



LEADER OVERVIEW

Volume Overview—Follow the Leader

In this series, kids will follow the journey of the Israelites through the wilderness. From their escape out of Egypt through the forty years wandering in the desert, God not only provided for all their needs, but also gave them clear instructions on what it looked like to follow Him as their Leader. Ultimately, God led them to the Promised Land, the place He wanted them to be all along. He leads us to better places when we follow Him, too.

<p>SESSION 1: The Exodus from Egypt— Exodus 14:1–31 Faith Fact: God saves me.</p>	<p>SESSION 2: Israelites in the Wilderness— Exodus 16:1–18 Faith Fact: God gives me what I need.</p>
<p>SESSION 3: The Ten Commandments— Exodus 20:1–17 Faith Fact: I love God and others.</p>	<p>SESSION 4: Joshua and the Promised Land— Joshua 5:13 to 6:20 Faith Fact: God keeps His promises.</p>

SESSION OVERVIEW



*In this session, kids will learn that **God keeps His promises**. God gave Joshua instructions to give the Israelites when they came to the mighty walls of Jericho. Joshua and the Israelites obeyed and learned that God keeps His promises!*

Bible Lesson	Faith Fact
Joshua and the Promised Land Joshua 5:13 to 6:20	God keeps His promises.
Faith Verse	
Psalm 37:23 (NLT) The LORD directs the steps of the godly. He delights in every detail of their lives.	

Bible Engagement Project Preschool curriculum is connected with the intentional, yearlong ministry strategy for kids available at KidminRoadmap.com.

PREPARING FOR THE SESSION

You Will Need	Getting Ready
<p>Preservice Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Blocks</i> • <i>Gummy fruit snacks</i> <p>Large Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Bible</i> • <i>Worship songs (Song suggestions: “I Am a Child of God” by LifeKids; “My Lighthouse” by Rend Co. Kids)</i> • <i>For groups not using a phone or tablet only, add:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Projector or TV</i> ○ <i>Laptop</i> ○ Countdown 5-Minute Video ○ Theme Intro Video ○ Faith Verse Slide or Motion Graphic ○ Bible Lesson Video A ○ Bible Lesson Video B ○ Faith Fact Slide or Motion Graphic ○ Faith Fact Sound video (bell ringing) <p>Small Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Chairs, one per kid</i> • <i>Music that can be started and stopped easily</i> • Small Group Activity Page, one per kid • <i>Crayons</i> • <i>Blocks, foam dominoes, LEGO DUPLO® blocks</i> • <i>Music</i> • <i>Musical instruments and pom poms (optional)</i> 	<p>Preservice Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Set out toys and snacks.</i> <p>Large Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Download videos and slides if needed.</i> • <i>Select worship song(s) and have them ready to play.</i> <p>Small Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Set up chairs in a circle in the middle of the space. Chairs should be facing outward.</i> • <i>Print the Small Group Activity Page, one per kid.</i> • <i>Make a small city wall of blocks in the middle of the room.</i> • <i>Have music ready to play for Feet-to-Floor activity.</i>

Check out all the promotional and extra media files available for this theme. To access Bible Engagement Project from a computer, visit App.BibleEngagementProject.com.

PRESERVICE ACTIVITIES (30 Minutes)

See what's needed at the beginning of the session.

Bible Story Warm-Up

As kids play with the toys, ask questions like these to introduce the Bible Story:

What are these? (*Point to blocks.*)

What do you do with blocks?

What kinds of things can we build with blocks?

Can you point to the walls of the room?

Blocks are used to build things like houses, churches, stores, and schools. Blocks help make walls. Walls are strong, right? Do you know who is stronger than walls? God! Do you know who helps us when we face big problems? God! God helps us when we face tough times. He keeps His promises to us.

Snack: Gummy Fruit Snacks

As kids are eating the snack, share the following:

Have your parents ever made you a promise? Today, we will learn that God made a promise to the Israelites and He kept it. He keeps His promises to us, too.

Free Play

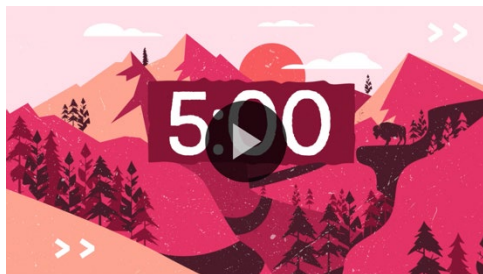
Any extra time can be spent playing with toys.

LARGE GROUP (25 Minutes)

See what's needed at the beginning of the session.

INTRODUCTION

- *Optional: Play the **Countdown 5-Minute Video**.*
- *Use this time to pick up toys and transition to the large group area.*



Welcome

Hi, kids! It's such an amazing day! My name is _____, and I'm your group leader. We're going to have a great time exploring God's Word together! (*Hold up the Bible.*)

We're going to find out about a time God's people faced a really *big* problem and how God helped them. We'll hear an incredible true story from this special book—the Bible. (*Point at the Bible.*) The Bible helps us know what we need to do. Hold your hands up by your head. Then wiggle your fingers and toes if you're ready to get started!

