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# How to Use the Bible Stories and Questions

**One of the most gratifying aspects of the KIDS PARTY program is seeing kids get excited about the Bible.** This is especially true for non-churched kids whose families have no desire for God or God's Word. You'll watch your kids discover that they, too, can learn and understand key Bible facts and truths. You are giving these kids a real gift: a knowledge that the Bible is a practical source of wisdom and guidance that makes sense to anyone willing to listen.

The following pages contain 14 Bible stories about Moses and Jesus, each with several questions to ask. A list of all of the questions is at the end of this file.

## **Here's How It Works:**

When the teams are seated on the floor ready to hear, be sure they understand that you will...

1. Tell them a Bible story.
2. Ask them questions about the story.
3. Give points and candy bars to those who correctly answer questions.

## **Here's How to Do It:**

Each Bible story is told pretty much as written, there's no need for embellishment. If you do add things, be sure to watch the clock. Tell kids to listen carefully to the story because they will earn candy bars and points if they can answer questions.

The questions are simple. When ready—at the end of the story—call out a question. Try to pick the first kid to raise a hand. Do not call on kids who stand. Once you pick someone, have them stand to answer. If they are correct, toss them a small candy bar and give the kid and the team 200 points (or so). If they are incorrect, pick another kid. If a kid wants a different candy bar, he or she can trade after KIDS PARTY. You can ask the same question more than once.

**Vital Note:** Each time you tell a new story, ask questions from that story AND questions from previous stories. This is where the real memorization comes in. Give more points for the older questions.

**Use Two Staff Members:** One to track the names and points, one to toss the candy.

# KIDS PARTY 1: Moses is Born

Based on Exodus 1:1—2:10

Leader: Take ten minutes or so to relate the following background and story. If you prefer to adlib it, make certain you include the information that our questions are based upon.

**Background: God wanted to raise up a nation of godly people, people who could tell the rest of the world about Him. To start the nation, God picked a man named Abraham. God promised to make Abraham’s descendants into a great nation. Abraham’s descendants became known as Hebrews, and they formed the nation now called Israel.**

**Several generations after Abraham, a young Hebrew named Joseph was sold into slavery in Egypt. But God stepped in and turned things completely around. Joseph became powerful and honored in Egypt. The Pharaoh that ruled Egypt and the people of Egypt loved Joseph very much.**

**In the generations after Joseph, his people multiplied greatly in number and became exceedingly numerous, so that Egypt was filled with them.**

Four hundred years after Joseph, a new Pharaoh, who had never heard of Joseph, came to power in Egypt. The king was afraid of all the Hebrews, thinking they might someday take sides with an invading army. He was afraid they might try to overthrow the Egyptian government.

So the king ordered the governors to enslave all the Hebrews. They built two cities, Pithom and Rameses, where the slaves could live and work. It was a cruel life, but the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread; so the Egyptians feared the Hebrews all the more and worked them ruthlessly. They had to make bricks in the hot desert sun and do all kinds of work in the fields.

The king ordered the nurses who attended the birth of the Hebrew children to kill the boys at the moment they were born. In this way, it might seem like a natural death. But the nurses had a deep respect for God and let the boys live. The king found out and questioned two of the nurses, but they simply claimed that the Hebrew women gave birth so fast the babies were born before the nurses could get there!

So God was kind to the nurses and the people increased and became even more numerous. And because the nurses had shown respect for God and His ways instead of Pharaoh’s, God gave them families of their own.

Then Pharaoh gave this order: “Every Hebrew boy that is born you must throw into the Nile river. Only the girls can live.”

One day a young Hebrew couple had a son. The mother saw that he was a fine child, so she hid him for three months. But when she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket and coated it with tar and pitch. She placed her baby in it and put it

among the grassy reeds along the bank of the Nile river. The baby's sister stood at a distance to see what would happen to him.

Then Pharaoh's daughter went down to the Nile to swim, and her servants and friends were walking with her. She saw the basket floating in the reeds and sent a slave girl to fetch it. She opened it and saw the little baby. He was crying, and she felt sorry for him. "This is one of the Hebrew slave babies," she said.

Then the baby's sister came forward and asked Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get one of the Hebrew women to help raise the baby for you?"

"Yes, go," she answered. And the smart little girl went and got the baby's own mother! Pharaoh's daughter agreed to pay the woman money to nurse him. When the child grew older, she took him back to Pharaoh's daughter and he became her adopted son. Pharaoh's daughter decided to name the child Moses, saying, "I drew him out of the water." The name Moses sounds like the Hebrew word for drawing something out of the water.

## The Questions

### KIDS PARTY 1: Moses is Born

- Who was the first guy God raised up to start the Jewish nation? **Abraham.**
- Who was the first Hebrew kid to become great in Egypt? **Joseph.**
- How many years from Joseph to Moses? **400.**
- Name the main job the Hebrews had to do as slaves. **Make bricks, work in the fields.**
- How old was Moses when he went in the river? **Three months.**
- What was Moses' basket made of? **Papyrus, tar and pitch.**
- What does the name Moses mean? **Sounds like the Hebrew for "draw out."**
- Who named Moses? **Pharaoh's daughter.**
- Why did God want to raise up a godly nation? **To tell the world about Him.**

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**REMEMBER:** You can go through the questions list more than once to give more kids a chance to answer.

**NOTE:** The stories build on each other. At first, it looks like the questions just deal with Bible trivia. But as the life of Moses is revealed, followed by several stories of things Jesus said and did, you have the opportunity to speak to your kids about faith in Jesus, obedience, commitment and more.

# KIDS PARTY 2: Moses Kills

Based on Exodus 2:11-25

**Last Time: Moses was born into slavery in Egypt. But God turned the tables: Moses was saved from death as a baby and adopted by the daughter of Pharaoh, the king of Egypt. Our story tonight takes place when Moses had grown into a young man. Although he had been raised as a prince in the royal palace, Moses knew he was a Hebrew. The Hebrews were slaves to the Egyptians.**

One day Moses went out to where his own people were, in a place called the land of Goshen, in the north part of Egypt. Moses watched the slaves at their hard labor.

While he watched, he noticed an Egyptian slave master beating a Hebrew, one of his own people. Steaming, Moses looked this way and that and glanced over his shoulder. Seeing no one, he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the desert sand.

