

City SG - October 5-6, 2019

Bible Story: Basket Case (Moses Is Born) • *Exodus 2:1-10 (Supporting: Exodus 1)*

Bottom Line: You can do what you should, even when you don't know what will happen next.

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)

1. Just for Fun

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

- Guide kids to sit in a circle.
- Instruct one kid to start a random story by saying the first sentence. (It can be a story about anything, as long as it's appropriate!)
- Tell the kid to his left to say the next sentence of the story.
- Continue in this way until time runs out or the story devolves fully into nonsense. If it's the latter, start a new story.
- Before moving on, point out that even though everyone got to come up with a part of the story, no one knew what would happen next.

2. What Happens Next?

What You Need: "What Happens Next Pictures" Activity Pages (1 set per group)

What You Do:

- Make sure the kids can't see the "after" pictures from each pair.
- One at a time, show the "before" pictures and let kids take turns guessing what happens next.
- After kids make their guesses, show them "what happens next" in the "after" picture.

What You Say:

"In these situations, sometimes you guessed right about what would happen next, and sometimes you didn't. But truly, nobody REALLY knew what would happen next until it actually happened.

[Transition] In Large Group, we heard about what to do when we don't know what will happen next. We should do the right thing."

3. What's Next Comic Strips

What You Need: "What's Next Comic Strips" Activity Pages (1 sheet per kid, per service), crayons, and pens

What You Do:

- Give each kid an Activity Page. Set out the crayons.
- Tell kids that there are three comic strips on this page. Two have been started for them, and the third will be completely up to them.
- Explain that each of the three comic strips is/should be about a scenario where someone starts out being afraid of what might happen next.
 - The first scene shows the situation with the kid who's afraid.
 - The second scene will show what they do to help them face that fear.
 - The third scene will be the result, or what happens next.

- Tell kids to look at the first already-drawn scene. Ask what the kids think she might be doing. Various responses are fine: she's about to give a speech, sing, introduce someone, etc.
- Then ask them to think about what she might do to help give her the strength to do what she should, such as: pray, think of a verse of Scripture, remember that God is with her. They should draw that thing in the second scene.
- Instruct kids to then draw what's next in the third scene: the girl singing, speaking with a smile, etc.
- Repeat the process for the second comic strip.
- For the third strip, ask kids to think about a scenario they might be facing or have faced in the past where they were uncertain or afraid about how something might turn out.
- Tell them to draw all three scenes of that scenario.

What You Say:

"There are a lot of times in life when things are uncertain and we might be afraid because we don't know what will happen next or how things will turn out. This could be things like *(mention some of the things kids drew)*. **[Make It Personal]** *(Share your own story of a time when you did what you should even when you didn't know how things would turn out. Be sure to tell kids what it felt like to be scared or nervous but to do what you knew you should anyway.)* What we need to remember is that God is always with us, and HE always knows what will happen next. And you know what? What happens next won't always be good. But even so, God is ALWAYS with us during whatever is happening, and He will help us. Because of that, **[Bottom Line]** *you can do what you should, even when you don't know what will happen next.*"

4. Pong the Verse

What You Need: Bibles, ping-pong balls & cups (1 set of 3 per group)

What You Do:

- Look up Joshua 1:9a in your Bible, and read it to your group.
- Give one kid three prepared ping-pong balls.
- Allow kids to attempt to shoot their ping-pong balls into the correct cup.
 - *Example: "Don't be afraid" Ball goes into "Don't be afraid" Cup*
- Repeat the process with all of the kids.
- Encourage kids to say the words of the verse as they shoot their ping-pong ball.

What You Say:

"That was so much fun! Remembering that God wants you to be strong and brave is very important! And when you're strong and brave, **[Bottom Line]** *you can do what you should, even when you don't know what will happen next.*"

5. Pray and Dismiss

What You Need: Ping-pong balls from the earlier activity

What You Do:

- Set the balls in verse order in front of the kids.
- Tell kids to use the verse to pray and ask God to help them be strong and brave/courageous.
- Give them a short time to silently pray, and then close with the prayer below.

What You Say:

"Dear God, we praise You for Your strength and courage. Please help us to be strong and courageous as well. We know that sometimes we'll face situations where we don't know what will happen next, and that can often be scary or make us anxious. Give us the strength and courage to do what we should, even when we don't know what will happen next. In Jesus' name, amen."

BEFORE DISMISSAL: AT "COMMUNION CALL"

**HAND OUT "GOD TIME" CARDS TO EACH CHILD AND ALLOW THEM TIME TO BEGIN
WORKING ON THE WEEKLY ACTIVITY**

IF CHILDREN BRING THEM BACK THE FOLLOWING WEEK, THEY RECEIVE A PRIZE!