

## City LG—October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Today's Bible Story:** Float On (Moses Is Born) • *Exodus 2:1-10 (Exodus 1)*

**Today's Bottom Line:** Hold on even when you don't know what to do.

**Monthly Memory Verse:** *Let us not become tired of doing good. At the right time we will gather a crop if we don't give up.* Galatians 6:9 (NIRV)

**REMINDER: Kids will need to be grouped into Small Groups to begin Service**

**Need: Superhero Cards for Offering Time**

**WORSHIP: "Undeclared" and "Something Good"**

"Hello, friends! It's great to be here with you as we continue God's Big Story together. (*Hold up Bible.*) Before we get started today, I have a question for you..."

**SLIDE: Question ("When have you helped solve a problem?")**

"3 minutes on the clock! Talk it out with your groups. Ready? GO!"

**CG: Question Video (Runtime: 3:00)**

"Today we're continuing our story with God's people the Israelites. As time went on in the Bible, the number of Israelites grew so large that the Egyptian ruler, Pharaoh, began to worry. The pharaoh thought that the Israelites might try to join Egypt's enemies. He wondered if they might try to conquer him and take over his kingdom."

"So the pharaoh enslaved the Hebrew people, and he made them do lots of hard work for no pay. That's the way it was for hundreds of years. And in that time, the Hebrew families still continued to grow. So the pharaoh came up with an awful plan. He declared that all Hebrew baby boys must be thrown into the Nile River. He didn't want them to grow up and be able to fight against him."

"In the middle of all this, a Hebrew woman named Jochebed and her husband Amram had a baby boy. Jochebed knew that she needed to protect her baby. So for three months, she kept him hidden."

"But there was no way that Jochebed could KEEP hiding her son. Listen to what she did next."

*Open the Bible to Exodus 2:3 (NIRV) and read.*

*"She got a basket made out of the stems of tall grass. She coated the basket with tar. She placed the child in the basket. Then she put it in the tall grass that grew along the bank of the Nile River.*

"Jochebed carefully placed her baby in the basket and put the basket in the river—among the tall grass."

"Maybe Jochebed thought this was a place no one would come. Or maybe she knew it was the spot where Pharaoh's daughter came to bathe. Either way, Jochebed had to trust that God would keep her baby safe. Let's head to our Story Lab to find out what happens next!"

**CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 10:00)**

“Jochebed was able to care for her son at home. When he grew up, she took him to live at the palace with Pharaoh’s daughter. The princess called him ‘Moses.’ It’s pretty cool, because the name Moses means ‘to draw out.’ The princess chose that name because she pulled the baby out of the water.

“Moses will go on to play a really important part in God’s Big Story, as we’ll see in the next couple of weeks!

“For now, though, it’s important for us to imagine what this must have been like for Moses’ mom, Jochebed. She did everything she could to keep her baby safe! Miriam did, too. She was brave enough to go to the princess in order to protect her baby brother.

“Jochebed and Miriam both had a lot of grit. God helped them know what to do, even in a really difficult situation. Just like the two of them did, we can hold on when WE face tough times. We just have to remember this week’s Bottom Line. Let’s learn it together!”

**CG: Bottom Line Video (Runtime: 1:00)**

**SLIDE: Bottom Line**

**[Bottom Line]** “Hold on even when you don’t know what to do.

“Let’s pray and ask God to help us do that.”

**PRAY:** “Dear God, You are amazing! You helped Moses’ mom and sister in a situation that must have seemed impossible. And they were able to save Moses’ life! Please show us how we can hold on even when we don’t know what to do. Help us be able to **[Basic Truth] trust You no matter what.** We love You, God, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

“Wow—Moses’ mom, Jochebed, was in a really terrible situation! She didn’t know what to do, but she knew she had to do SOMETHING to save her baby.

“She didn’t give up, and neither did Moses’ sister, Miriam. They used their creativity to think of a way to save Moses’ life.

“Sometimes we find ourselves in situations that seem difficult or even impossible, and we’re not sure what to do. God is always with us, even in those times. God is there, even when life feels scary or confusing.

“This is a big part of having grit.

**SLIDE: Bottom Line**

**[Bottom Line]** “Hold on even when you don’t know what to do.

“Sometimes things happen with our family or friends, and we don’t know how to fix it. It helps if we think about what Jesus said is most important: love God and love others. It’s not always easy to know exactly what to do—but if we act with love, that’ll put us on the right track, every time!

“Don’t forget, you can talk to God about what’s going on. You can ask God to help you. You can talk to your mom or dad or someone else in your family, or another adult who loves and follows God. If you’re going through something big and feel like your whole world is changing, remember that you’re never alone. You can hold on. God is there to help you, and God has put people in your life who can help you, too.

*Optional: Take a minute to share a quick, kid-appropriate story of how God helped you hold on, even when you didn’t know what to do.*

**OFFERING TIME:**

As many of you know, we are collecting our offering to help our friends at Vida Nueva Ministries in Piedras Negras Mexico. Vida Nueva means “New Life” in Spanish, and that is truly the goal of this ministry. When you give your offering, you are helping our friends in Mexico experience the “new life” that Jesus can offer them. Here is a picture of Eli and Mandy Garcia and their kids.

**SLIDE: Eli and Mandy**

Before you leave today, make sure to grab one of these Superhero Cards (show cards) of Eli and Mandy. It will help you to remember to pray for them. Also, if you brought an offering you can bring it up now!