The next day he went out to watch the slaves again. This time, he saw a Hebrew fighting with another Hebrew. He asked the one in the wrong, “Why are you beating your fellow Hebrew?”

The fight stopped. The man said, “Who made you judge over me? Are you thinking of killing me as you killed that Egyptian yesterday?”

This made Moses very afraid. He knew that he had been seen and what he had done had become known.

When Pharaoh heard what Moses did, he tried to have Moses killed. Moses fled from Pharaoh and from Egypt. He ran far across the desert and ended up in a forsaken place named Midian, where he sat down by a well. Now a pagan priest of Midian had seven daughters, and they came to draw water from the well to water their father’s sheep. Some unfriendly shepherds came along and tried to chase the sisters away, but Moses came to their rescue and watered their flock.

With Moses help, the job was done quickly. When the girls returned home to their father Reuel, he asked them, “Why have you returned so early today?”

They said, “An Egyptian rescued us from those shepherds. He even drew water for us and watered the flock.”

“So where is he?” Reuel asked. “Did you just leave him out there? Have him come for dinner.”

To make a long story short, Moses wound up staying there a long time. He married Reuel’s daughter Zipporah, who gave birth to a son. Moses named him Gershom, saying, “I have become a stranger in a foreign land.” Gershom sounds like Hebrew for “a stranger there.”

While all this was going on out in Midian, back in Egypt the king died. The Hebrews remained miserable in their slavery. But their prayers for help were heard by God. Centuries before, God had promised Abraham that He would make the Hebrews into a great nation. God remembered His promise—He hadn’t forgotten. What happened next we’ll talk about next time.

# The Questions

## KIDS PARTY 2: Moses Kills

- What was the area where Moses' kin lived? **Goshen.**
- Moses saw an Egyptian doing what? **Beating a Hebrew.**
- What did Moses do? **Killed the Egyptian.**
- Where did he hide the Egyptian? **In the sand.**
- What did Moses see the next day? **Two Hebrews fighting.**
- Moses fled to what area? **Midian, in the desert.**
- What did he sit down by when he got to Midian? **A water well.**
- What was the priest's name? **Reuel.**
- How many daughters did the priest have? **Seven.**
- Moses married who? **Zipporah.**
- Their kid was named what? **Gershom.**
- God had made a promise to whom? **Abraham.**
- What was the promise? **To make a great nation of the Hebrews.**

# KIDS PARTY 3: Moses and the Burning Bush

Based on Exodus 3:1—4:16

**Last time: Moses murdered an Egyptian. He ran away out into the desert, where he met and married a woman named Zipporah. Together they had a son named Gershom.**

So Moses, once an honored prince in Egypt, wound up working as a shepherd for his wife's father, a pagan priest named Reuel (also called Jethro). In the area was a mountain named Horeb, later to become known as the mountain of God. Moses led the flock across the desert to Horeb.

Now the angel of the Lord came to speak to Moses, because God was going to use Moses to help make the Hebrew slaves into a great and prosperous nation. The angel appeared in the flames of a burning bush. Moses saw the bush burning in the distance and wondered about it. He wanted to find out why the bush wouldn't burn up.

When Moses got to the bush, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!"

And Moses said, "Here I am."

God told Moses to stop, don't come any closer. He told Moses to take off his sandals, because the ground around the bush was holy ground.

**"Holy" means pure, sinless, set apart, different. The ground was holy because God was there.**

Then God told Moses, "I am the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob." Moses hid his face—he was terrified to look at God.

God said, "I see my peoples' misery in Egypt. I hear them crying out because of the slave drivers. I am concerned about their suffering. I have come to rescue them from the Egyptians and to bring them out of there to a wonderful new land—spacious and flowing with milk and honey. So now, go. I am sending you back to Pharaoh to bring my people out of Egypt once and for all."

But Moses said to God, "Who am I? How could I go to Pharaoh and bring the Hebrews out of Egypt?"

God said, "I will be with you. And this will be the sign that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought my people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain, Horeb"

Moses said, "Suppose I say to the people, 'God has sent me,' and they ask me, 'What God—what's His name?' Then what do I say?"

God said, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you tell the Hebrews: 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

**This rather strange name means that God always is. In the past, present and future, God is. It also means He doesn't change over time—His plans, promises and standards last for eternity. No false Egyptian god was like that.**

But Moses was still afraid. He said, “What if they do not believe me or listen to me and say, ‘The Lord did not appear to you’?”

God said, “What are you holding in your hand?”

“A staff,” Moses replied.

The Lord said, “Throw it on the ground.”

Moses threw it on the ground and it became a snake, and he ran from it. God said, “Grab it by the tail.”

Moses took hold of the snake and it turned back into a staff in his hand. “This,” God said, “is so that no one doubts that the Lord, the God of their fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has appeared to you.”

Then God told Moses, “Put your hand inside your cloak.” Moses put his hand into his cloak, and when he took it out, it was covered with leprosy, white like snow.

“Put it back into your cloak,” God said. So Moses put his hand back into his cloak. When he took it out, his hand was fine, like the rest of his flesh.

“If they do not believe you or pay attention to these to miraculous signs, take some water from the Nile and pour it on the dry ground. The water will become blood on the ground.”

Moses said to the Lord, “O Lord, I have never been able to speak to crowds! I am slow of speech and tongue.”

The Lord was growing impatient with Moses' excuses. “Who gave man his mouth? Who makes him deaf or mute? Who gives him sight or makes him blind? I do! Now go; I will help you speak and will tell you what to say.”

But Moses said, “Lord, please find someone else to do it.”

Then the Lord's anger burned. He said, “Your brother Aaron, back in Egypt, can speak well. He is coming here now to see you after all these years. You shall speak to him and put words in his mouth; I will help both of you speak and will show you what I want you to do and say. He will speak to the people for you. I will tell you what to say, you tell him and he will tell the people. But take your staff because it will be you who performs the miraculous signs.”

