

WEEK 3 | YOUNGER ELEMENTARY

Need to Know: God Never Leaves Me

Bible Story: Pharaoh and the Plagues

Bible Reference: Exodus 4-13



CIRCLE UP

- DO**
- Welcome kids to church and tell them who you are.
 - **Sanitize** kids' hands. Pass the **bandana** around the group, having kids share their name and one friend they would take with them if they traveled way out west.

SAY *Traveling out west would be so much more fun with a friend. Having others with us helps make the good things in our lives better and the hard things easier. We have friends and families who love us, but they can't be with us at all times.*

Today we are going to talk about someone who never leaves us — God! So let me hear you say this after me:

God Never (shake head "no")

Leaves Me (point to self)

READ THE BIBLE

- DO** Give each child a **Bible Story Drawing Page** and a **coloring utensil**. Read the **Bible Story Cards**, having kids draw on their page as you read.

- SAY**
- *What did Pharaoh have the Israelites do while they were in Egypt: work as slaves or work as cowboys? (Work as slaves)*
 - *When Aaron threw his walking stick on the ground to show God's power to Pharaoh, what did the stick turn into: a cactus or a snake? (A snake)*
 - *True or False: When Pharaoh finally let Moses and God's people leave Egypt, God was with them by sending a cowboy hat in the sky to lead them during the day and a can of beans at night. (False, He sent a cloud to lead them during the day and a pillar of fire at night)*
 - *God showed His people that He was with them while they lived in Egypt and when Pharaoh allowed them to leave. No matter what, God never left them! We can trust that He is always with us, too.*

LET'S PRACTICE

DO & SAY

1. **Sanitize** kids' hands. Divide kids into two teams, and give each child a **game board** and **game piece**.
2. Alternating teams, allow kids to take turns rolling the **foam dice**. Everyone on the team will move game pieces forward/backward based on number rolled:
 - One - Move back one space
 - Two - Move forward two spaces
 - Three - Move forward three spaces
 - Four - Move back four spaces
 - Five - Move forward five spaces
 - Six - Move forward six spaces
3. Play to see which team can help their cowboy make it across the wild western trail first. If a child rolls a number to move backward, but there aren't that many spaces, the team will return to "start."
4. Collect game pieces and boards. Then, read the **Question Sheet** to the group.
5. Say: *No matter what happens in our lives, we can remember that God never leaves us. Let me hear you say this after me:*
God Never (shake head "no")
Leaves Me (point to self)

LET'S PRAY

SAY

Hey God! Thank You for showing us that You will never leave us, whether we are going through good things or hard things in our lives. We love You! In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

MEMORIZE IT

SAY & DO

There's a verse in the Bible that tells us God is always working things out for our good. Let practice it together! Say this after me:

"We know that (both hands point to head)

God is always at work (pound fists)

for the good (thumbs to chest)

of everyone who loves Him. (cross arms over chest)

They are the ones (both hands point out)

God has chosen for His purpose." (hands out, palm up)

Romans 8:28 (make book with hands)

Place a **paper plate** in the center of the group, and use the **snake** to play "Snake Toss." Allow kids to take turns tossing the snake onto the paper plate. If the snake lands on the plate, the group will say the next word in the verse. Play until the group says the whole verse.

Place **coloring utensils** in the middle of the group, and have kids color the back of their **Bible Story Drawing Pages**.