Lesson
9
1st-4th

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)***! Look up the Bible passage in your Bible or a classroom Bible and mark it with a sticky note. Then, find a classroom activity to do 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 by asking them about their week, then discuss the lesson topic for the day and read the Bible passage together.

SAY:

Let's take turns sharing 3 words about our week. I'll go first! *Share your 3 words then invite the next child to share.*

Today, we are learning how **God is Our Guide.** This story comes from the Bible in **Exodus 20:1-3.** Let's open our Bibles so we can read it together. *Read passage.*

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.

Encourage kids to listen and watch for the answers to these questions during the Bible lesson!

MAKE: "God is Our Guide" Compass

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

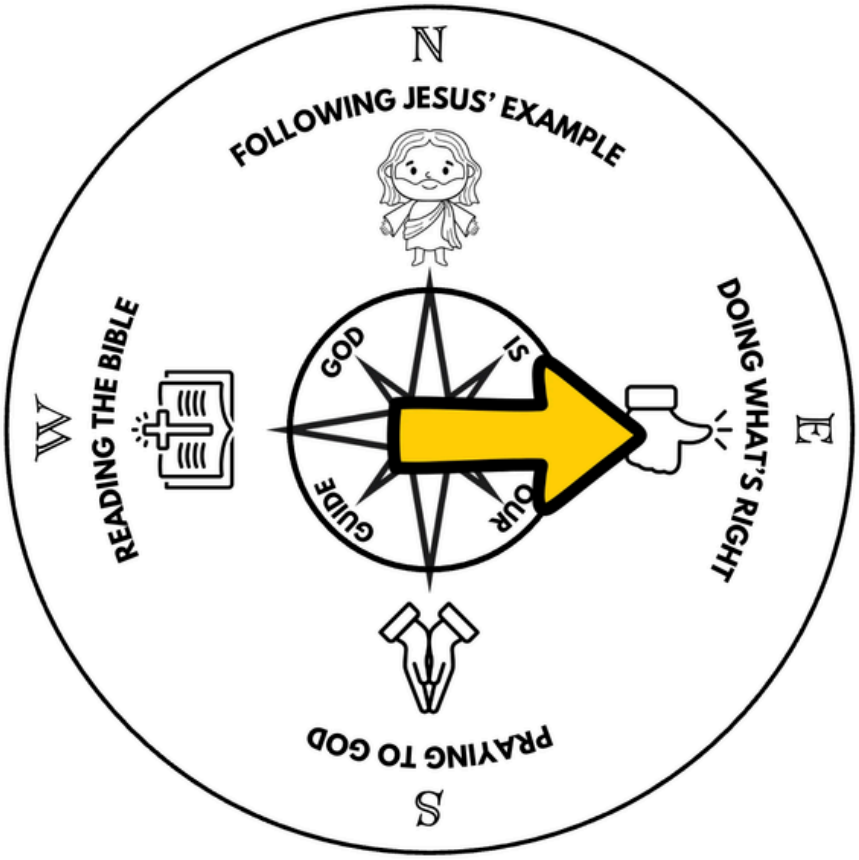
Supplies: compass circle cutout, game arrow/spinner, crayons/markers

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 help each child attach the game arrow/spinner to the center of their compass.
- 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.

6:25-6:50pm
9:25-9:50am
11:25-11:50am

LARGE GROUP OVERVIEW

The goal of Large Group is to help kids grow closer to God through participating in worship, a Bible story and Worship Response.

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: Praise, Every Move I Make, Who You Say I Am

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: compass cards, writing utensils, Build My Life song; Before Large Group, assign a leader to each station to say "God is your guide" and give each child a mini Bible keychain

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 and do what is right. Today, we're going to take time to think about what we need God's guidance with in our own lives.

EXPLAIN WORSHIP RESPONSE ACTIVITY

- Your leaders are going to pass out a card to each of you.
- Write or draw something you need God's guidance with in your own life.
- When you're ready, you can take the card and put it on a worship response station around the room.
  - As you do this, a leader will give you a special mini Bible keychain and say "God your guide!"
- You get to take this mini Bible home as a reminder that when we follow God, He will guide and direct our steps. We can look to God's Word, the Bible for God's direction!
- When you're finished participating, walk quietly back to your seat.
- You can pray and talk to God, you can listen to the song playing in the background or you can simply sit and be still
- 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?**
   KIDS RESPOND: 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 did God do?**
   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 is our Guide Obstacle Course!

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: eye mask/bandana, items in classroom to create a safe obstacle course

SAY:

Today we learned that God is our Guide! God guided Moses and the Israelites through hard times and showed them where to go and how to follow Him. God guides us too! We can look to the Bible and pray when we need His direction. In this game, you'll have to trust your partner to guide you when you can't see where you're going!

DO:

- Use (safe) classroom items to create a simple obstacle course on the floor.
- Divide kids into pairs and have one child put on a blindfold.
- Have their partner use only their voice to guide them through the course with directions like, "Take two steps forward," "Turn right," or "Step over the noodle."
- Once they reach the end, have partners switch roles so everyone gets a chance to follow a guide.
- Remind kids that just like they needed their partner's directions, we need God's direction too. We can look to His Word and pray because God is our Guide!

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.