# The Questions

## KIDS PARTY 3: Moses and the Burning Bush

- What was the name of Moses' father in law? **Reuel or Jethro.**
- What appeared to Moses in the burning bush? **The angel of the Lord.**
- What does the word "holy" mean? **Pure, sinless, set apart, different.**
- Why was the ground holy? **God was there.**
- What had God seen? **The misery of His people in Egypt.**
- What did God promise He would do? **Rescue them and bring them to a wonderful new land.**
- What did God say is His name? **I AM WHO I AM.**
- What does that mean? **He never changes, he exists always.**
- What three miracles could Moses do to prove he spoke for God? **Staff that turned to a snake, a leprous hand, water turned to blood.**
- What excuse did Moses give? **Lousy communicator.**

# KIDS PARTY 4: Moses and the Plagues

Based on Exodus 4:27—12:36

Note to Leader: If necessary, familiarize yourself with the details of the plagues described in this lengthy passage. For example, when the Nile turned to blood, it started to reek. Kids like that kind of stuff!

**Background: God was sending a reluctant Moses back to Egypt to convince the new king to let the Hebrew slaves go free. God had promised to make the Hebrews into a great nation that could tell the world about God. In tonight's story, we meet Aaron, Moses' brother. They hadn't seen each other in many years.**

The Lord said to Aaron, "Go into the desert to meet your brother Moses." So Aaron packed up and headed out into the desert to find Moses. They met up at Mount Horeb, where God had appeared to Moses in a burning bush. When Aaron met Moses at the mountain of God he kissed him on the cheek. Then Moses told Aaron everything God had sent him to say, and also about all the miraculous signs he had commanded him to perform.

Moses and Aaron went back to Egypt where they brought together all the elders of the Hebrews. Aaron told them everything the Lord had said to Moses. Moses performed the signs before the people as God had told him to, and they believed. And when they heard that God cared about them and had seen their misery, they bowed down and worshiped.

Afterward Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and said, "This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says to you: 'Let my people go, so that they may hold a festival to me in the desert.'"

Pharaoh said, "Who is this Lord, that I should do what he says and let Israel go? I don't know your Lord and I will not let your people go."

**In order to convince Pharaoh to let the Hebrews leave Egypt to follow God to the Promised Land, God sent ten plagues upon Egypt. Each time except the last, the king hardened his heart against God and Moses and refused to let the people go. Here is the list of plagues:**

- Nile turned to blood;
- Zillions of frogs;
- Gnats like dust;
- Swarms of biting flies;
- Death of livestock;
- Boils (sores) on the people;
- Very large and damaging hailstones;
- Locusts that ate everything;
- Darkness in the daytime;
- The Angel of Death came to kill the Egyptians' firstborn children and animals.

# The Questions

## KIDS PARTY 4: Moses and the Plagues

- What was Moses' brother's name? **Aaron.**
- What did Aaron do when he met Moses? **Kissed him.**
- Where did they meet? **The mountain of God, Horeb.**
- What amazing thing had happened at that mountain? **The burning bush.**
- Why did Pharaoh ignore Moses' message? **He did not know the Lord.**
- Can you name one of the plagues? **Nile turned to blood, Frogs, Gnats like dust, Flies, Death of livestock, Boils, Hailstones, Locusts, Darkness, Angel of Death killed the firstborn.** (This question can be asked multiple times)

# KIDS PARTY 5: Moses Crosses the Red Sea

Based on Exodus 12:31—14:31

**Background: God sent Moses to convince Pharaoh to let the Hebrews slaves leave Egypt forever. When Pharaoh resisted, God sent terrible plagues upon Egypt. Finally, when the Angel of Death killed the firstborn Egyptians in every family, Pharaoh relented.**

During the night Pharaoh summoned Moses and Aaron and said, “Enough! Leave Egypt, you and the Hebrews! Go worship your God out in the desert. Take your flocks and herds, as you have wanted, and go.”

Meanwhile, all the citizens of Egypt urged the Hebrews to hurry and leave the country. “Otherwise,” they said, “we will all die!” There were about six hundred thousand Hebrew men, plus the women and children.

Now centuries before this, Joseph—the first Hebrew to live in Egypt—had made a solemn declaration that, when the time came for God to give the Hebrews a nation of their own, his bones would be taken out of Egypt to the Promised Land. So Moses took the bones of Joseph with him.

After leaving Egypt everyone camped on the edge of the vast desert. But Pharaoh changed his mind. He and his officials said, “What have we done? We have let the slaves go! We have lost the free labor!” So he had his chariot made ready and took his army with him. He took six hundred of the best military chariots, along with all the other chariots of Egypt, with officers over all of them.

As Pharaoh and his army approached the Hebrews campsite, the people saw and were terrified. They cried out to God. Then they said to Moses, “Was it because there are no cemeteries in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die? You’ve gotten us killed by bringing us out of Egypt!”

Moses had faith in God. He said, “Do not be afraid. Stand strong and you will see that God will rescue you this day. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. The Lord will fight for you; just be still and watch.”

Then the Lord spoke to Moses. “Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Hebrews to get moving. Raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the Red Sea to divide the water. You and the people can cross over on dry ground.”

So the waters split apart and the people crossed over. The Egyptians chased them—all Pharaoh’s horses and chariots and horsemen. God made the wheels of the chariots wobble and come off so that they had difficulty driving. The Egyptians shouted, “Let’s get out of here! Their God is fighting for them against us!”

Then God told Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea so that the waters crash back over the Egyptians and their chariots and horsemen.” The water flowed back and covered the entire army that had followed the Hebrews into the sea. Not one of them survived.

So the people went across the Red Sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left. That was the day God miraculously saved the Hebrews from the hands of the Egyptians, and they saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore. When the people saw God's incredible strength displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the Lord and put their trust in Him and in God's servant Moses.

## The Questions

### KIDS PARTY 5: Moses Crosses the Red Sea

- How many men? **About 600,000.**
- Moses took whose bones? **Joseph's.**
- Why did Pharaoh change his mind about letting the people go? **He lost their free labor.**
- How many chariots? **600 plus all the rest in Egypt.**
- Who was going to fight for the Hebrews? **God.**
- What was Moses supposed to raise to part the waters? **His staff.**
- What did God do that made the Egyptians know He was fighting against them? **Made the chariot wheels wobble and fall off.**
- How many Egyptian soldiers survived? **None.**
- How many Hebrews died? **None.**

# **KIDS PARTY 6: Moses' Problems with Water**

Based on Exodus 17:1-6; Numbers 20:2-12; 1 Corinthians 10:1-4

**Background:** Last time, we heard the story of Moses and all the people with him escaping from slavery in Egypt. They miraculously crossed the Red Sea and are now ready to follow God across the desert to the Promised Land—the land God had promised to give them. Right about now the Bible starts calling Moses and the people with him “Israelites.” That was to become the name of the nation that God had promised to Abraham so many years before: Israel.

