verses tell us it is not better to be alone. It's better to do life with someone else.
- **What are some examples from the verses of how others can help us?**
- **What are some things you do that are easier with more than one person?**
- **What are some ways people have helped you?**

WORSHIP | Use the worship videos to lead the kids in singing/dancing through 2 songs.

OBJECT LESSON | How Many Does It Take?

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Before the service, blow up at least six helium balloons and tie strings to them. Show the kids an empty gift bag and ask them to guess how many balloons they think it will take to lift the bag up off of the ground. Tie on one balloon at a time until the balloon lifts the bag.*
- **Was just one balloon by itself enough to lift the bag?**
- **What did we need to do to get the bag off of the ground?**
- In the same way, we need other people to help us do the big things God wants us to do. He has not called us to live for Him by ourselves. He gives us friends, family, and sometimes people we don't even know to help us.

MEMORY VERSES | Colossians 3:20, Psalm 46:10

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Work on the memory verse together.*



SMALL GROUP TIME

DISCUSSION

- Why did Moses’ mother put him in a basket in the river? (*To save his life.*)
- Who found him? (*Pharaoh’s daughter.*)
- Can you share about a person God has put in your life to help you?
- How have you helped someone else who was going through a hard time?
- Who in your life needs help right now?
- Do we always realize when God sends someone to help us? Why or why not?

SCRIPTURE | **Philippians 1:3-6**

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Look up the verses in your Bible and encourage the kids to do the same. Read them!*
- What did the writer Paul say he was thankful for?
- What were two things he did for the people?
- Whose name could you put into this verse if you were writing it about someone in your life?

PRAYER | **I Thank You Basket**

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Give each kid an index card and have them write one way someone can help them, starting with the words “Someone who . . . “ then tell them to drop their cards in a basket. Mix up the cards and tell the kids to come up and draw one, then let them pray and thank God for someone specific in their life who has helped them in that way. Some examples of things they could write may be: Someone who taught you about God, someone who forgave you, someone who gave you advice, someone who is your friend, someone who listens to you, someone who taught you something new, etc.*

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PRAYER | Take some time to pray together as a group.

POINTS | Kids get points for things listed below. Add weekly points and insert that number next to their name for the given week.

Dot Stickers	10 Points
Bring your Bible to class	50 Points
Memorize monthly verses	50 points/verse
Attend Redeemer’s Kids Class	100 Points
Bring a friend who doesn’t attend Redeemer’s	100 Points
Weekly Postcard Points:	
<i>(Put check mark next to each you’ve given them points for)</i>	
Memorized Weekly Big Idea	50 Points
Read Bible Daily	100 Points