

# November 14 & 15, 2020

Today's Bible Story: I can thank God for family who help me.

Aaron Helps Moses • Exodus 17:8-13

Memory Verse: "Give thanks to the Lord for he is good." Psalm 107:1, NIV

**Key Question:** Who is good? **Bottom Line:** God is good. **Basic Truth:** God made me.

### **WORSHIP**

Engage kids' hearts through worship.

## **MEMORY VERSE**

PARENT: "Tell me, who is good?"

CHILDREN and PARENT: [Bottom Line] "God is good!"

**PARENT:** "You got it! **Now let's say our memory verse** The Bible tells us to 'Give thanks (clap on each word) to the Lord (point up) for he is good,' (two thumbs up) Psalm 107:1. (Open hands like a book.)

Say the verse and do the motions together several times.

"If you're thankful for all the GOOD things God gives us, let me see you nod your head and say, 'Uh, Huh!' (*Pause.*) Me, too! God made you and *[Basic Truth]* God made me. We can trust Him every day because *[Bottom Line]* God is good."

## **STORY**

**What You Need:** A Bible and a shepherd's staff; Optional, if you don't have a shepherd's staff, you can use a broom handle or long dowel rod

Optional: Story Images

**What You Do:** Choose two children to play Aaron and Hur, either before or during Story. They will NOT have speaking parts.

**PARENT:** "I have an awesome true story to tell you about a man who was very thankful God gave him a brother. Does anyone here have a brother? If you have a brother, raise your hand. (*Pause.*) Awesome! You can put your hands down.

"This man was thankful because when he needed it most, his brother was there to help.



"His name was Moses. What was his name?"

CHILDREN: "Moses!"

**PARENT:** "That's right! And his brother's name was Aaron. What was the brother's name?"

CHILDREN: "Aaron!"

**PARENT:** "Great listening! Now, Moses and Aaron were part of God's army, called the Israelites. One day, some mean people attacked the Israelites. Everybody say, 'OH, NO!"

CHILDREN: "OH, NO!"

**PARENT:** "But remember, the Israelites were God's army, and Moses knew that God would help them! So, Moses held up God's staff.



Hold up the staff.

"Okay, pretend to be like Moses, and hold up your arms, too. Great! Keep holding up those arms. So Moses held up God's staff, and the Israelites started winning! Everyone say, 'Hooray!'"

CHILDREN: "Hooray!"

**PARENT:** "Uh, oh. Moses' arms are getting tired! Are your arms getting tired?

Put the staff down and signal for children to lower their arms, too.



Put your arms down, too. When Moses put his arms down, God's army started LOSING! Everybody say, 'OH, NO!'"

CHILDREN: "OH, NO!"

PARENT: "But when Moses held his arms up—arms up friends . . .

Lift the staff as children raise their arms.

". . . the Israelites were winning! Everyone say, 'Hooray!"

**CHILDREN:** "Hooray!"

**PARENT:** "You can all put your arms down now. But Moses couldn't put his arms down! (Keep holding up the staff.) Moses had to hold his arms up for a REALLY long time. They got SO tired. He needed help! So, his brother Aaron and his friend, Hur, came to help.



"I need two friends to come up here and help me!

Select two older children or signal your pre-selected volunteers to come stand by you.

"They brought a rock over for Moses to sit on. Then they stood on either side of Moses. (to the volunteers) So you stand here (point to one side of you), and you stand over here (Point to the other side of you). They held up his arms so that God's staff would not come down.

Pause as children/leaders help you hold up the staff.



"And guess what? God's army won! Everyone say, 'Hooray!"

CHILDREN: "Hooray!"

**PARENT:** "How about a hand for my friends today? Thanks, friends! You can head back to your seats.

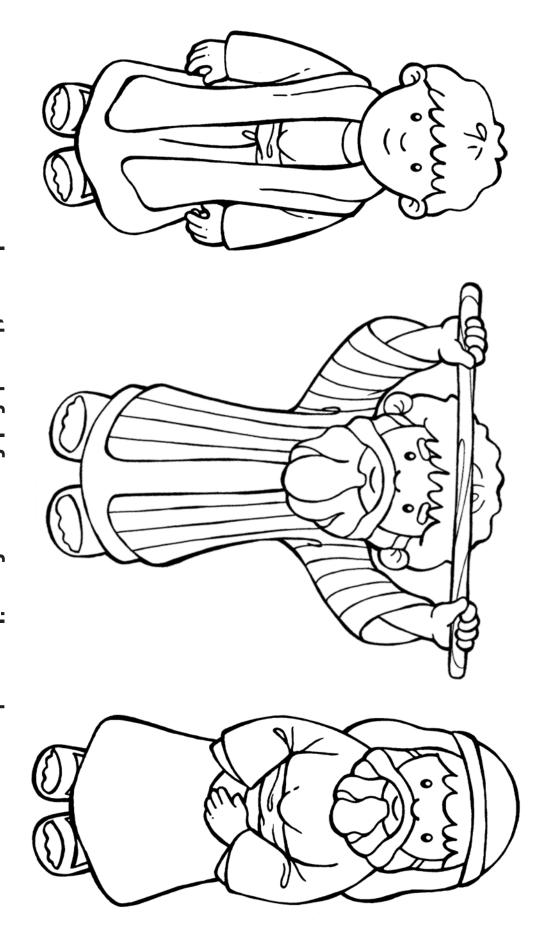
"I'm sure Moses was VERY thankful God gave him family like Aaron and his friend, Hur, to help him. God gives us family to help us, too, like our grandmas, grandpas, aunts, uncles, brothers, and sisters. [Bottom Line] God is good! Who is good?"

CHILDREN and PARENT: [Bottom Line] "God is good!"

PARENT: "Yes, it's true! [Bottom Line] God is good. Let's pray."

### **PRAYER**

**PARENT:** "Heavenly Father, thank You for our families and the people who take care of us! You give us so many good things because You are GOOD. We love You. Amen."



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