## **From Exodus 17:1-6**

The whole Israelite community packed up and moved away from the place they were at, a place called the Desert of Sin. They moved about, traveling from place to place as the Lord would guide. They camped at a place known as Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The men quarreled with Moses about the water. “Give us water to drink,” they yelled

Moses replied, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why are you challenging God?”

But the people were thirsty and they continued to grumble against Moses. They got in Moses' face and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt just to have us and our children and our animals die of thirst?”

Moses had heard enough. He cried out to God, “What can I do about these people? They are threatening to stone me to death.”

The Lord answered Moses, “Take your staff and walk on ahead of the people. Take some of the leaders with you, and go. Meet me at Mount Horeb where I will show you a particular rock. Strike the rock with the staff, and water will gush out of it for the all people to drink.” So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel.

**God gave water so that all the people and their livestock would see His greatness in action. Now let's jump forward in time a few decades...**

## **From Numbers 20:2-12**

Again there was no water for the community, again the people gathered to quarrel with Moses and his brother Aaron. They shouted, “If only we had died like others of us have died! Why did you bring us, God's people, into this desert, that we and our animals should die here? Why did you bring us out of Egypt to this horrible place? There is nothing good to eat and no water to drink!”

Moses and Aaron went alone to the entrance to the Tent of Meeting, a special tent that God had commanded them to make. They both fell facedown, and as they did the shining glory of the Lord appeared to them. God said to Moses, “Take your staff, and you and your brother Aaron gather all the people. This time I want you to speak to that rock. Do it in front of their eyes so they can see it miraculously pour out its water. You will bring water out of the rock so they and their livestock can drink all they can hold.”

So Moses took the staff from the tent, from the Lord's presence, just as he had been instructed. He and Aaron gathered every last Israelite in front of the rock. Moses said, "Listen, you hard-hearted rebels! Must we bring you water out of this rock?" Then in his anger Moses raised his arm and slammed the staff into the rock. Water gushed out, and everyone drank.

But Moses had disobeyed God. He was not supposed to strike the rock like he had years before. God said to Moses and Aaron, "Because you did not trust in me enough to honor me as holy in the sight of the people, you will not be the ones to bring this community into the land I have sworn to give them."

**The Apostle Paul, writing centuries later in the New Testament, tells us that the rock that Moses struck symbolized Jesus Christ:**

### **1 Corinthians 10:3, 4**

As Israel crossed the desert, they all ate the same miraculous food and drank the same miraculous drink. They drank water provided miraculously from the rock. That was a spiritual rock that accompanied them, for it was Christ.

**Why was the rock like Jesus? And why was God mad that Moses struck the rock a second time, instead of speaking to it? Because Jesus was struck once, on the cross where he died for our sins. Today, we can speak to him and be blessed with eternal life, just like Moses was supposed to speak to the rock and receive the life-giving water. But Moses struck the rock a second time. Jesus will never suffer again.**

## **The Questions**

### **KIDS PARTY 6: Moses' Problems with Water**

- What was the name of the desert that Israel first moved out from? **Sin.**
- What was the problem the people argued with Moses about? **Water.**
- Moses told God the people were ready to do what terrible thing? **Stone him.**
- What object was Moses supposed to take with him to the rock? **His staff.**
- What was Moses supposed to do with his staff the first time? **Strike the rock.**
- The second time Moses went to the rock, what was he supposed to do? **Speak to it.**
- What did he do? **Hit it a second time.**
- According to Paul, who did the rock represent? **Jesus.**
- Why was it wrong to strike the rock twice? **Jesus will never suffer again; our sins have been dealt with at the cross; we only need to speak to Jesus to receive eternal life.**

# KIDS PARTY 7: The Ten Commandments

Based on Exodus 19 and 20

**Background:** Moses and the Israelites were following God across the desert to the Promised Land—the land God had promised to give them.

For three months the Israelites had walked through the desert. They followed God as He guided them along. How was God guiding them? With a column of smoke in the distance to follow by day and a pillar of fire to follow at night.

If you or anyone were to set out from Egypt to Israel on camel, you'd finish your trip in less than a month. But God led the Israelites on a years-long path, and here's why. First, to avoid fierce enemies along the shorter route. The Israelites simply were not yet ready to be an army. Second, God wanted enough time for the people to learn all the important truths He wanted them to learn. When the Israelites left Egypt, not even the first book of the Bible had been written! As a matter of fact, the people really didn't know that much about God. Who was He? What was He like? What did He want them to do? All these questions would be answered as they traveled the long way around the desert. And third, the Israelites often disobeyed and lacked faith in God—even after all the incredible miracles they had seen. They simply weren't ready to enter the Promised Land.

One day, God guided the people to the base of a mountain called Sinai. After everyone had pitched their tents and were settled, Moses climbed the mountain to meet with God. Somewhere way up in the rocks and boulders, God spoke to Moses. He had a message for Moses to give to the people.

“This is what I want you to tell the people of Israel on my behalf: ‘You have all seen what I did to Egypt with the plagues, and how I carried you like the wings of eagles and brought you safely to myself. Now if you obey me fully, if you keep the agreement I have made with you, then out of all the nations and peoples of the world, you will be my treasured possession.’”

Moses hurried back to camp and called all the leaders to hear what God had told him. The Bible says that the people all shouted together, “We will do everything God has said!”

Up on the mountain again, Moses told the Lord how the people had promised to do everything God told them to do. God told Moses that He was about to visit the people in a thick cloud and that they would hear His very voice. That way, everyone from young to old would know for sure that Moses was doing and teaching God's will.

God also told Moses that the people must get ready. They were to clean themselves thoroughly—even wash their clothes (out in the waterless desert!) for two full days, all to be ready to hear God's voice on the third day.

On the morning of the third day there was thunder and lightning, with a thick cloud over the mountain. There was a very loud trumpet blast. Everyone in the camp shivered with fear. Moses led the people out to meet with God, and they stood at the foot of the

mountain. Mount Sinai was covered with smoke, because God came to it in fire. The smoke billowed up like smoke from a giant furnace and the whole mountain shook violently. The trumpet blasts grew louder and louder. Then Moses spoke and the voice of God answered him.

