

Small Group Experience

LESSON 3 - “Have You Forgotten Me?”



Whatchagaddaknow?:
“God Will Never Forget Me!”



Power Verse:
“...For God has said, ‘I will never fail you. I will never abandon you.’”

- **Hebrews 13:5**

Retelling The Bible Story

SUPPLY LIST:

- * Bible Story Print Piece (*provided; print one per team*)
- * Construction paper (*multiple colors and pages*)
- * Crayons or markers
- * Scissors (*several pairs for the group to share*)
- * Tape
- * Other various craft supplies (*craft sticks, pipe cleaners, etc.*)

TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS:

Before the small group begins, print the Bible Story Print Pieces and gather the materials. Place them in a central spot where both teams can access them. These will be used for the story review activity. You'll divide the kids into two teams and challenge them to retell the story of Moses and the burning bush, but with a twist: the props were “forgotten,” and it's up to them to remember the story and recreate it using the supplies provided. After giving them a few minutes to build and brainstorm, each team will present their version of the story. As they go, be ready to jump in and help fill in any missing parts or clarify key moments. The goal is to reinforce the idea that God didn't forget Moses, and He doesn't forget us, either.

Say- I'm dividing you into two groups for a fun challenge. We will review the Bible story of Moses and the burning bush. But there's a little problem... the props we were supposed to use? Totally forgotten! Left behind! Gone! So, it's up to YOU to remember the story and create your own props to help tell it.

Say- I've put some craft stuff here that both teams can use. You'll need to work together, come up with a plan, and get creative! Think about what happened in the story. What did Moses see? What did God say? What were the important moments? Build what you can, and then we'll have each team act out or explain the story using your handmade props.

-Allow time for the teams to create their props-

Ask- Okay! Which group wants to go first?

-Allow time for the first team to present their story review. Fill in any gaps in the storyline as needed-

Say- Awesome job! Alright, other team, you're up. Let's see your version!

-Allow time for the second team to present their story review. Fill in any gaps in the storyline as needed-

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Say- You did an amazing job remembering the story and creating some very creative props. I love how each team brought it to life in their own way.

Ask- Do you think Moses ever felt forgotten while he was out in the wilderness, far away from everything he knew? Why or why not?

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

Ask- How do you think Moses felt when he realized that God hadn't forgotten him and showed up in a burning bush to speak right to him?

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

Game/Activity

SUPPLY LIST:

* Memory Match Cards Print Piece (provided; print one per team on cardstock)

TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS:

Before the small group begins, print and cut out the Memory Match Cards Print Piece. This will work best if the cards are printed on cardstock or glued onto colored paper to make them more durable and visually engaging. Shuffle all the cards and place them face-down in a grid on a table or the floor, with enough space for students to flip two over without disturbing the others. This can be played multiple rounds as time allows. Shuffle the cards and create a new grid of face-down cards.

Say- Alright, friends, today we're going to play a game called Memory Match! It's kind of like a puzzle and a game all in one. The cards you see on the table are all face-down right now, but each one has something special on the other side, either a picture or a word. Your goal is to find the matching pairs!

Say- When it's your turn, you'll flip over two cards. If they match, you get to keep them! If they don't match, that's okay! Just flip them back over, and the next person gets a turn. Pay close attention to what others flip, because that will help you remember where the matches are! It's time to put your memory to the test!

-Play the Memory Match Game. This game can be repeated as time allows-

Group Sharing

SUPPLY LIST:

* Hebrews 13:5 Print Piece (provided; print one per kid)
* Pencils, crayons, or markers

TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS:

Before the small group begins, review the lesson content and prepare the Hebrews 13:5 print pieces. Group sharing empowers kids to engage in meaningful discussions and connect the lesson concepts with their own experiences. Help facilitate and guide the discussion time.

Ask- What is it like to feel forgotten?

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

Say- Have you ever heard of a flower called a Forget-Me-Not? It's real! There are many legends about how it got that name, but they all share a message: “Don't forget me.” One story says someone was going away for a long time, and they gave these flowers to someone they loved to say, “Please remember me while I'm gone.” That flower's name reminds me of how we sometimes feel, especially when life is hard or quiet, like maybe we've been forgotten. But it also reminds me of how God feels about you. He says, “I could never forget you.”

Ask- Who loves you more than anyone else in the world? How do you know?

