Lesson
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MOSES
(TEN COMMANDMENTS)

October 31 & November 1

GOD IS OUR GUIDE



KEY VERSE:

"The Lord himself will go ahead of you. He will be with you. He will never leave you. He'll never desert you. So don't be afraid. Don't lose hope."

Deuteronomy 31:8, NIRV



LESSON GOAL:

Background: Moses was born during a time when Pharaoh was trying to kill Hebrew babies, but God protected him and used him to lead His people out of slavery in Egypt. Through Moses, God sent the ten plagues, rescued the Israelites through the Red Sea and gave them the Ten Commandments at Mount Sinai to guide them in how to live. Moses followed God's leadership until his death before entering the Promised Land.

Lesson Goal: For kids to understand that that just like God guided Moses and the Israelites through hard times and gave them His commands to help them follow Him, God is our guide too. We should follow Him by reading the Bible and praying for direction.

Full Story: Exodus
Key Passage: Exodus 20:1-3

MISSION FOCUS:

FOCUS: Thanksgiving Donations
woodmenvalley.org/thanksgivingdonations

WHY DOES IT MATTER? Some families in our community need a little extra help putting food on the table this Thanksgiving.

WHAT ARE THANKSGIVING DONATIONS? Every year, Woodmen gets to come alongside these families by providing everything they need to make a special Thanksgiving meal.

YOU CAN HELP! Take time to **LEARN** more about this opportunity, **PRAY** for God to provide enough food for people in our city this Thanksgiving and **GIVE** food items to help care for people in our city during this upcoming holiday season!

Donations can be dropped off during the week at eachcampus (except Downtown) until November 6 (9 AM - 3 PM).

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THEME FOR THIS SERIES:
Ruby Robinson's Jungle Adventure

5:45-6:10pm
8:45-9:10am
10:45-11:10am

CHECK-IN

The goal of check-in is to greet parents/guardians and children by name and help them feel known and welcome.

SAY:

I'm so glad to see you today, ***(insert child/parent name)***! You can play with the classroom activities until we begin Explore time.

6:10-6:25pm
9:10-9:25am
11:10-11:25am

EXPLORE

The goal of Explore is to help kids connect relationally and think about the Bible story. It should be completed in small groups of 5-7 kids per one Ministry Partner.

DISCUSS: God is Our Guide!

Help kids connect relationally and to the daily lesson by participating in the Bag of Wonder activity together.

Bag of Wonder: Compass

SAY:

We are going to take turns passing around this Bag of Wonder! It has something inside that helps us think about our lesson today. You can hold it, smell it, shake it, touch it...but no peeking inside! What do you think it could be? You each get 1 guess!

DO:

Pass the Bag of Wonder around until each child has had a turn holding it and guessing what's in the bag. Offer hints to help the kids guess the item.

SAY:

I *wonder* why this item is in our Bag of Wonder today! Our lesson is about how **God is Our Guide.** This true story comes from the Bible in **Exodus 20:1-3!** *(Open your Bible to show the kids the verse is in the Bible then read the explanation below).*

CONNECTION: Have you ever seen a compass? A compass helps people know which way to go so they don't get lost. In our story today, God gave Moses and the Israelites the Ten Commandments to show them how to live and make good choices. Just like a compass shows us the way, God's Word helps us know what to do. We can read the Bible and pray for help because God is our Guide!

CONNECT: Why Does It Matter?

Introduce the Big 3 questions and answers to give kids a preview of the key ideas they should watch and listen for during the Bible lesson.

SAY:

Listen closely as I share the BIG 3 questions AND answers for today's lesson! Then, let's all look for those answers in our Bible time!

1. **ASK: Who is our story about today?**
   ANSWER: God, Moses, the Israelites, and us.
2. **ASK: What is the problem?**
   ANSWER: God's people needed to know how to live God's way. They needed God to guide them and show them what was right and wrong.
3. **ASK: What will God do?**
   ANSWER: God gave the Israelites the Ten Commandments to show them how to live, and He gives us the Bible today to guide us in how to follow Him.



MAKE: "God is Our Guide" Compass

Help kids think about the lesson further and have fun by doing this activity!