Well, now God REALLY had the Israelites' attention! In fact, if there had been any windows in the desert, they probably would have jumped through them to go hide! And God wanted the Israelite's attention, because He had some very important rules to tell them—rules that would show them how to lead great and happy lives, lives pleasing to God. These rules are still around today: they are known as the Ten Commandments. Anyone of us who guides our thoughts and actions by the Ten Commandments will live great Christian lives.

The first commandment is in Exodus 20:3: “You shall have no other gods before me.” That means our hearts and lives are to belong only to God. God is the one we worship, respect and live for!

The next three commandments talk about worshipping God the right way: No false idols, no misusing or mistreating God's name in any way, and by taking one day a week—called the Sabbath day—to do no work. That is the day to relax, recharge, and draw closer to God.

The rest of the Commandments are about how you and I are to treat each other. For example, the Fifth Commandment says, “Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long happy lives in the land the God is giving you.” Others talk about not stealing, murdering, lying and so forth.

When God's voice was heard by the people, there were earthquakes, thunder, lightening and the like so that all the people would know that God was truly serious about the Ten Commandments. They are not Ten Suggestions or Ten Nice Sayings. They are the Ten Commandments, given by God to us so that we may lead good lives that are pleasing to Him. God wants us to know the very best way to live!

# The Questions

## KIDS PARTY 7: The Ten Commandments

- God was guiding the people with what visual signals? **Smoke and fire.**
- Name a reason why God led the Israelites the long way.
  - To avoid enemies.**
  - To have time to learn about God and other important lessons.**
  - They were disobedient and disbelieving.**
- What was the name of the mountain where God appeared? **Sinai.**
- If the Israelites obeyed God, they would become His treasured what? **Possession.**
- How were the people to get ready to hear from God? **Wash up!**
- What are some of the things that happened on the mountain when God was ready to speak? **Thunder, lightening, cloud, trumpet blast, everyone trembled, smoke, mountain shook.**
- Name some of the Commandments.
  - No other gods before me.**
  - No false idols.**
  - Respect God's name.**
  - Sabbath day.**
  - Honor parents.**
  - No stealing, murdering, lying, etc.**

# KIDS PARTY 8: Moses and the Spies

Based on Numbers 13:17—14:9

**Background: God had rescued the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. Before the Israelites were ready to enter the land that God was leading them to, they needed to send in a small band of men to check out the situation.**

The Lord said to Moses, “Hand pick twelve men to explore the land of Canaan, the land I am giving to the Israelites.”

Moses chose the men. He gave them these instructions: “See what the land is like. Are the people who live there are strong or weak, few or many? Is the land itself good or bad? Are the towns unwallled or fortified? Is the soil good for crops or is it poor? Are there a lot of trees?” Moses also told them to try their best to bring back samples of the crops being grown there.

So they went up and explored the land from corner to corner. When they reached the Valley of Eshcol, they cut off a branch bearing a single cluster of grapes. The branch was so big two men carried it on a pole between them, along with some pomegranates and figs. All this took forty days, then they returned to Moses.

They reported to Moses and to the whole crowd of people all that they had seen and heard. They showed the fruit of the land. They said, “We went into the land to which you sent us, and it does flow with milk and honey! But the people are powerful, and the cities are fortified and very large. The descendants of our old enemies live all over the place.” At this the people started murmuring.

Then one of the spies, a man named Caleb, signaled for silence and said, “We should go up and take the land. We can do it.”

But the men who had gone up with him said, “We can’t attack those people; they are stronger than we are.” They said, “The land we spied out devours those living in it. And all the people we saw are strong and of great size. We felt like little grasshoppers next to them, and we looked the same to them.”

That night all the people raised their voices and cried. Such a long way to travel just to fail miserably! Now where to go? They all grumbled against Moses and Aaron, and said to them, “If only we had died in Egypt or the desert! Why did God bring us all the way here just to be killed by the sword? Our wives and children will be taken as plunder.” And they said to each other, “We should choose a new leader and go back to Egypt.”

Then Moses and Aaron fell facedown in front of the whole Israelite assembly gathered there. Joshua and Caleb, who were among those who had explored the land, tore their clothes as a sign of grief. They shouted out so everyone could hear: “The place is incredibly good. If our Lord is pleased with us, He will lead us into that land, a land flowing with milk and honey, and will give it to us. Please don’t rebel against God! We do not need to fear those people, because we will swallow them up. Their protection is gone, but God is with us. Do not be afraid of them.”

# The Questions

## KIDS PARTY 8: Moses and the Spies

- How many spies? **Twelve.**
- What were the spies to look for (name one)?
  - People weak or strong;**
  - People few or many;**
  - Land good or bad;**
  - Cities unwalled or fortified;**
  - Soil fertile or poor;**
  - Trees or not;**
  - Bring back fruit.**
- What three fruits did they bring back?
  - Grapes, figs, pomegranates.**
- How many days did they explore? **Forty.**
- Land was flowing with what two things? **Milk and honey.**
- The Israelites looked like what in their enemy's sight? **Grasshoppers.**
- Where did the frightened people want to go? **Back to Egypt.**
- Who were the two good spies? **Joshua and Caleb.**
- Why were Joshua and Caleb unafraid to attack the people? **The Lord was with their side.**

# KIDS PARTY 9: Moses at the Transfiguration

Based on Matthew 16:24—17:9

**Background:** We last saw Moses as the spies were telling him what they had seen in the land called Canaan, the Promised Land that God was going to take them into. A short time later Moses passed away quietly and went to be with God. Soon the people successfully conquered the land just as God had promised. We now move forward many centuries to the time of Jesus Christ. Remember as we tell this story that Jesus was in the land that God had promised, the nation called Israel.

Jesus was walking with his disciples. A disciple is a student and a follower. Jesus had many people who learned from him and traveled with him.

One day Jesus told his disciples, “Any person who wants to be my disciple must deny himself, pick up his cross and follow me. Anyone who wants to preserve his old life will lose it. Anyone who gives up his life to follow me will find real life. What good would it do you to gain the whole world, but lose your soul? Your soul is worth far more than anything you could give for it.”

Jesus went on to describe how someday he would return to earth in power and glory, bringing a reward to each person according to what he or she had done. Then he said something very mysterious: “Listen carefully to this truth: some of you standing here right now will not taste death before they see me, the Son of Man, coming in my kingdom” (Matthew 16:28).

