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BIBLE STORYLINE

## Miriam

[PursueGODkids.org](http://PursueGODkids.org)**Slide: Welcome***(Start kid's countdown once all classes are present.)*

Hey kids! Welcome to Kid's Church. I'm so glad you could be here today.

**Slide: Series Intro**

Today we are going to learn all about an important lady in the Bible name Miriam. But before we get to her story, I have some questions for you guys! What are some typical things you guys complain about? (allow kids to answer.) Those are some interesting responses. Why do we tend to complain? (allow kids to answer). Interesting answers. The truth is, we are all complainers from time to time. But, is that a good thing?

In today's lesson we are going to find out what happens to complainers and if God likes that behavior or not.

We'll learn more about that in a few minutes, but first let's stand and sing a song!

**Song***All the Glory*

Good job! I think God loves hearing all your voices praising him! Now let's say our Big Idea together.

**Slide: Big Idea***All together:*

*Miriam had some bad days but God still used her. (Repeat)*

**Video***Play lesson video.***Slide: Recap**

So, what did we learn from the video today? Let's review...

- What was Miriam famous for? (helping lead the Israelites out of Egypt and complaining)
- Who did Miriam complain about? (Moses)
- True or False: God can still use us, even on our bad days. (T)

This is what the story of Miriam teaches us. Miriam was a great lady in many ways. God used her along with her little brother Moses to lead the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt. She even wrote a song that the women would sing to thank God for saving them. She was a good leader and a popular person. But, she also had some problems. Miriam was a complainer. Perhaps she was jealous of Moses because she thought she was a better leader than he was. So, she complained to others about Moses. God didn't like this side of Miriam. God doesn't like complaining. Miriam should've kept her focus on how much God had blessed her rather than focusing on what she didn't have.

But, even though God didn't like Miriam's complaining, he still chose to use her in big ways. This is one of the many things that makes God so great. He didn't give up on Miriam. He chose to be patient and forgiving and gave Miriam second and third chances. And, he still chose to use her even though she had bad days. And, guess what? God doesn't give up on us either. When we have bad days, God won't give up on us either.

Let's stand and say our memory verse together.

### **Slide: Memory Verse**

"Do everything (march in place) without complaining (wag finger "no")." Philippians 2:14  
(Repeat)

This verse is very clear. We shouldn't be complainers. We're going to have bad days and we're not always going to like everything that happens to us. But, that doesn't mean we have to complain. We can choose to focus on all the things we're thankful for instead of on the things we don't like. For example, instead of complaining when you're mom makes your least favorite dinner, thank her for always cooking for you and that you have food to eat at all. Or, instead of complaining about how much homework you have, thank God for allowing you to learn new things. There is always something to be thankful for, so we don't need to complain!

Now let's all stand and sing one last song together.

### **Song**

*We Are Your People*

Okay, let's all say the Big Idea together one last time!

### **Slide: Big Idea**

Miriam had some bad days but God still used her. (Repeat)

### **Slide: Let's Pray**

Pray and release the kids to small group.