Supplies: compass circle cutout, game arrow/spinner, crayons/markers

SAY:

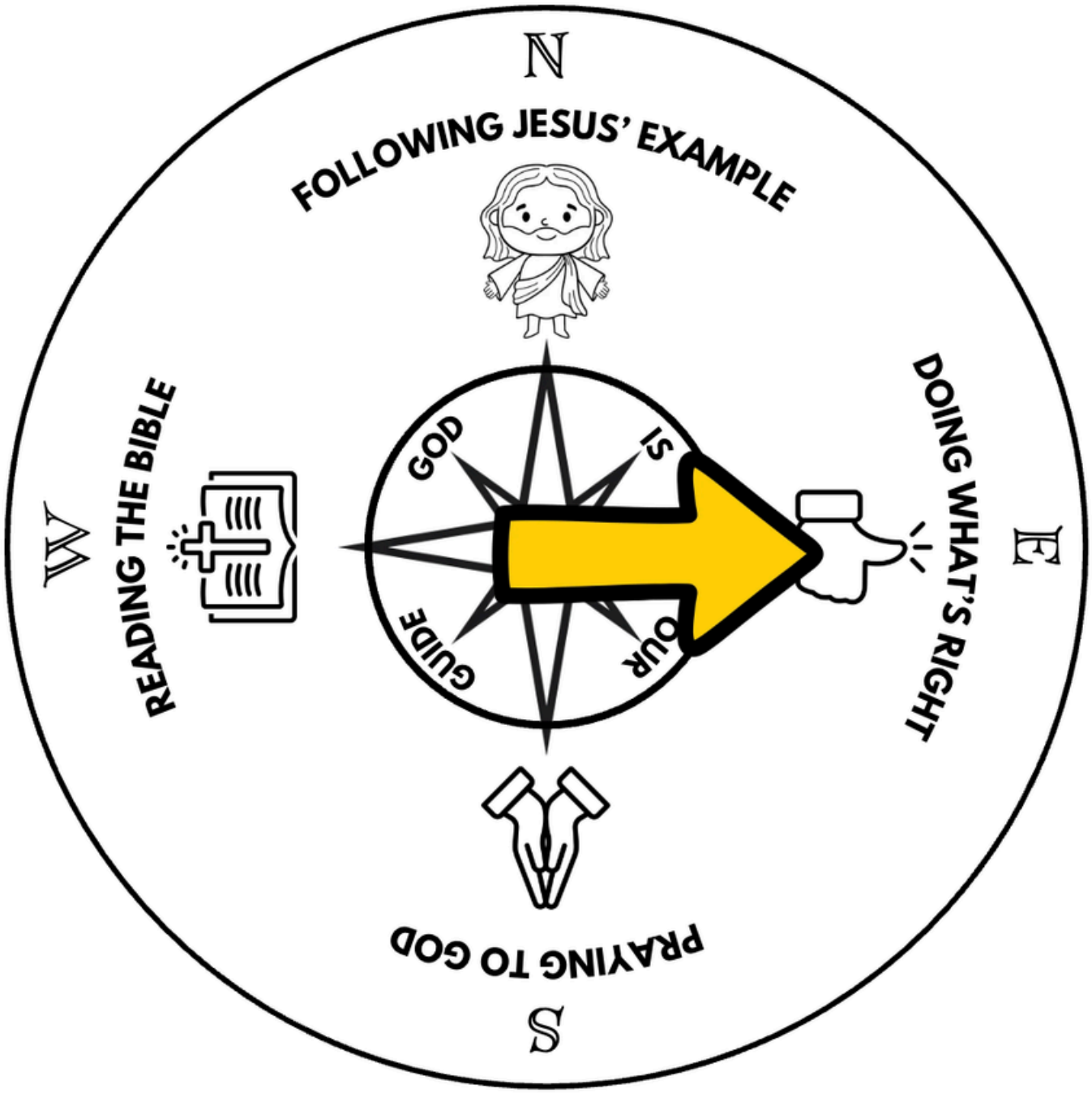
God is our guide! Today we're going to learn about some special rules God gave His people, the Israelites. But first, let's make a craft to help us remember how we can follow God's direction for us too!

DO:

- Give each child a compass circle and crayons/markers.
- Invite kids to color their compass as you talk about God being our guide.
- Have a leader or LIT attach the game arrow/spinner to the center of the compass. **SAFETY NOTE: Keep loose spinners out of reach of the kids**
- Show kids how to spin the arrow/spinner to point to different items.

CLEAN UP: Transition to Large Group

Ask kids to clean up the activity or save it to finish for the end of class. Then, ask kids to line up and/or transition to Large Group.


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LARGE GROUP OVERVIEW

The goal of Large Group is to help kids grow in their relationship with God by participating in Worship and hearing an engaging Bible story.

OPENING LARGE GROUP

INTRODUCTION

Welcome the kids in an engaging way and share the daily host content.