Six days Jesus took three of his disciples alone up a mountain in the area. He took Peter, James and John. There he was changed—transfigured—as they watched. His face became bright like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. Just then there appeared before them our old friend Moses and also another important man from the Old Testament, the prophet Elijah. They were back from the dead! The disciples saw them talking with Jesus and overheard who they were.

The three disciples were stunned. Peter came up with a silly idea: He wanted to build three carnival booths so people could meet Jesus, Moses and Elijah!

While he was still telling Jesus about this not-so-bright idea, a shining cloud suddenly surrounded them all and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!” In other words, “Peter, my Son Jesus is far above even Moses and Elijah. You need to always do what he says, not what you want to do.”

When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. But Jesus came and touched them. “Up. Don’t be afraid,” he said. When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus. His appearance had returned to normal.

As they were coming back home, Jesus said, “Say nothing about this until after I have been raised from the dead.”

# The Questions

## KIDS PARTY 9: Moses at the Transfiguration

- What is a disciple? **A student and follower.**
- Name one of the three things Jesus says to do if you want to come along with Him.  
**Deny yourself.**  
**Pick up your cross.**  
**Follow Him.**
- What happens if you give up your life to follow Jesus? **You will find real life.**
- Jesus will return someday in power and what? **Glory.**
- What does he bring with him? **A reward.**
- How many days later did they go up on the mountain? **Six.**
- Who went? **James, John and Peter.**
- Who appeared? **Moses and Elijah.**
- What did Peter want to do? **Build booths to house Jesus, Moses and Elijah.**
- What did the voice of God tell Peter? **Jesus is God's Son, listen to Jesus.**

# **KIDS PARTY 10: Jesus Does Miracles**

Based on John 14:1-3; Luke 7:1-23

**Background:** Over the weeks we have followed the story of Moses as he led God's people to the Promised Land. Last time we skipped forward to Jesus' day. We looked at a strange incident involving Jesus and Moses. Three of Jesus' disciples—Peter, James and John—saw Moses alive, talking with Jesus! Well, that incident occurred right in the heart of the Promised Land that we've been learning about. So our tale of Moses and the people reaching the Promised Land has ended, and now we are looking at things Jesus said and did.

**Speaking of the land that God promised to give to the Israelites, did you know that Jesus promised to give us a place in heaven? Here's what he said:**

“There is no reason for you to worry. Put your trust in God and in me. My Father's heavenly mansion has many rooms. I would tell you if it weren't so, but it is so. In fact, I am heading there to make a place for each of you. If I'm going to make places for you, you can be certain I will return for you. I will take you to be with me—I want you to be where I am” (John 14:1-3).

**There is no need to be troubled: God is trustworthy, and we will be with Him forever!**

**To prove that he is the Son of God, Jesus did many miracles. Here are three important things Jesus did and said from the seventh chapter of the Gospel of Luke:**

There was a Roman soldier who had the rank of centurion. A centurion was in command of one hundred men, which is easy to remember because a century has 100 years. The centurion had a servant whom he regarded highly. The servant was sick and about to die. When he heard that Jesus was nearby, the centurion sent some respected local men to ask Jesus to come heal the servant. Jesus agreed.

When the soldier heard that Jesus was willing to come, he had second thoughts. Not because he didn't think Jesus could do anything to help, but because he believed in his heart that Jesus was a man of God. The centurion felt unworthy to have Christ come to his house! So the man sent friends to say that he knew Jesus could just say a word and the servant, miles away, would be healed.

When Jesus heard this, he was amazed at the man's faith, especially because he was a Roman, not an Israelite who understood the Bible. Jesus turned to the crowd following him and said, “I tell you, I haven't seen such great faith anywhere in Israel.” The servant was immediately made well.

Soon afterward, Jesus and his followers went to a town called Nain. As he approached up the road, a dead person was being carried out. It turned out to be the only son of a widow. That meant she had no man to take care of her. In those days, that meant she was in real trouble, for there was no government assistance like today. When Jesus saw her, his heart went out to her. He said, "Don't cry."

He went up and touched the coffin. The people stopped and Jesus said, "Young man, I say get up!" The dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him back to his mother.

Everyone went nuts! They praised God, saying, "A great prophet has appeared among us!" "God has come to help his people!" The news about Jesus spread everywhere.

**At that very moment, Jesus' cousin John, known as John the Baptist, was rotting in prison for his faith. John's disciples told him about the miracles that Jesus was doing. So John sent two of them to Jesus to ask if he really was the Son of God come to earth, or not.**

Jesus gave them a simple answer: "Go back and tell John what you have seen and heard: The blind are given sight, the lame walk, those with leprosy are cured, the deaf are made to hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor." All of these were in keeping with predictions made in the Old Testament. John knew the Old Testament well.

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Notice that the people involved in these incidents were upset. They were upset emotionally, of course, but more than that, their very lives were upset and in the balance. The centurion was about to lose his beloved servant, the servant was likely about to die. The widow was financially ruined without a shred of hope for the future. John was in prison, about to be beheaded.

The centurion believed and had no doubts. John believed but had doubts. The woman didn't believe at all because she had never heard. Jesus comforted them all.

The centurion and the widow had their problems resolved, but not John. He was shortly thereafter executed for his faith. You see, Jesus can heal the sick and raise the dead, but sometimes he chooses not to. Yet even John was comforted when he heard about the miraculous fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies about the coming Son of God. His doubts were answered which is exactly what he had asked for.

That's the way it is. Time and again we read of the great men and women of the Bible who faced severe trials yet came through them in the hands of God. Noah in the flood, Abraham a stranger in a strange land, Joseph sold into slavery, Moses in the desert, Daniel in the lion's den, his three friends in the fiery furnace, the prophets tortured and murdered, the persecution of the New Testament believers. It has continued from that day to this.

And that's the way it is for you and me. Sometimes we walk through the fiery furnace untouched by even the smell of smoke, sometimes we are burned. Around the world there are thousands and millions of persecuted Christians, some to the point of death.

Yet Christ is trustworthy. He has gone to prepare a place for us with the Father, and he will return when all these things are done to bring us home with him.

So trust Christ. And keep your eyes on the skies. Jesus is preparing a place for each of us and when he's finished, he will return to take us all home. Trust in God and trust in Jesus.

