

Small Group Experience

LESSON 6 - “Now What?”



Whatchagaddaknow?:

“When I’m Under Attack, God’s Got My Back!”



Power Verse:

“The Lord himself will fight for you. Just stay calm.”

- Exodus 14:14

Retelling The Bible Story

SUPPLY LIST:

- * Mad Lib Print Piece (*provided; print one*)
- * Pencil, crayon, or marker

TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS:

Before the small group begins, make sure you’re familiar with the Bible story so you can guide the discussion easily. Print the Mad Lib Print Piece. As the session begins, ask your group for the word types in parentheses and fill in the Mad Libs Word List. Once you’ve filled them in, read the completed version out loud, inserting their word responses in the corresponding blanks—dramatically and with flair! After reading the silly, Mad Lib version, discuss the actual version of the passage. Engage in a discussion about the story, elaborating on key points and addressing any gaps in understanding.

Say- Alright, friends, we’re about to retell the Bible story of Moses parting the sea, but this time... with your words! We’re going to create a super silly version of the story using something called a Mad Lib. I’m going to ask you for some random words—like an adjective, a color, or a kind of animal. Don’t worry if it sounds silly—that’s the whole point! I’ll write down your answers, and once we have all the blanks filled in, we’ll plug them into the story and read it out loud together.

-Read the word prompts and allow time for responses as you fill in the blanks-

Say- Okay, now that our silly version is ready, let’s read it out loud and see what kind of crazy adventure the Israelites went on!

-Read the Mad Lib in a fun way! Encourage laughter and smiles-

Say- Okay, that was pretty goofy... but the real story in Exodus wasn’t silly—it was about God’s amazing power to fight for His people! Let’s talk about it.

Ask- What part of the story do you think was surprising for the Israelites?

-Allow time for response; discuss answers with the group-

Ask- Do you think the Israelites struggled to trust God when they realized they were trapped?

-Allow time for response; discuss answers with the group-

Ask- What does this teach us about God?

-Allow time for response; discuss answers with the group-

Game/Activity**SUPPLY LIST:**

- * Lots of paper (*scrap paper will work*)
- * Masking tape

TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS:

Before the small group begins, gather the necessary supplies. Once activity time begins, divide the group into two teams. Use a piece of masking tape to divide the space, creating two equal zones. Have each team stand on opposite sides of the line. Give each team a stack of paper, ideally different colors to help distinguish between sides. Instruct both teams to crumple the sheets into as many paper balls as possible. The more paper wads they have, the more fun and action-packed the game will be! Once both teams have built up a solid pile of paper balls, start the timer and say, “GO!” Players will begin tossing their paper balls across the line to the other team’s side. At the same time, they’ll also be picking up the paper balls that land in their area and throwing them back. This continues until you say, “STOP!” At that point, both teams must immediately stop throwing and freeze. Then, have each team collect and count how many of their own color paper balls landed on the other team’s side. The team with the most paper wads on the other team’s side wins the round! This game is fun, fast-paced, and reinforces the lesson concept in a memorable way. You can repeat it for multiple rounds as time allows!

Say- I’m dividing you into two teams and giving each team a stack of paper. Your first job is to crumple up the paper and make as many paper balls as you can. Each team needs to keep their paper balls on their own side of the tape line... for now!

-Allow time for teams to finish prepping their paper wads-

Say- Now we’re ready to begin! When I say GO, you’ll start throwing your paper balls over to the other team’s side. As their paper balls land on your side, you can pick them up and throw them back! Keep tossing until I say STOP. When you hear that word, freeze immediately. Then we’ll count the number of paper balls each team got onto the other team’s side. The team with the most of their color across the line wins the round! One important rule: Don’t aim for people—just aim to move fast and get those paper wads flying! Ready? Let’s play!

-Play the game. This can be played in multiple rounds as time allows-

Group Sharing**SUPPLY LIST:**

- * No additional supplies needed

TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS:

Before the small group begins, review the lesson content. Group sharing aims to empower kids to engage in meaningful discussions and connect the lesson concepts with their own experiences. Help facilitate and guide the discussion time.

Say- Wow, in that game, your team was totally under attack, right? It made sense to fight back. That’s what we do when things come flying at us! But here’s the twist... What if you didn’t fight? What if, instead of throwing back, you just stood still and let God handle it? That’s what we’re talking about today!

