

## WEEK TWO – NOVEMBER 2024 – PRESCHOOL

**Bible Story:** *Pillars of Cloud* + *Fire* | *Exodus 12:3-4, 21-22* 

**Key Question:** Who's got it? **Bottom Line:** God's got it

Memory Verse: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart." Proverbs 3:5, NIV

Basic Truth: God loves me.

Series Overview: Puzzles are a lot of fun. Who doesn't love a good peg puzzle? The cow goes in the cow shape. The pig goes in the pig shape. Easy, peasy! But as we get older, puzzles can become a lot more difficult, and it can be hard to know where each piece goes. We all face difficult circumstances that are way bigger than what we can handle. It's in those times that God wants us to trust Him with all our hearts and say, "God's got it!" We don't have to have all the pieces or know where they all go. All we need to know is that God sees the big picture and God's got it. Our job is to trust God and take it one piece at a time. So, whether it's needing help with a big job, knowing which way to go, not having what we need, or talking to God about anything . . . God can handle it, because God's got it!

# 9:05 - 9:20 | 11:05 - 11:20 | EARLY ARRIVERS ACTIVITY

## **Opening Small Group Activity**

Move: An activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn

What You Need: N/A

#### What You Do:

- Gather children together in an open area of your room.
- Take turns having the children lead everyone around the room.
- Continue with each child.
  - o Repeat as desired.
- Introduce the Bible Story.

### What You Say:

• "Hello, my friends! Come over and stand with me. I have a fun game for us to play. We are going to play a game where each friend will get a turn leading the class! Everyone, line up behind [child's name]. They will be our first leader to show us around the room. Let's go! (Pause.) That was fun! Now let's have [child's name] be the leader." (Continue with each child. Repeat as desired.) Friends, following each other was so much fun! I loved watching each of you lead our friends. In our Bible Story today, we're going to hear how God showed Moses and the Israelites the way to go. Let's go hear all about it!"

## 9:20 - 9:50 | 11:15 - 11:45 - LARGE GROUP

**Story Focus: I can trust God will show me the way.** God loves the Israelites so much that God promises to lead them to a new home. This home will have all the food they will need. God calls it a land 'flowing with milk and honey.' But how do

they find their new home? God shows up in a big way. God leads the people with a pillar of cloud in the day and a pillar of fire at night. God shows His people the way to go and never leaves them. God stays right in front of them, morning and night, because God's got it.

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9:50 – 10:10 | 11:50 – 12:10 – SMALL GROUP

#### **All Your Heart Puzzle**

## [Hear From God | Memory Verse Review]

Play: An activity that encourages preschoolers to follow guidelines while having fun and learning new concepts

What You Need: "All Your Heart Puzzle" Activity Page, colored cardstock, scissors, and sandwich-size resealable bags

#### What You Do:

- Give each child a puzzle bag.
- Encourage children to open their bag and put the pieces of their puzzles together.
- Point out the words in the center of the heart as you repeat the words of the verse together.
- Encourage children to place their puzzle pieces back into their bags and set aside for pick up.
- Connect the Memory Verse to the Bottom Line.

## What You Say:

- BEFORE THE ACTIVITY
  - o "Friends, let's say our Memory Verse as we do the motions together. "Trust (tug a pretend rope) in the Lord (point up) with all your heart, (tap heart twice) Proverbs 3:5.' (Open hands like a book.) Great job!"
- DURING THE ACTIVITY

o "I have a puzzle for you to put together. It has the words to our Memory Verse. Take the pieces out of your bag, and put the puzzle together. (Help as needed.) Great job! In the middle of your heart, it says, 'Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Proverbs 3:5' You can put the pieces back into your bag to take them home. Let's say our verse one more time with the motions. 'Trust (tug a pretend rope) in the Lord (point up) with all your heart, (tap heart twice) Proverbs 3:5.' (Open hands like a book.) Super-duper!"

#### • AFTER THE ACTIVITY

o "The Bible teaches us that God wants us to trust Him with all our heart because [Bottom Line] God's got it. We can trust God to show us the way just like the Israelites did, because [Bottom Line] God's got it. Who's got it? [Bottom Line] God's got it. Let's say that one more time, friends. Who's got it? [Bottom Line] God's got it!"

# Cloud + Fire Path [Live for God | Application Activity]

Move: An activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn

What You Need: Cloud and Fire Path Large" and "Cloud and Fire Path Small" Activity Pages, cardstock, scissors, painter's tape, and two plastic bins

#### What You Do:

- Encourage each child to pull a card and follow the path on their card.
- When they get to the end, place the card in the matching basket.
- Continue with each child.
  - o Repeat as desired.
- Review the Bible Story and Bottom Line.

## What You Say:

• BEFORE THE ACTIVITY

o "Friends, come over and look at this big game board on the floor. I see two different pictures from our Bible Story today. What are they? (Pause.) Yes! The pillar of clouds and the pillar of fire!"

#### • DURING THE ACTIVITY

o "Child's name], draw a card. What is the picture on your card? (Pause.) Okay! Come stand on the first [picture]. The game is to get to the other side only stepping on the cards with your picture. Ready and go! (Pause.) You made it to the other side! Put your card in the matching basket. (Pause.) Next friend, draw a card. (Continue with each child. Repeat as desired.) Yay, hooray! We did it! That was really fun!"

#### • AFTER THE ACTIVITY

o "In our Bible Story today, we learned that God loved the Israelites so much, and God promised to lead them to a new home. This home would have all the food they would need. God called it: 'a land flowing with milk and honey.' God had a very special way to show them, in a way only God could do. God led them by cloud in the day and by fire at night. God stayed in front of them, showing them the way to go! God is SO amazing! We can trust God because [Bottom Line] God's got it! Who's got it? [Bottom Line] God's got it!"