- Play the **Theme Intro Video**.



BIBLE TIME | Joshua and the Promised Land (Joshua 5:13 to 6:20)
Bible Video A

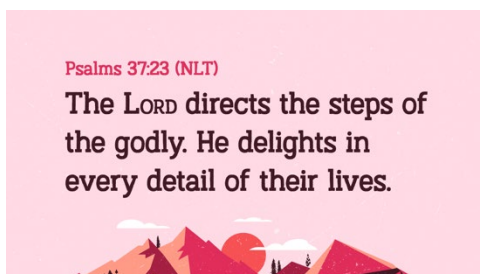
One of the best things we get to do in our group is hear stories from the Bible that teach us all about God. (*Hold up Bible.*) Lizzy is our friend who helps us. Let's see what Lizzy's doing today.

- Play **Bible Lesson Video A**.

**Faith Verse**

Now let's practice our Faith Verse. It's important for all of us to learn God's Word so we can put it in our hearts and not forget it!

- Show the **Faith Verse Slide** or **Motion Graphic**.



Psalm 37:23 (NLT)

The LORD directs the steps of the godly. He delights in every detail of their lives.

WORSHIP

One of the ways that we can give God thanks for helping us is through our words. That is called praise. Let's praise God right now!

Praise

If you know God helps you, point up! (*Group response*)

If you know God keeps His promises, clap! (*Group response*)

If you want to thank God, let's yell, "Thank you!" (*Group response*)

Prayer

Now let's bow our heads and pray.

Dear God, thank You for always helping me. Thank You for keeping Your promises. I love and thank You! Amen.

Sing

Let's give God thanks by worshipping Him with our voices singing and by raising your hands!

- *Lead the kids in singing one or two songs. See suggestions at the beginning of the session.*

BIBLE TIME continued | Joshua and the Promised Land (Joshua 5:13 to 6:20)

Bible Video B

Now it's time to check back in with Lizzy and see what she is up to!

- **Play Bible Lesson Video B.**



I love all the things we learn with Lizzy. She makes learning about the Bible so much fun!

Awesome job, everyone! You did a great job helping Lizzy figure out all of the clues. God promised to give Jericho to the Israelites if they obeyed His instructions. He kept that promise and the walls came crumbling down.

Faith Fact

- Play the **Faith Fact Sound** video.



- Show the **Faith Fact Slide** or **Motion Graphic**.



Remember, every time we get together, we're learning more about God. Today, our Faith Fact is **God keeps His promises**. Let's say it together. **God keeps His promises**.

Response Time

Consider playing a worship song softly in the background while kids pray.

In our story today, the Israelites obeyed God's instructions. Then, God kept His promise to make the walls of Jericho fall down when they came into the Promised Land. We've been talking a lot in the last few sessions about listening to God's voice, following His commands, and now obeying His instructions. Do you know why He put these things in the Bible? He wanted us to learn how important it is that we do them.

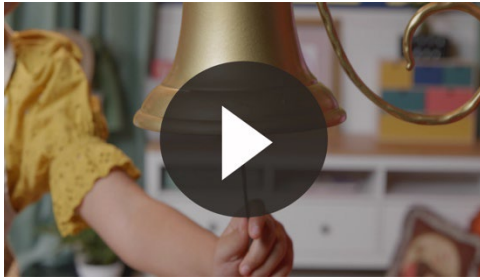
God keeps His promises, but it's important that we listen to Him and follow His instructions.

Dear God, thank You for always keeping Your promises. Help me to learn to listen to You, to obey You, and to follow Your instructions. Amen.

Closing

Today was so much fun! In our Bible lesson with Lizzy, we learned about how God gave the Israelites victory when they obeyed His instructions. We also learned that **God keeps His promises**.

- Play the **Faith Fact Sound** video.



- Show the **Faith Fact Slide** or **Motion Graphic**.



Let's say our Faith Fact together: **God keeps His promises.** Great job!

Dismissal to Small Groups

Now it's time to head to small group with your friends and do some more fun activities.

- *Dismiss the kids by groups.*

Leader Tip: *This can be done by assigning colors to teams or by age groups. Note that some preschoolers may not know their age. Using a colored sticker, jersey, or wristband will help separate the kids and help identify their small groups.*

SMALL GROUP (25 Minutes)

See supplies and prep instructions at the beginning of the session or in each activity below.

Leader Tip: All groups can do each activity at the same time. If you choose to rotate, you will need at least one leader per group.

