

WEEK 1 | OLDER PRESCHOOL

Need to Know: God Cares About Me

Bible Story: Moses Grows Up

Bible Reference: Exodus 1-3



CIRCLE UP

- DO**
- Welcome kids to church and tell them who you are.
 - **Sanitize** kids' hands. Then allow each child to have a turn rolling the **pocket dice**.
 - Show the **Pocket Dice Card** the dice lands on and have kids pretend to put on that piece of western wear.

SAY *Good job, buckaroos! You look ready for a "Way Out West" adventure!*
No matter where you are, at home or out west, God cares about you! Let me hear you say that after me: (Pause to allow kids to repeat after you)
God Cares (both hands point up)
About Me (thumbs to chest)

READ THE BIBLE

DO Read the **Bible Story Cards** aloud to the group.

- SAY**
- *Was Pharaoh nice or mean to God's people? (Mean)*
 - *You got it! Who found baby Moses by the river: Pharaoh or Pharaoh's daughter? (Pharaoh's daughter)*
 - *Did God talk to Moses from a talking cactus or a burning bush? (Burning bush)*
 - *That's right! And the bush did not burn up! God told Moses that He had a special plan for his life. God cared about Moses, and God cares about you!*

LET'S PRACTICE

- DO**
- Spread **Way Out West Cards** in the center of the group, logo facing up.
 - Sanitize kids' hands and allow each child to have a turn tossing a **rope circle** onto a Card like they're lassoing it.
 - Show and read each Card aloud. Then allow the group to respond.
 - Continue playing, allowing each child to have a turn.

SAY *That was mighty fine! Don't you be forgettin' that God has a good plan for you and me because He cares about us! Say this after me: (Allow kids to repeat)*
God Cares (both hands point up)
About Me (thumbs to chest)

LET'S PRAY

SAY *Hey God! Thank You for loving us and caring about each of us! Please help us never forget that You have good plans for us. We love You! In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.*

MEMORIZE IT

SAY & DO *There's a verse in the Bible that tells us God loves us and has a good plan for you and me. I want to teach you this verse! Just repeat after me: (Pause to allow kids to say each line)*
"God is (both hands point up)
always at work (pound fists on top of each other)
for the good of everyone (two thumbs up)
who loves Him." (hug self)
Romans 8:28 (make book with hands)

- DO**
- Have kids say the verse after you several times in any of these fun ways: with eyes closed, in a whisper voice, in a loud voice, in western voice, etc.
 - **Sanitize** kids' hands again, and place **crayons** in the center of the group. Allow kids to color the front and back of their **Memory Verse Coloring Sheets**. Tell kids that they will win a prize if they know the memory verse at the end of the series.