## The Questions

### KIDS PARTY 10: Jesus Does Miracles

- Whose house has many rooms? **The Father's.**
- Who is going to take us to that house? **Jesus the Son of God.**
- What was the official title of the Roman soldier? **Centurion.**
- Why was he called a centurion? **He commanded 100 soldiers.**
- Why was Jesus amazed at the centurion? **He had great faith.**
- What was being carried out of the town of Nain? **A body.**
- When Jesus raised the dead guy, what did the people say? **"A great prophet has appeared among us!" "God has come to help his people!"**
- Who wanted to know if Jesus was really the Son of God? **John the Baptist.**
- When will Jesus return? **When the house is ready.**
- And so what should be the result in our heart? **Trust in God and trust in Jesus.**

# KIDS PARTY 11: Jesus Talks About Labels

Based on Matthew 7:1-5

Note to the Leader: Tonight's story involves an object lesson. You will need large white peel-and-stick labels. The kind that come six to a sheet are a good size (Avery 5164 or equivalent). You'll also need a large felt marker.

**Introduction: We've been looking at some of the things Jesus said and did. Tonight, we have one about labels. You know, slapping labels on people. Calling them "stupid" or "loser" or...well, you get what I mean. Let's see what Jesus had to say about this.**

"Don't judge others. If you go about judging others, you'll be judged too. And the way you judge others—that's the way God will judge you. The measure you use against others, God will use against you" (Matthew 7:1,2).

When we slap a name or label on someone, God is watching. If you tend to put people down, God takes note of that. Remember, God is your final judge.

**Teacher: Have kids shout out typical names and labels that kids their age tend to call others. Write these on labels and slap the labels on yourself. Put them everywhere, including your face.**

Well, OK. I've been labeled! Some of these labels are nice, some are pretty mean. But you get the message—God wants us to watch what we say about other people. Words and labels can do a lot of damage. Jesus made a point about labels:

"You criticize another over something small like a speck of sawdust in your brother's eye. But all the while you never see the piece of lumber in your own eye! How can you say, 'You better let me help you with that speck' when all the time there is a piece of lumber in your own eye? Yes, that makes you a hypocrite. First take the log out of your eye. Then you'll be able to help a brother remove the speck from his eye" (Matthew 7:3-5).

That means that, at the same time you are calling someone stupid, you are the truly stupid one. Or when you tell someone, "If you were like me, you'd be great," you aren't nearly as great as you think! Jesus was telling us to look at our own hearts and behavior before we start criticizing others.

# The Questions

## KIDS PARTY 11: Jesus Talks About Labels

- In the same way you judge others, you will be what? **Judged.**
- Who is the final judge? **God.**
- What can bad words and labels do to a person? **Damage.**
- Jesus talked about a speck of what? **Sawdust.**
- You might have what in your eye? **A piece of lumber.**
- What should you do with the lumber? **Take it out.**
- What does Jesus want us to do before we criticize others? **Look at our own hearts and behavior.**

# KIDS PARTY 12: A Pharisee and a Tax Collector

Based on Luke 18:9-14

Jesus was talking to some Pharisees, a group of men who felt they led godly, righteous lives. They didn't; they were hypocrites. So Jesus nailed them with a parable.

**A parable is a story that teaches a truth. It can be a true story or made up. Jesus often told parables to teach important truths to his listeners. “Righteous” and “righteousness” means to be right before God. Here’s what Jesus said:**

“Two men went up to the temple to pray. One happened to be a Pharisee...”

**The Pharisees were the religious leaders of the day. Most of them were arrogant and judgmental. They were confident in their own righteousness—what we call self-righteous—and they looked down on everyone else. I like to call them *religious stuffed shirts*. Remember that, because that’s one of the questions.**

“...and the other fellow was a tax collector.”

**The tax collectors were much hated in Jesus’ day. The Roman Empire had conquered Israel some years before Jesus’ birth. That’s why the Roman centurion we talked about a couple of KIDS PARTIES ago was stationed there. Anyway, the Romans would collect taxes, and they would often hire Jewish men to do it. The tax collector was told how much to collect from his area, and was told that anything and everything over and above that amount was his to keep as his pay. In addition, the tax collector could use brute force to make people pay whatever he demanded. So the tax collectors were hated by the Jews for several reasons: One, they were thugs who extorted money. Two, they were unfairly rich. Three, they were considered traitors since they were Jews who worked for the Roman oppressors.**

**So we have a self-righteous Pharisee and a much hated tax collector, both talking to God in the temple. Let’s look at the rest of the Lord’s parable:**

“As he prayed, the Pharisee stood there and said: ‘God, thank you that I’m awesome. I’m better than the rest—certainly better than burglars, evildoers, adulterers—and especially men like this tax collector over there. And look, God; I celebrate a religious fast two times every week and I give one tenth of everything I get.’

“The tax collector had a different attitude. He stood away from the front. He was ashamed to look to heaven. He pounded his chest in shame and cried, ‘God, show mercy to me, a sinner.’

Then Jesus told the Pharisees listening to him, “This is what I’m saying: The sinful but sorrowful tax collector went home straightened out with God, not the arrogant Pharisee. Everyone who praises himself before God will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be praised and exalted” (Luke 18:9-14).

**To exalt yourself means to lift yourself up, to boast and brag. To humble yourself, in this case, means to recognize that you need God. The Pharisee needed God as much as the tax collector, but only the tax collector knew he needed God.**

## The Questions

### **KIDS PARTY 12: The Pharisee and the Tax Collector**

- What is a parable? **A story that teaches an important truth.**
- What does righteousness mean? **Right before God.**
- How many men went up to the temple? **Two.**
- What is a Pharisee? **Religious stuffed shirt, hypocrite, religious leader.**
- One man was a Pharisee, what was the other? **Tax collector.**
- Why were tax collectors such slime? **Traitors, thugs, unfairly rich.**
- What did the Pharisee think about himself? **I’m awesome!**
- What did the tax collector think about himself? **I’m a terrible sinner.**
- What did the tax collector ask God to do? **Have mercy.**
- What does it mean to exalt yourself? **Lift yourself up, brag, boast.**
- What does it mean to humble yourself? **Recognize your need before God.**
- What will God do for the person who is humble before God? **Exalt him or her.**

# KIDS PARTY 13: Nic at Night

Based on John 3:1-16; 7:37-51; John 19:38-42

**This is the interesting story of a Pharisee named Nicodemus. You may remember that Pharisees were the religious leaders of the day. They loved to walk around in ornate robes and jewelry, acting all righteous and holier-than-thou. I like to call them religious stuffed shirts. Most of all, they hated Jesus. But Nicodemus seems to be a little different than most of the other Pharisees. Let's take a look.**

## **From John 3:1-21**

Nicodemus came to see Jesus at night. They may have set up on the flat roof of Jesus' house, where the air was cool. The Bible doesn't say if Nic came at night because he was afraid to be seen by the other Pharisees, or simply because it was a time when Jesus wasn't busy. Whatever the case, Nic said to Jesus, "Rabbi (teacher), we know you are a teacher who has come from God. You perform miraculous signs no one could do if God were not with him."