- **4 B'S (BEHAVIORS)**
  Share the expectations for how to participate during Large Group time.
- **KEY VERSE**
  Introduce the key verse. Kids can watch the Key Verse video (when it's new for the series) or practice together using the slide.
- **MISSION FOCUS**
  Introduce or share an update about the current mission focus.
- **PRAY FOR MISSION FOCUS & LESSON**

WORSHIP

Invite your Worship Leader to come up and play the worship song videos. Encourage kids to participate and be respectful to others.

LESSON VIDEO

Play the daily Bible lesson video.

PERSONAL REFLECTION

WORSHIP RESPONSE

Lead the kids through a quiet personal reflection time of responding to what God is teaching them.

CLOSING LARGE GROUP

PRAYER

Transition from Worship Response by praying over the kids.

OFFERING

Highlight the opportunity to give back to God through our offering.

BLESSING

As Large Group ends, speak this blessing over the kids to send them into their week with God's truth in their hearts.

OPENING LARGE GROUP SCRIPT

INTRODUCTION

Welcome! We're so glad you're here today! Does anyone know our God statement for today? ***(allow kids to respond)*** **God is Promise Keeper!** I'm so excited to dig into that with you but before we do, let's cover our 4 B's of how we're expected to participate during Large Group!

4 BEHAVIORS OF LARGE GROUP

- ***Be Ready*** – Eyes watching and ears listening.
- ***Be Respectful*** – Listen when others are talking and follow directions.
- ***Be Safe*** – Keep your hands, feet and body in your own space.
- ***Be Involved*** – Sing, answer, move and join in!

KEY VERSE - Deuteronomy 31:8

Let's recite our Key Verse together! When we memorize the Bible, we put God's truth in our hearts and minds to help us remember what is true and who God is. Let's practice together! ***Play the Key Verse video or show the verse slide.***

Serve the City

MISSION FOCUS - Thanksgiving Donations

Did you know that some families in our community need a little extra help putting food on the table this Thanksgiving? Every year, Woodmen gets to come alongside these families by providing everything they need to make a special Thanksgiving meal. And the best part is—you can help!

LEARN about why we're collecting Thanksgiving food and who it will help. **PRAY** for the families who will receive it, asking God to help them feel loved and cared for. And **GIVE** by helping your family shop for the food on our list. You could even choose one item to buy with your own money! For a list of items, visit ***woodmenvalley.org/thanksgivingdonations.***

Every box of stuffing and can of veggies is a simple way to show someone, "You are loved!" This Thanksgiving, let's work together to love our neighbors and be generous with what God has given us! ***You can drop off donations at your campus during the week (except Downtown campus) until November 6!***

PRAY (for the mission focus and upcoming lesson)

Let's bow our heads, close our eyes and show respect to God while we pray!

WORSHIP

Let's move into a time of worship. This is a chance for us to praise God and say "thank you!" for everything He does for us. You can worship in a way that helps you focus on God best. You can stand, sit, kneel, raise your hands or participate in the motions. ***Play worship songs.***

SONGS: Every Move I Make, God So Loved, Jesus Loves Me

LESSON VIDEO

Please take a seat quietly so we can watch our lesson video together. As you watch, see if you can find the answers to our big 3 questions! Who is the story about? What is the problem or what happens? And what does God do? Let's watch together! ***Play lesson video.***

WORSHIP RESPONSE SCRIPT

PREPARE AHEAD

Before Large Group, prepare all Worship Response materials and ask Ministry Partners to help lead and support the activity.

SUPPLIES: tiny Jesus cut outs and classroom Bibles (1 set per small group) - tell teachers ahead!
Every Move I Make song

REFLECT: God is Our Guide!

Let's get our hearts and bodies ready for Worship Response. Start by taking three deep breaths *(take 3 breaths together)*. Now let's relax our bodies and find a comfortable position to be still and focus on God - one that won't distract others.

REVIEW LESSON & GOD STATEMENT

Just like God guided Moses and the Israelites through hard times, God is our guide too! Where can we look to find God's directions for us? ***Let kids respond.*** That's right - the Bible! God has given us the Bible to guide us and show us how to live. Today we're going to do an activity that reminds us we can see Jesus all throughout the Bible.

EXPLAIN WORSHIP RESPONSE ACTIVITY

- In a moment, we're going to group up with our small group leaders.
- As you sit in a circle with your small group, you will each get a turn to look for Jesus in the Bible!
  - Remember, God guides us through His Word, the Bible!
  - When we need God's help, we can look in the Bible!
  - As you find Jesus, say "God is MY Guide!"
- While you are waiting for your turn or after you finish, you can sit and listen to the song playing in the background or you can simply sit and be still.
  - ***Play "Every Move I Make" song.***
- As you participate, please remember to be quiet and participate on your own

DISMISS KIDS TO PARTICIPATE & PLAY SONG

Play the song in the Powerpoint as kids participate. If the song ends before all kids are done participating, play it again.