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

Say- That's right! God loves you more than anyone ever could. And His love isn't just strong, it's what we call unconditional.

Ask- What do you think unconditional love means?

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

Say- Unconditional love means God's love doesn't depend on how good you are, or whether you always get things right. It means He keeps loving you no matter what. And that's not just a nice idea, it's the truth! Let's think about Moses. After he left Egypt, he spent years out in the wilderness. He had made some big mistakes and probably thought his chance to do something important for God was over. He may have even wondered if God had forgotten about him. But then, one day, God shows up in the most unforgettable way: a bush on fire! And from that bush, God called Moses by name. God had not forgotten His people, and He had not forgotten Moses either.

Ask- Do God's plans for our lives end if we mess up? Why or why not?

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

Say- No way! Yes, our choices have consequences, but that doesn't mean God gives up on us. His plans are bigger than our mistakes, our fears, or anything life throws our way. Sometimes, like Moses, we might feel like we're stuck in the wilderness, far away from where we want to be. But God hasn't lost track of you. He knows exactly where you are.

Say- I want you to get in small groups. Read the verse on your page out loud in your group, then talk about what you think it means. Write your thoughts in the space provided.

-Allow time for groups to read, discuss, and write-

Ask- Would anyone like to share what you wrote or what your group talked about?

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

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Say- That verse isn't just some nice words on a page; it's God's promise to you! No matter how small or forgotten you feel, you are never out of God's sight or heart. He hasn't forgotten you, and He never will.

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- Moses made some big mistakes. After leaving Egypt, he ended up in the middle of the wilderness — far from the palace, far from the people he once knew, and probably feeling far from God's plan. It might've seemed like the end of the story, like Moses had messed up too much. Like maybe God had forgotten him. But not for a second! God knew exactly where Moses was! And at just the right time, God showed up in the most unforgettable way: a burning bush! Sometimes we feel far from God, too. Maybe because of a choice we made, something someone else did, or just because life is hard. And it might feel like we've been forgotten. But here's the truth: God never forgets. Not then. Not now. Not ever. His love doesn't stop when we mess up. His plans don't get thrown away. His love is unconditional and unchanging. God sees you, remembers you, and has a plan for you. You are never forgotten. Thanks for coming today, I can't wait to see you next time!



You might remember that when we left Moses in our last Bible Story, he had made a terrible mistake. He got impatient with God's plan and decided to take things into his own hands. He killed an Egyptian, got in trouble with Pharaoh, and ran for his life into the desert.

Many years passed. Moses grew older, and he married a woman from the tribe of Midian. He started a family and began working as a shepherd, taking care of his father-in-law's flocks. One day, he was out in the fields taking care of his flocks of sheep. He was minding his own business, probably thinking this would just be another one of those boring days in the field. Well, he was wrong. Moses looked in the distance only to see what looked like a bush on fire. Moses wasn't sure why, but it seemed like the bush was on fire, but not burning up.

He decided to have a closer look. When Moses got close, a voice came out of the bush saying, "Moses! Moses! Take off your sandals, you are standing on holy ground." God was speaking to Moses through the bush! So, Moses took his sandals off and bowed down with his face toward the ground. He knew that he was in the presence of God. But, how? How could God be in the middle of the wilderness? Surely God had forgotten all about him since he was so far away from his home, especially since he had sinned and messed up so badly.

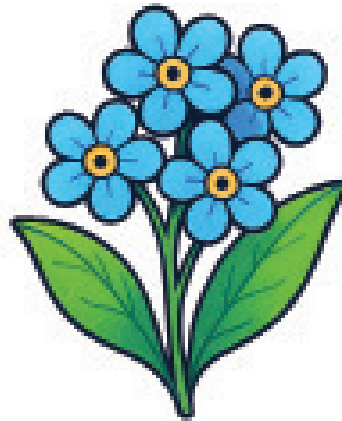
God had not forgotten Moses at all. He knew exactly where Moses was the whole time. God was waiting until His timing was right. God spoke again from the bush. He said to Moses, "I have seen the suffering of my people in Egypt. I am sending you to lead them to freedom." Remember, the nation of Israel had been held captive as slaves in Egypt for over 400 years. God was calling Moses to go and lead the people to freedom. God had not forgotten Moses, and He still had a plan for Moses' life.



HEBREWS
13:5



GOD



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