# **City LG - October 12-13, 2019**

Bible Story: Ready or Not (Moses and the Burning Bush / The 10 Plagues) •

Exodus 3–6:12, 7–12:42

**Bottom Line:** You can do what you should, even when you don't feel ready.

Memory Verse: Be strong and brave. Do not be afraid. Do not lose hope. I am the LORD

your God. I will be with you everywhere you go. Joshua 1:9b (NIrV)

## CG: Countdown Video

WORSHIP: "Fireblazin" and "Look to You"

Worship Leader prays...

"Hi, everyone! Last week we talked about a baby boy named Moses. His mom put him in a basket in the river to protect him from a scary situation. That took a lot of courage!

"Moses and his family lived in a place called Egypt. God's people, the Israelites, had been slaves in Egypt for a long, long time. They were treated terribly. They had to work really hard in the hot sun all day. I wonder if the people felt like maybe God had forgotten about them.

"But God had a plan to work through Moses, who had grown up in Pharaoh's own palace. One day, Moses made a terrible mistake and ran away from Egypt. He lived in a place called Midian, where he raised a family . . . and some sheep.

"With Moses living so far away, it would seem like maybe God's plan to rescue his people wasn't going to happen."

"Then one day, God appeared to Moses from inside a burning bush!

"God said . . .

Open the Bible to Exodus 3:7-8a (NIrV) and read.

"I have seen my people suffer in Egypt. I have heard them cry out because of their slave drivers. I am concerned about their suffering. So I have come down to save them from the Egyptians. I will bring them up out of that land. I will bring them into a good land. It has a lot of room. It is a land that has plenty of milk and honey."

"God continued. He told Moses to go to the new Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt. Moses wasn't sure that the Israelites would believe that God had sent him, so God said He would show them miraculous signs to prove it. In fact, He turned Moses's walking stick into a snake . . . and then back into a stick!"

"But still, Moses wasn't so sure he was the right guy for the job. After all, he told God that he didn't speak very well. But God told Moses that He would help him. He told Moses that his brother Aaron would also be there to help him speak.

"Moses must have been afraid. But with God's help, he found the courage he needed. He traveled back to Egypt to do what God had said. We will stop right there, and let our Bible Story Video tell you the rest. Let's watch!"

#### CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 8:15)

"After hundreds of years of slavery, the Israelites were finally free! God had used Moses to lead them out of Egypt. At first Moses didn't feel ready to take on such a big job, but he did it because he knew God was with him. He had the courage to trust that God's plans would come true.

"Moses's story reminds us of something important.

# CG: Bottom Line Slide

## [Bottom Line] "You can do what you should, even when you don't feel ready.

"We can trust God even when we're not sure we're up for the challenge. We can trust Him even when we feel nervous or afraid. We can trust Him no matter what. When we choose to trust Him, we find the courage we need to live His way.

"Let's pray and ask God to help us with that."

**Pray:** "God, thank You so much for being with Moses and helping him to have courage. Please help us to be brave enough to do what we should, even when we don't feel ready. Help us to remember that You're with us always. Help us to have courage because we know You'll never leave us. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name, amen."

"When you have to face something tough, you might feel a little bit like Moses did. You might not feel ready. You might need some help finding the courage to do it. In those moments, remember that God is with you. He's there to help you.

#### CG: Bottom Line Slide

#### [Bottom Line] You can do what you should, even when you don't feel ready."

"Our memory verse is Joshua 1:9. We'll put it up on the screen. Let's say it together.

## CG: Memory Verse Slide

**KIDS:** Be strong and brave. Do not be afraid. Do not lose hope. I am the Lord your God. I will be with you everywhere you go. (NIrV)

"That's right! God is with you. He can give you the courage to do whatever He asks you to do.

"In a moment, we will head into Small Group and talk some more about living courageously. But first let's worship God with our offering!"

# Offering Time:

"Offering time is a chance for us to bring our money to God, so he can use it to make somebody else's life better. For us, here in the City, we give our offering to an organization called 'Missions of Hope' to help kids in Kenya have food, clothes, and learn about God's love for them."

Here at (your Campus name), we bring our offering to help support:

Homer Glen: Victor New Lenox: Daniel

Orland Park: Michael and Valerie

# CG: Picture of Child

"(Your Campus Child) lives in Nairobi, Kenya and is part of a really great place called Mission of Hope International!"

If you brought your offering today, you can bring it up now and place it here in our offering container while our Offering Video plays! (show offering container)."

CG: Offering Video (Runtime: 3:00)

Dismiss kids to their small groups.