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Lesson Overview

In today's lesson, we're going to learn another story about Moses. We've already learned that as a baby, Moses' mom put him in a basket along the river in order to save his life. Moses was found by the Egyptian king's daughter. This was a big deal. Moses was adopted by the princess and was raised in a palace! He had all the toys and food he could ever want and he probably never had to make his bed! As Moses grew up, he understood that he was really an Israelite who had been adopted into king Pharaoh's family. And, he was aware that his people were slaves to the king. The Israelites were horribly mistreated and that really bothered Moses. In fact, one day he went out to see them when he saw an Egyptian hitting one of the workers. This made Moses so angry that he ended up killing the Egyptian. Wait a minute! Isn't Moses supposed to be a good guy in the Bible? Yes, but even the good guys make mistakes some times. And, God forgave Moses and still used him to do great things. That's true for us, too. When we mess up, God will forgive us and he will still use us to help others!

Big Idea

God can use anyone, even if they make a big mistake.

Key Question

What should we do when we mess up?

Memory Verse

Hebrews 11:27 "By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible."

Classroom Agenda

- (5 min) Let kids start working on Activity Page #1.**
- (5 min) WARM UP: What's the last mistake you made? What happened and how did you fix it?**(Tip: We all make mistakes but God will forgive us. He forgave Moses when he really messed up!)
- (5 min) PREVIEW: Write out the Big Idea, Memory Verse, and Key Question on a whiteboard.** Have the kids copy it down on Activity Page #1 (if applicable).
- (20 min) LARGE GROUP: Gather for songs and videos with other kids.** Then return to class to finish this guide.
- (2 min) RECAP: Read the Lesson Overview (see above).**
- (3 min) KQ: Answer the Key Question.** (Answer: **Tell Jesus you're sorry and make the right decision next time.** (God loves us so much. He doesn't keep track of all our mistakes. That's why he sent Jesus to help us. First, Jesus died to pay for every mistake we'll ever make. Second, when we trust in Jesus, he lives in our hearts and helps us to make the right decisions. And, we have the Bible that tells us what is right and wrong.)
 - Bonus Questions:** What should we do when we mess up? What book is full of God's truth that helps us to make the right decisions? **4-5th** What do you usually do when you make a mistake? Why is important to learn from your mistakes?
- (5 min) EXPLORE: Read Daniel 9:9. What does it mean that God is merciful? What does God do with our sin?** (Answer: Mercy means you don't get what you deserve. The Bible says that our sin broke our relationship with God and we deserve to be punished for our sins. But, God loves us so much, that he stepped in to save us. He sent Jesus to take the punishment for our sins. Because of Jesus, we're forgiven!)
- (10 min) PLAY: Choose a group activity from Activity Page #2.**
- (5 min) CLOSE: Share prayer requests and pray as a class.** Encourage kids to use the Family Guide at home with their parents - and remind them to go online to pursueGODkids.org to find this week's lesson video.

Teacher instructions: Choose an activity for your classroom.

OPTION 1: JESUS ERASES OUR MISTAKES PENCIL CRAFT

Instructions:

- Give each kid a large craft stick, a piece of yellow and pink construction paper, and a Pencil template (page 5). Give each kid a strip of aluminum foil.
- Have kids cut a rectangle out of the yellow piece of construction paper to fit to the size of the craft stick and have them glue it on to the stick. Then, have them cut a small square from the pink construction paper to make it look like an eraser. Have them glue it to the top end of the stick. Have them wrap and glue the foil around the stick right where the pink and yellow paper meet to make it look like a pencil.
- Then, have them glue the saying from the pencil template onto the yellow construction paper.
- As they work, review the story of Moses. Moses made a big mistake when he let his anger get out of control and ended up killing an Egyptian who was hurting one of Moses' people. Moses was sorry for what he had done and God forgave him and God still used Moses to do great things. This is true for us, too. When we make a mistake, we can tell Jesus we're sorry and he will forgive us. He erases our mistakes!

Supplies needed: Large craft sticks (1 per kid), Yellow and Pink construction paper, Pencil template (pg. 5, pre cut, 1 per kid), Aluminum foil, Glue, Scissors

OPTION 2: MEMORY VERSE GAME

Instructions:

- Divide the class into groups of 4. Give each group a set of Memory verse words (page 6-7).
- Have kids place the cards face down on the floor or table. When you say, "Go!", have kids race to get the words in the correct order to say the memory verse. First group to do it correctly wins.

Supplies needed: Memory verse template (pg. 6-7, pre cut, 1 set per group)

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BIBLE STORYLINE

Moses Makes a Big Mistake

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Moses grew up as a prince in Egypt, but one big mistake almost ruined everything.

Key Points:

- Moses grew up like a prince in a _____.
- Moses saw how the Israelite _____ were treated. Exodus 2:11
- In his anger, Moses _____ an Egyptian slave driver. Exodus 2:12
- God can use anyone, even if they make a _____.

Memory Verse:

Hebrews 11:27 By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible.

Talk About It

1. *What's your favorite part of the video? What's one thing you learned from it?*
2. *What's the last mistake you made? What happened and how did you fix it?*
3. *Why did Moses get to grow up in a palace?*
4. *Why did Moses get angry? What mistake did Moses make in his anger?*
5. *Read Daniel 9:9. What does it mean that God is merciful? What does God do with our sin?*
6. *How will you apply this lesson to your life this week?*

Instructions: Solve the puzzle and color the picture.

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Big Idea

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