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Say- The Israelites faced a huge problem. There was literally an entire sea in front of them and an angry army behind them. They were trapped, and their problems seemed larger than life. You and I aren’t standing in their same shoes, but we can face problems that feel just as overwhelming; times when we feel stuck, scared, or unsure of what to do.

Ask- What are some problems that we might face that feel really big or scary?

-Allow time for response; discuss answers with the group-

Say- Those are all tough situations. Problems in life can make us feel panicked, as if we have no way out. Maybe you’ve even felt like giving up before. That’s how the Israelites felt. But then Moses told them something amazing—he said, “The Lord himself will fight for you. Just stay calm.”—Exodus 14:14 Let’s talk about what that means.

Ask- What do you think it means when God says He will fight for you?

-Allow time for response; discuss answers with the group-

Ask- Why do you think God told them to “be still”?

-Allow time for response; discuss answers with the group-

Say- Being still doesn’t mean doing nothing, it means trusting God instead of trying to fix everything ourselves. It means not panicking and choosing to remember that God is stronger than whatever we’re facing. Even when you’re afraid or confused, you can pause and pray. You can choose faith over fear. And guess what? God’s not just watching from far away, He’s fighting for you!

Ask- Can you think of a real-life moment where it’s hard to trust God and be still?

-Allow time for response; discuss answers with the group-

Say- It can be really hard to trust when we feel attacked, left out, hurt, or scared. But remember, nothing is impossible for God. He made a path through the sea for the Israelites. He can make a way through your problem, too. God is the way to peace. He is your path to victory. When you feel under attack, God’s got your back!

Prayer Time

Say- Great job discussing today! Now, let’s take some time to pray. Would anyone like to lead us in prayer?

-Allow time for a volunteer to pray. If no one volunteers, you can lead the prayer-

Pray

Closing

Say- The Israelites were completely stuck. Behind them was a powerful enemy, and in front of them, a sea they couldn't cross. But even in that impossible moment, God had a plan. Their job wasn't to panic or come up with their own solution—it was to be calm, be still, and trust that God would show up. And He did! God parted the Red Sea and made a way for His people to walk through to freedom. That same God is with you. When you feel like you're under attack or trapped by problems that seem too big, remember: God is fighting for you. He has a plan. Your job is to stay calm, be still, and trust Him to have your back!

Say- This week, whatever you're facing, give it to God. He can handle it. Let Him help you walk through your problem and lead you to freedom. Thank you for coming today. I look forward to seeing you again soon!

Place: _____	Group of people: _____	Object: _____	Noun: _____
Plural noun: _____	Body of water: _____	Type of weather: _____	Plural noun: _____
Yes or No: _____	Plural noun: _____	Plural noun: _____	Plural noun: _____
Verb (present tense): _____	Person's name: _____	Color: _____	Verb (past tense): _____
Vehicle: _____	Verb (present tense): _____	Body of water: _____	Adjective: _____
	Adjective: _____		

When we last left the Israelites, they had been set free from slavery in _____ by the evil Pharaoh. God had sent many _____ to Egypt, finally convincing Pharaoh to let the Israelites go free.

Do you think Pharaoh stuck with that plan? _____! Not long after they left, Pharaoh realized he had no one to _____ for him. He jumped in his _____ and took his entire _____ with him!

Meanwhile, Moses and the Israelites were traveling and suddenly stopped in front of the _____. Uh-oh! They had no _____ to cross. They were stuck! And then—yikes!—they looked back and saw _____ and his army coming after them!

They were trapped—the army behind them, water in front. But Moses stayed calm and said, “The Lord will _____ for you. Just stay _____.” Then Moses lifted his _____ and prayed.

Suddenly, God sent a strong _____. It blew the water until it stood like _____ on each side, and dry land appeared in the middle! God even sent a _____ cloud to block the Egyptians. While they couldn't see, the Israelites walked across the _____ on dry _____.

When Pharaoh's army tried to follow, God stopped holding back the _____. The water crashed down and every single _____ was swept away.

The Israelites were safe! They cheered, sang, and _____! God had done something amazing--something that seemed totally _____!