

— ARE WE —
THERE YET?



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BIBLE STORY

Moses Begins His Journey

Exodus 2:1-10 NLT

TODAY'S TAKEAWAY

I know that God had a plan for my life right from the start.

SERIES VERSE

Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; He is the faithful God, keeping His covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love Him and keep His commandments.

Deuteronomy 7:9 NIV

WEEKLY VERSE

You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in Your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed.

Psalms 139:16 NLT



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SKIT INFORMATION

OVERVIEW

The skits will require two people. One person will play him or herself (the straight character), and the other person will play the funny character. It works best if you can find a person willing to commit to being the character for the entire series.

CHARACTER BIO

The character's name is Clark "The Road Trip Dad". This skit is written with a male in mind, but feel free to use a female for this character if desired. Clark is "The Road Trip Dad" and loves taking his families on road trip adventures every week. He can be dressed in cargo shorts/pants, socks with sandals/lame tennis shoes with long socks, a Hawaiian or equally lame "dad" shirt, and an outdoor hat with neck strap/visor. Optional accessories/props: fanny pack, large camera with neck strap, and a map.

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SKIT

- Leader:** ***Walks out.*** How is everyone doing today? Are you ready to start our road trip through Moses' life? ***Allow kids to respond.***
- Clark:** ***Walks out wearing a life jacket and reading a large map.***
- Leader:** Oh, hi! Are you lost?
- Clark:** I'm never lost, but I'm always searching for my next adventure!
- Leader:** That's a great attitude to have! I don't believe we have met before!
- Clark:** How rude of me! The name is Clark, but I am known by many as "The Road Trip Dad."
- Leader:** Nice to meet you, Clark, but why are you known as "The Road Trip Dad?"
- Clark:** That's a great question! It all started about 15 years ago when I became a dad for the first time! I wanted my kids to experience the world... or at least the country, so we set out on our first adventure and we haven't stopped road trippin' ever since! We have been coast to coast, but there is still so much to explore!
- Leader:** That's a pretty awesome reason... so does that life jacket you are wearing have anything to do with your next road trip adventure?
- Clark:** It sure does! We are getting ready to take a tubing trip down the Salt River!
- Leader:** That sounds like so much fun, and it reminds me of the Bible story we are learning about today.
- Clark:** Oh, really? I don't remember anyone tubing down a river in the Bible!

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- Leader:** Well, not exactly, but baby Moses did take a trip down the Nile River in a basket when he was just a baby!
- Clark:** In a basket?! That doesn't sound like the safest way to travel down a river!
- Leader:** Well, it may not have been in a tube, but it was the way God had planned for his trip down the river to go!
- Clark:** If there is one thing I have learned in all my planning for road trips, it's that I can never come up with a better plan than God already has for me!
- Leader:** That's a great road trip tip, Clark!
- Clark:** There's plenty more road trip tips where that came from, but I'm afraid I need to run! I don't want to be late for our tubing adventure!
- Leader:** Have fun!

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GAME: PACKING FRENZY

SUPPLIES

- Two small suitcases
- Items to pack: shirts, pants, socks, deodorant, soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrush, stuffed animal, etc.
- Small pieces of paper
- Pen
- Small bucket/container
- Tape (floor safe)

SETUP

- Make small packing lists out of the pieces of paper by writing 2-5 items you have provided for the kids to pack. For example: 2 shirts, deodorant, shampoo, and a stuffed animal. Make 3-5 packing lists depending on how many rounds you would like to play.
- Put a strip of tape on the floor where you want the kids to start packing and another strip of tape on the far side of the room.

HOW TO PLAY

1. Choose two kids to face off in each round.
2. Give each kid a suitcase and stick the pile of items to pack between the two kids.
3. Draw a packing list out of the bucket and read the items aloud for the kids to hear.
4. Once the list has been read, the kids can begin packing their suitcases. The list may be read again if the kids ask.
5. When their suitcase has been packed they must zip it up and roll it down to the other piece of tape and back.
6. The first kid to complete the packing list and race back and forth with their suitcase wins.
7. Empty the suitcases and choose two more kids for the next round.
8. Keep playing as many rounds as you like or until you run out of packing lists.

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MESSAGE

SUPPLIES

- A Bible in your preferred version (This week uses NLT)
- Baby doll
- Basket (big enough to fit the baby doll in)
- Suitcase
- Packing list
- Items on packing list: clothes, socks, shoes, toiletries, stuffed animal, etc

INTRODUCTION

“Are we there yet?” The four words you can’t help but say when you are on a long road trip! Road trips are filled with fun games, snacks, and lots of laughs, but they can also be filled with detours, road rage, and lots of impatience! Today we are going to start a road trip of our own through the life of Moses. We are going to see all the places God took Moses in his life and how God used him in every place he went. Moses’ journey may not have been on a straight and smooth road, but God had a plan at every roadblock he faced. Let’s take a look at how Moses’ journey began in Exodus 2:1-10.

