

CITY LG – May 10 - 11, 2025

Today's Bible Story: Make a Move (Miriam Takes Initiative) • *Exodus 2:1-10*

Today's Bottom Line: Look for ways to help the people you love.

Monthly Memory Verse: *None of you should look out just for your own good. Each of you should also look out for the good of others.* Philippians 2:4 (NIRV)

Monthly Virtue: Initiative—Seeing what needs to be done and doing it

CAMPUS SUPPLY: Index cards and pens (one for each small group)

WORSHIP

Movin' Me
Dance

SLIDE: Theme

Hi, friends! I'm so glad you're here with us today in The City!

As you can see, we've got a pretty cool spy theme going on this month. We're talking about how we can keep a lookout for ways to help others and share God's love with them.

It's like Paul wrote in Philippians 2:4:

SLIDE: Memory Verse

None of you should look out just for your own good. Each of you should also look out for the good of others. (Philippians 2:4, NIRV)

SLIDE: Theme

It's kind of like we're playing 'I Spy.' But instead of looking for things, we're looking to see what people might need . . . then doing something to lend a hand with God's help.

One of the things spies have to do is pay close attention to detail. They have to notice and remember things they saw, long after they saw them. So, I thought I'd do a little spy training for all of you today!

I'm going to put a slide of a tray of items up on the screen. After everyone's had a good look, I'll take the slide off the screen and your group will work together to try to list as many of the items as you can remember.

Here's a card and pen for each group.

Give an index card and pen to each Small Group Leader.

And now . . . here's our super-secret spy tray!

SLIDE: Picture of tray

Okay—time to put the tray away.

SLIDE: Theme

You now have one minute to list as many things as you can remember. Just shout them out to your leader, and they'll write your answers there on your card. Here we go!

60 Second Timer

Okay, now it's time to see how we all did!

SLIDE: Picture of your tray

After you've gone through all of the items, figure out which group had the most correct answers on their card

Collect the cards and pens.

SLIDE: Theme

Our story today is from Exodus, which is the second book of the Bible. *(Hold up Bible.)*

If we go back to the very beginning, we see how God created the world and everything in it . . . including people. But people turned away from God, and the world was broken. Still, God had a plan to make things right. God planned to bless the whole world through the family of a man named Abraham and his wife Sarah.

Their great-grandson, Joseph, had been enslaved and taken to Egypt. But after many hard years, Joseph was given a position of honor and power. He was second-in-command of Egypt! And God helped Joseph save his whole family—and the Egyptian people—from starving. Over the years, Joseph's family grew and grew. They became known as the Israelites, or Hebrews.

Today's story takes place many years after that. Let's take a look..

VIDEO: Bible Story 10:49

Thanks to the care and quick thinking of Jochebed and Miriam, Moses was saved! And many years later, when Moses grew up, God used him to lead the Israelite people out of Egypt and into freedom.

It's important that we look for ways to help the people around us. And that's definitely true for the people we're closest to—like our friends and family who we see every day. God can show us how to help the people we love.

Here's what we need to remember today, let's all stand up:

VIDEO: Bottom Line

SLIDE: Bottom Line

Look for ways to help the people you love.

SLIDE: Theme

It's so cool to think about how Moses' mother saved his life by hiding him in the river. And Moses' sister Miriam also took action to keep him safe. Just like they did, we can keep our eyes open to see the needs of the people we care about. That takes *initiative*.

SLIDE: Virtue

Initiative is about **seeing what needs to be done and doing it.**

SLIDE: Theme

One of the best ways to show initiative is to start with the people closest to you—like your family members and close friends. Maybe you could empty the trash when you see it starting to overflow. It would be a lot easier to just stuff one more thing on the top, because you know your mom will deal with it later. But instead, you could take care of it yourself . . . as a way to show you care and make your mom's day a little easier.

You can pray and ask God to help you notice the needs of the people around you. That's a great way to live like Jesus. He was always seeing what people needed and then doing things to help. When we follow Jesus, God sends the Holy Spirit to live inside us and help us . . . so we don't have to do this on our own. Let's pray.

Dear God, thank You so much for helping Jochebed and Miriam find a way to save baby Moses. We see how You can use us to help others and share Your love. Please help us to notice the needs of the people around us, and then take action to help. Please especially show us how to help those who are closest to us, like our friends and family. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

CHECK THE TIME: There should be 20-25 minutes for small group. If LG is running late, skip the next part, but remind kids who have offering to place it in the container.

SLIDES: Offering pics 5-8 (scroll through while describing the mission)

Each week in the City we collect money to support a Parkview mission that helps people in need. We are giving the money we collect to a church called La Liberte' Church (La Lib-er-tay).

La Liberte' Church is in the Republic of Congo which is in Africa. Here are some pictures of the great work the church is doing to teach kids about Jesus. The kids at the church live in an area where they don't have a lot of money and sometimes don't have a lot of food for their family. When the kids come to church on Sunday, they feed them a hot meal. They feed around 700 children every weekend and each meal costs \$2.00. Our goal is to help feed as many kids as we can

SLIDE: Theme