

## City LG—October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Today's Bible Story:** When You Believe (Israel Goes through the Red Sea) • *Exodus 13:17–14:31*

**Today's Bottom Line:** Hold on because God is still in control.

**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**

**WORSHIP: "Undefeated" and "Something Good"**

"Hi, everyone! (*Hold up Bible.*) We've looked at some amazing stories of grit from the Bible this month. And today's story is SO cool and SO exciting! Before we get into it, I have a question for you..."

**CG: Question ("What helps people get through hard things?")**

3 minutes on the clock! Talk it out with your groups!

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

"God had a plan to bless the whole world through Abraham's family. The people in Abraham's family line were known as the Israelites. For hundreds of years, the Israelites had been enslaved in Egypt.

"The people cried out to God for help, and God sent a man named Moses to lead them to freedom. But first, Moses and his brother Aaron had to face Pharaoh, the ruler of Egypt. After a series of terrible plagues, Pharaoh finally let the Israelites go. But even though the Israelites were free, they weren't safe just yet."

"The Israelites began to travel away from Egypt with their families, flocks, and herds. That's what our Story is all about today. Let's watch!"

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

"The Israelites were safe and dry on the far side of the Red Sea. God had protected them and brought them out of danger!

"The Israelites were so thankful that they sang a song, which we can find in Exodus chapter 15. They sang . . .

*Open the Bible to Exodus 15:1-2 (NIRV) and read.*

*"I will sing to the LORD.*

*He is greatly honored. . .*

*The LORD gives me strength and protects me.*

*He has saved me.*

"The people could see for sure that God was in control!

"It's important for us to remember that God is in control of OUR lives, too. God has a good plan for us, even if we can't always see or understand it. We can choose to trust God, and that will help us live each day with grit!

"Let's learn today's Bottom Line..."

**SLIDE: Bottom Line**

**[Bottom Line] "Hold on because God is still in control.**

**NOTE: Come up with some moves together as a Group to solidify the learning of today's Bottom Line. Involve the kids in the process!**

"Let's pray and ask God to help us with that."

**PRAY:** "Dear God, You are amazing! Thank You for rescuing Your people and bringing them through the Red Sea. You brought them to freedom in such a huge and powerful way! Thank You for having a good plan for our lives, too. Thank You for always taking care of us. Help us remember that You are always in control. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

"Moses and the Israelites were in a really scary situation. God had brought them out of Egypt, but they still weren't safe. When they looked in the distance, they saw the Egyptian warriors coming after them!

"But God was always in control of the situation. God protected the Israelites and brought them safely THROUGH the Red Sea. Amazing!

"It'll help us keep going if we can remember that God is in control of OUR lives, too."

**SLIDE: Bottom Line**

**[Bottom Line] Hold on because God is still in control.**

"It always helps if we take time to think about Jesus and think about how HE showed grit. Jesus gave us the perfect example of what it looks like to keep going. Jesus loves us so much that He went all the way to the cross for us. When we follow Jesus, we have the Holy Spirit to live inside of us and help us.

"Sometimes in life, you might feel stuck. Some things go wrong that you just don't expect. Sometimes things that you hope will happen . . . DON'T happen. It's those times when we need to remember that God is with us, because that will help us have grit!

"You can **[Bottom Line] hold on because God is still in control**. God has a GOOD plan for your life. You really can **trust God no matter what**."

**OFFERING TIME:**

**All this month, we have been bringing our money to support Vida Nueva Ministries in Piedras Negras, Mexico. Your offering helps people just like you to have the resources they need to experience a new life with Jesus! Here is a picture of our friends Eli and Mandy Garcia and their family...**

**SLIDE: Eli and Mandy**

**They are our friends and Parkview Global heroes that tell people about Jesus down in Mexico. So, if you brought your offering today, you can bring it up now while this video plays!**

**CG: Vida Nueva Ministries Video (Runtime: 2:00)**