Allow kids time to find Exodus 2:1-10 in their Bibles.

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BIBLE STORY

We are going to start right at the beginning with Moses' birth and see how God had a plan for his life right from the start. Let's read verses 1-3 together, "About this time, a man and woman from the tribe of Levi got married. The woman became pregnant and gave birth to a son. **Hold up the baby.** She saw that he was a special baby and kept him hidden for three months. **Hide the baby.** But when she could no longer hide him, she got a basket made of papyrus reeds and waterproofed it with tar and pitch. She put the baby in the basket and laid it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile River. **Place the baby in the basket.** Let's stop there for a moment! Why would this mom try to hide her baby and put the baby in a basket in the river? Does anyone know? **Allow kids to respond.** To find the answer we have to go back to chapter 1 for a moment. In chapter 1 we learn that Pharaoh, who was basically the king over all of Egypt where Moses was born, was worried that the Israelites were growing stronger than the Egyptians, so they made them their slaves. That wasn't enough, though! The Pharaoh also ordered that every newborn Hebrew or Israelite boy be thrown into the Nile River to die. Moses was one of those Hebrew baby boys who was supposed to die, but God had a different plan for his life.

Back to our story in Exodus 2:4-6, "The baby's sister then stood at a distance, watching to see what would happen to him. Soon Pharaoh's daughter came down to bathe in the river, and her attendants walked along the riverbank. When the princess saw the basket among the reeds, she sent her maid to get it for her. When the princess opened it, she saw the baby. The little boy was crying, and she felt sorry for him. "This must be one of the Hebrew children," she said. Pharaoh's daughter allowed Moses' mother to take care of him until he was older, then adopted him as her own son, naming him Moses, which means "I lifted him out of the water."

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LIFE APPLICATION/OBJECT LESSON

It may have seemed like Moses' journey was getting off to a bumpy start, but that was God's plan all along. When you are getting ready to go on a road trip or vacation, what do you have to do before you can leave? **Allow kids to respond.** You have to pack all the essentials and clothes you will need for the trip. **Pull out the suitcase full of stuff.** I like to create a packing list so I don't forget to pack something important that I will end up needing on my trip. **Pull out your list and pretend like you are going over it.** I plan all my outfits, pack a rain jacket if it's going to rain, sunscreen if it's going to be sunny, a swimsuit if I'm going to go to the beach, and all the essentials like deodorant, shampoo, and toothpaste. However, no matter how hard I plan or how well I pack for my trip, there is always a possibility something will happen and I won't have what I need.

Sometimes we try to plan out how we want our lives to look, and it doesn't turn out the way we expected. The problem is that we are relying on our own plans and not on God's plan. We can only plan for what we can see right now, but God can see everything that is coming up ahead of us. How can we rely on God's plan instead of our own? By spending time with Him and putting our trust in Him even when circumstances aren't what we expected or planned for.

Optional: Offer a prayer of salvation for any kids who have not accepted Jesus into their lives.

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REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Who are we taking a road trip with through their life in the Bible?

Answer: Moses

2. Who has a plan for your life?

Answer: God

3. When does God begin planning your life?

Answer: From the start, before you were born.

4. What did Moses' mother do with Moses to protect him?

Answer: She hid him and put him in a basket in the Nile River.

5. What is Today's Takeaway?

Answer: I know that God had a plan for my life right from the start.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What are your favorite things to pack for a road trip?
2. What is the worst thing you could forget to pack?
3. Share a story about a time when you didn't have what you needed on a trip. *The leader can share a personal story first.*
4. Do you believe that God had a plan for your life before you were even born? Why or why not? How does it make you feel knowing that?
5. Have kids look up these verses and discuss them as a group.
Psalm 139:13-16, Jeremiah 1:4-5, Psalm 100:3

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GAME : WHAT SHOULD I PACK?

SUPPLIES

- No supplies are needed.

SETUP

- No setup is required.

HOW TO PLAY

1. Have the group sit or stand in a circle on the floor.
2. The leader will start the game by saying "What should I pack?" The kid next to them will say any item to pack, then the next kid must say that item plus a new item, then the next kid must say those two items plus a new item, and keep going until someone can't remember an item.
3. The goal of the game is to get all the way back around the circle and remember the whole packing list.
4. When someone forgets an item on the list, the game starts over with that kid starting the new packing list.
5. Keep playing until you complete a packing list by going around the whole circle.
6. Optional: if your group is too big you can break up into two groups to play this game. If your group is only a few kids, keep going around the circle as many times as possible.