PRAY OVER THE KIDS

After all kids have had a chance to participate, close Worship Response by simply praying over them. No transition or introduction is needed—just begin the prayer.

CLOSING LARGE GROUP SCRIPT

OFFERING

One more way we can respond to and worship God is by giving offering. Offering is an opportunity every week to give some of our money to God as a way to say "Thank you, God!" for all He has done for us. Remember, you never *have* to give offering. Giving offering is something you *choose* to do with a thankful heart! God gives to us...so we give back to Him! If you have offering today, you can place it in the offering bin before you leave.



God gives to us...



We give back to God!

BLESSING

Before we go, I want to speak a blessing over you so can you please stand up? A blessing sends us into our week with God's truth in our hearts, reminding us of who He is and that He is with us wherever we go. If you'd like, hold out your hands with your palms up as a way of showing that you are ready to receive these words and God's truth. Listen closely as I speak this blessing over you.

May you follow God's Word as it lights the path for you! God is your guide and He loves you!

TRANSITION

After the blessing, dismiss kids to return quietly to their classroom (if applicable) and transition to Respond.

We learned a lot together today! Now we're going to head back to Small Group to unpack what we learned and talk about what it means for our lives. This is a great time to ask questions, share your thoughts and see if you caught the answers to our Big 3 Questions from the lesson!

6:50-7:10pm
9:50-10:10am
11:50am-12:10pm

RESPOND

The goal of Respond is for kids to think about the lesson and how it applies to them. It should be completed in **small groups of 5-7 kids per one Ministry Partner**.

REFLECT: Big 3 & Application

Help kids process what they learned in the lesson by answering the Big 3 questions you asked at the beginning of class.

SAY:

Let's talk about what we learned today! Find a spot to sit quietly and get in a comfortable position that's not distracting to others. Let's start by looking at the **BIG 3** questions we talked about at the beginning of class. Did anyone find the answers?

1. **ASK: Who was our story about today?**
   KIDS RESPOND: God, Moses, the Israelites, and us.
2. **ASK: What was the problem?**
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   KIDS RESPOND: God gave the Israelites the Ten Commandments to show them how to live, and He gives us the Bible today to guide us in how to follow Him.

Now let's talk about how this could **APPLY** to our own lives. Depending on what God is teaching us, our answers might be different. But I would love to hear your thoughts!

- **ASK: Why does this matter to me?**
  Example: Just like the Israelites needed God's help and guidance, I need God to guide me and show me how to live His way.
- **ASK: How can I apply this to my own life?**
  Example: I can follow God's guidance by learning what the Bible says and choosing to obey Him, even when it's hard. I can spend time praying.

PRAY: Connect Relationally

Help kids understand the power of praying together.

SAY:

Does anyone have a prayer request they'd like to share? You can also share with a leader privately, if you don't want to share aloud. It can feel a little scary to pray together, but God loves to hear our prayers! We don't have to say anything fancy - we can just talk to Him!

DO:

Invite kids to pray for each other, then have a leader close in prayer. You can also use your prayer journal to write down and reflect on prayers from your group each week.

If time allows

OPTIONAL RESPOND ACTIVITY

The goal of the OPTIONAL Respond Activity is for kids to engage in a game that helps reinforce the lesson for the day.

ACTIVITY: God Guides Us Game!

If you have extra time at the end of your lesson and small group time, the students can participate in this activity that reinforces the daily lesson.

Supplies: none

SAY:

Today we learned that **God is our Guide!** A guide shows us where to go and helps us know what to do. God guided Moses and His people, and He guides us too! Let's play a game where you have to listen carefully and follow where I guide you!

DO:

Guide kids on a journey around the room by giving them simple directions like, "Walk to the door," "Tiptoe to the table," "Go around the chairs," or "Crawl to the rug." Have everyone listen and follow each direction together. Continue around the room using different silly movements. When you're finished, remind kids that **God is our Guide**, and we can follow Him by listening to what He tells us in the Bible!

As parents arrive after service

CHECK-OUT

The goal of check-out is to re-connect kids with their parent and communicate any upcoming events or announcements as families leave.

DO:

Encourage kids to finish their activities or play classroom games until their parent comes to pick them up.

As kids get picked up, mention any announcements while handing their parent the announcement card.