Circle 1

GROUP CONNECTION

Musical Chairs

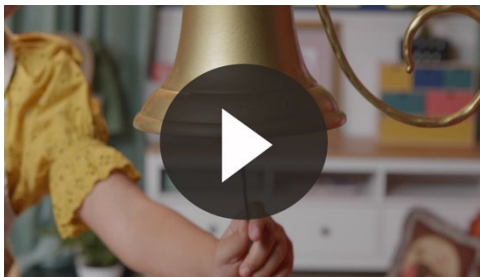
You Will Need	Getting Ready
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chairs, one per kid Music that can be started and stopped easily 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set up chairs in a circle in the middle of the space. Chairs should be facing outward.

Goal: Kids will review the Faith Fact as they play an active game.

See the chairs in the circle in the middle of the room? Just like the Israelites marched around the wall of Jericho and blew their horns, we're going to march around the chairs while the music plays. When the music stops, everyone needs to find a seat. Just like Joshua and the Israelites needed to listen and obey directions, that's what we are going to do.

Older kid variation: Have one less chair than kids. Whoever does not have a seat, will sit with the leader and help clap or sing with the music. Play until only one kid remains.

- Make sure that you have a designated sound person and kid-friendly music.
- With the younger kids, do not remove any chairs.
- With older kids, remove one chair each time. The kid who does not get a chair will sit out and help sing or clap with the music. Play until only one kid remains.
- When the game is over, have the kids practice the Faith Fact: **God keeps His promises.**
- Play the **Faith Fact Sound** video.



Faith Fact

- Show the **Faith Fact Slide** or **Motion Graphic**.



God keeps His promises. That was great!

Circle 2

ACTIVITY PAGE TIME

Coloring Page

You Will Need	Getting Ready
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Activity Page, one per kid</i> • <i>Crayons</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Print the Activity Page, one per kid.</i>

Goal: Kids will review the Bible story as they color the picture.

Earlier, we learned about how God kept His promise to make the walls of Jericho fall down when the Israelites obeyed Him. That story can help us to remember our Faith Fact: **God keeps His promises**. Let's color our pictures so that we remember today's Bible story.

- *As kids color the picture, review the Bible story with them.*



Circle 3

FEET-TO-FLOOR GAME TIME

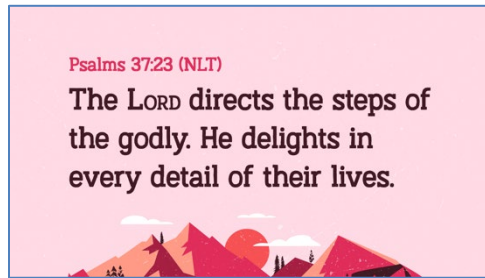
Knock the Walls Down

You Will Need	Getting Ready
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Blocks, foam dominoes, or LEGO DUPLO® bricks</i> • <i>Music</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Make a small city wall of blocks in the middle of the room.</i> • <i>Have music ready to play.</i>

Goal: Kids will review the Faith Verse as they play an active game.

Do you remember how the Israelites walked around the wall of Jericho for seven days? Then God kept His promise, and the wall came tumbling down. We are going to do that today. We are going to march in a circle quietly while the music plays. When the music stops, everyone will shout the Faith Fact, and we will see if the wall comes tumbling down.

- *Have the kids march around the city seven times. After the seventh time, stop the music and have the kids shout, "God keeps His promises." Knock the wall over.*
- *Reset and play as many times as the time allows.*
- *Show the **Faith Verse Slide** or Motion Graphic.*



- Review the Faith Verse with the kids.

Psalm 37:23 (NLT)

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Circle 4

CREATIVE TIME

Cheering Time!

You Will Need	Getting Ready
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music • Musical instruments and pom poms (optional) 	<p>No prep is needed for this activity.</p>

Goal: Kids will review the Bible story and create a song or cheer.

Kids, have you ever been to a soccer game or a play? What does everyone do when someone scores a goal or ends the show? They cheer! Worship is a way that we cheer for God.

Just before the wall of Jericho fell down, the Israelites shouted for God! Today, we are going to praise God by creating our own cheers or songs for God. You can work on your own or work in a team. You can sing it or shout it. Take a few minutes to practice and let me know if you need any help. When God keeps His promises, we should cheer! Who wants to share their cheer?

- Allow the kids free time to work on songs and play with instruments and pom-poms.
- Allow the kids who want to share time to share their songs/cheers.
- Don't force kids to participate if they don't want to. Perhaps allow them to color a picture for God instead.
- Provide some ideas if kids need help: For example, 2-4-6-8. Who do we appreciate? God! Yea, God!

FAITH FACT RECAP

- Display the **Faith Fact Slide** or **Motion Graphic** as parents are coming into the room.
- Maximize the time you have with your kids, so that parents see what their kids have learned. Have the kids repeat the Faith Fact, and then dismiss them to their parents.



One thing I want you to remember from today is our Faith Fact. Let's say it together. **God keeps His promises.**

DISMISSAL

- *Send home the **Activity Page**.*
- *Remind parents that there are **Family Devotions** available on the app to do with their kid.*
- *Tell everyone the date and time for the next session.*