FAITHFUL Followers

Memory Verse: ***"God is our protection and our strength. He always helps in times of trouble."*** ***Psalms 46:1***

Big Idea: ***God protects His people because He loves.***

Bible Story: Moses | Crossing the Red Sead into the Wilderness | Exodus 16-17

Gear Up - Arrival

Greet children as they enter the classroom. Mark them present using your iPad and/or paper roster.

Opening Activities: Engage with the kids in your room as they play and interact with designated games and activities as time allows. Use this opportunity to ask kids about their week, discuss their interests, and encourage them to connect with one another!

Memory Verse Game – Red Sea Freeze

What you'll need: large paper, music on PLEX app on TVs
How to Play: Write the memory verse on the board or on large paper.

- Have kids say it together with motions.
- Play music from Plex and let them move around the room.
- When the music stops, they must **freeze** and say the verse.
- Each round, erase one or two words and try again.

Bible Time – Find It Fast

What you'll need: Bibles
How to play: Give each child (or group) a Bible.

- Call out verses from the lesson:
  - Exodus 14:21–22 (Red Sea)
  - Exodus 16:4 (Manna)
  - Exodus 17:6 (Water from the rock)
- First group to find the verse reads it aloud.

Get-To-Know-You Game – Desert Survival Share

What you'll need: No supplies needed; optional soft prop to serve as a staff
How to Play: Ask each child to answer the following questions:

- "If you were in the desert, what ONE thing would you bring?"
- "What ONE food would you want in the desert with you?"
- "What's something you would miss while in the desert?"
- "Are you really thankful for all of those things even though you aren't in the desert?"

***Option:** You can pass around a "staff" (a soft prop). The person holding it can speak and then pass it along to a friend.

Gear Up - Welcome – 5 minutes

Begin 10 minutes after the service time starts (Ex. 9:40 at the 9:30 experience).

Gather kids together in a space where they can see the TV.
Take a moment to **welcome** the kids to KXP and let them know how glad you are that they are here!

PRAY FIRST! We want to model this for our kids. Take a moment to pray for the time together and for the kids in your room.

Lesson Introduction – 5 minutes

Share the Lesson Intro with the class before starting the **KXP lesson video**. Challenge them to listen and pay attention during the Bible Story.

Say: *"Hey KXP! I can't wait to share today's true story from the Bible with you. We are learning through the life of Moses that God protects His people because He loves them. The cool thing about that truth is that it is meant for us today just like it was for the Israelites many years ago. Let's do a little review before we dive into the rest of Moses's story. God has brought Moses from a baby floating in a river, to the palace of the king, into the desert as a shepherd, and then back to Egypt as God's chosen man to lead His people out of slavery. Wow! Moses' journey was long and not even close to being over. Let's see what happens next."*

Play the KXP lesson video in your classroom.

Bible Story – 10 minutes

Leaders, please read the Bible story below before Sunday to prepare for discussion.

Moses | Crossing the Red Sea into the Wilderness | Exodus 16-17

After the Israelites left Egypt, God led them toward the **Red Sea**. Pharaoh and the Egyptians changed their minds and decided to chase them with horses, chariots, and soldiers. When the Israelites saw the Egyptian army coming, they became very afraid and cried out to Moses. They thought they were trapped between the sea and the soldiers.

Moses told the people not to be afraid and to trust God. God said He would fight for them. God placed a **pillar of cloud** between the Israelites and the Egyptian army so the Egyptians could not reach them. Then God told Moses to stretch out his staff over the sea. When Moses did, **God parted the Red Sea**. The water stood up like walls on both sides, and the Israelites walked through the sea on **dry ground**.

God used a strong wind to keep the sea open all night. Every man, woman, child, and animal crossed safely to the other side. The Egyptians chased them into the sea, but God caused their chariots to get stuck. When the Israelites were safely across, God told Moses to stretch out his hand again. The water rushed back into place and covered the Egyptian army. Not one of them survived.

That day, God saved the Israelites from their enemies. After God helped the Israelites escape from Egypt, and protected them through the Red Sea, they began traveling through the desert.

Soon, the people became **hungry and tired**. They complained to Moses and Aaron and said they wished they were back in Egypt where they had food. God heard their complaints and promised to take care of them. God sent **quail,** which are birds, for the people to have meat in the evening. In the morning, the ground was covered with small bread-like flakes called **manna**. God told the people to gather only enough manna for each day. If they tried to save extra, it would spoil.

On the sixth day, they could gather twice as much so they could rest on the **Sabbath**, a special day of rest. This taught the people to **trust God every day**. Next, the Israelites traveled to another place, but there was **no water**. The people complained again and became angry with Moses.

God told Moses to strike a rock with his staff, and **water flowed out of the rock**, giving everyone something to drink. Soon after that, a group called the **Amalekites** attacked the Israelites. Joshua led the Israelite soldiers into battle.

Moses stood on a hill holding up his staff. As long as Moses held up his hands, the Israelites were winning. When his arms grew tired and fell, the enemy started to win. Aaron and Hur helped Moses by holding up his arms, and the Israelites won the battle. This showed that **God was the one giving them victory**.

Lesson Recap –15 minutes

After the video has ended, **share the Lesson Conclusion** with the class.

Say: *"God reminded His people that He would continue to protect them and fight for them as they traveled toward the land He promised. Thanks for joining me today as we learned more of Moses' amazing story. God loves you and He protects and helps those He loves. I can't wait to see the rest of the Israelites' journey towards the promised land. Come back next week to find out along with me and bring a friend."*

Direct the kids to the **Memory Verse** and **Big Idea** posters in your room. Have your class read them together out loud. Celebrate the kids for paying attention and listening well!

Close in Prayer – 3 to 5 minutes

Ask the kids in your room to share any **prayer requests** they have. Give them a moment to **fill out prayer cards** or **choose a prayer prompt** to take home. Then **pray over them**!

- **P**RAISE - *Open with adoration.*
- **R**EPENT - *Recall and connect the Big Idea from the Bible Story to yourself and the kids.*
- **A**SK - *Petition the Lord on the kids' behalf.*
- **Y**IELD - *Close by giving thanks to God for His perfect plan.*

Live It Out – 5 to 8 minutes | **Trust God**

Leaders: Give each kid a small card to take home and use in the challenge below.

Challenge:
Whenever you feel scared, worried, or upset this week, write it down and pray. Ask God to help you trust Him with those feelings. Talk to a grown-up about it.

Optional:
Have them draw a picture of a time they felt scared, worried, or upset. They can pray and ask God to help them trust Him with those feelings. Talk to a grown-up about it.

Leave No Trace – End of the Hour

- As parents arrive to pick up children, have the **kids work together to clean up** the classroom.
- **Thank them** for coming and **encourage them to invite a friend** and come back next week!
- Children can **finish opening activities** while waiting on their parents.