Now, a couple of things here. One, Nic called Jesus "Rabbi," which means teacher. Second, he seems to have believed Jesus is from God. The other Pharisees accused Jesus of being in league with Satan!

But Jesus wanted to make an important point to Nicodemus, so he said, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again."

Here's what Jesus was saying to Nicodemus: It's not enough to believe *about* Jesus, you need to commit your life to Jesus. Nic believed Jesus was a good teacher and a miracle worker with God on his side. But Jesus told him that he had to go farther. He had to be born again. That is, he needed to join God's family. He needed to make a life-changing commitment to follow Christ.

Jesus went on to say these famous words from John 3:16: "For God loved the world so much, he sent his one and only Son to save the world. Whoever believes in him will not perish; he will have eternal life."

Well, that's all we see about Nic at night. However, later on he appears again at a religious celebration Jesus was attending.

## **From John 7:37-51**

On the last day of the Feast, Jesus stood and shouted to the crowd, "If you are thirsty, come to me and drink. Anyone that believes in me, just as it says in the Scriptures, will find streams of living water flowing from deep inside." Jesus was talking about the Holy Spirit who plays a key role in our salvation.

Well, the crowd got in an argument over Jesus. Some thought he was a prophet, like the ones in the Old Testament. Others thought he was the one and only Christ sent from heaven. The rest denied everything.

Eventually the cops ran to the ruling Pharisees and asked what to do. The Pharisees wanted to know why the cops hadn't arrested him, and they said so. The officers said

that there was something about Jesus—they said, “This man speaks like no one we’ve ever heard.”

The Pharisees grew irate over this. They were ready to condemn Jesus on the spot. And this is where our pal Nic steps back into the picture.

Nicodemus—one of the Pharisees, remember—asked the other Pharisees a simple question: “Does our law convict anyone without first listening to what he is saying and doing?” He took Jesus’ side!

We can imagine Nic got in big trouble for that one.

### **From John 19:38-42**

The third and final time Nicodemus appears in the pages of the Bible is right after the Pharisees murdered Jesus on the cross.

A man named Joseph from a place called Arimathea asked for the body of Jesus so that he could lovingly help put Jesus in his own tomb. Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly because he feared the Pharisees. Given permission, he came and took the body away. He was accompanied by Nicodemus! The two of them prepared Jesus’ body according to the custom of the day and placed it in the tomb.

It seems clear that Nic did become born again. He went from talking to Jesus secretly to defending Jesus in front of the Pharisees to personal involvement with Jesus. He made a commitment. He joined God’s family!

## **The Questions**

### **KIDS PARTY 13: Nicodemus and Jesus**

- Who came to Jesus at night? **Nicodemus.**
- What is a Rabbi? **Teacher.**
- Nic knew that Jesus was doing what? **Miraculous signs.**
- Jesus told that a person has to be what? **Born again.**
- What does it mean to be born again? **Become a Christian, born into God’s family.**
- What did God send His son to do? **Save the world.**
- Why didn’t the temple cops arrest Jesus? **No one ever spoke the way he did.**
- Why was Nicodemus in trouble with the Pharisees? **He took Jesus’ side.**
- Who was from Arimathea? **Joseph.**
- Who did Joseph fear? **The Pharisees.**
- Why do you think Joseph didn’t fear Nicodemus? **Nic had become a Christian.**

# KIDS PARTY 14: The Great Commission

Based on Matthew 28:16-20

**Introduction:** It's been a great year here at KIDS PARTY. And we've covered a lot of ground in the Bible. God wanted to raise up a nation of godly men and women to be His people doing His will. Abraham was the human founder of that nation. Several generations later one of Abraham's descendants found himself in Egypt. That was Joseph. God blessed him in Egypt and Joseph's family grew and grew. But four hundred years later, the people were slaves in Egypt. Where was God's promise of a godly nation living in a great land? God raised up Moses to lead the people to the Promised Land. We looked at Moses' birth, the time he killed someone and ran to the desert, the burning bush where God gave him his mission, the plagues in Egypt and various adventures on the way to the Promised Land. Then we jumped ahead several centuries to the time when Jesus walked the Promised Land. We've looked at his teachings and miracles. Tonight we look at an important instruction Jesus gave to his disciples, including all of us today who follow him. This instruction is so important it has a name. It's called the Great Commission. Let's check it out.

## **Matthew 18:18-20**

After Jesus rose from the dead, he appeared a number of times to his closest disciples. At one point he appeared to his disciples on a mountain in Galilee. When they saw him, they worshiped him, though some were still struggling to accept the truth that Jesus had indeed come back from the grave.

Jesus told them, "God has given full command over heaven and earth to me. Therefore, go to all nations: Make disciples; baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit; teach them to do everything I have commanded you. You can be sure that I am with you at all times, all the way to the very end of the age."

Notice what job the early Christians were given to do: make disciples of all nations. Hey, that's exactly why God wanted to raise up the nation of Israel in the first place! Israel was supposed to show all the other nations of the earth what God wanted. Now Jesus was handing that job to the Christians.

Remember, a disciple is someone who honors and follows a teacher. In our case as Christians, we follow and obey Jesus. Our job is to keep making new disciples until all the nations have heard. All disciples are to be baptized as a sign that we have joined God's family. That's why we are baptized in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Maybe that's why we are called Christians, which means "little Christs." And don't forget another thing Jesus said here: we are to teach all disciples to obey everything Jesus taught us to do.

Finally, Jesus promised to be with us until the end of the age. When is the end of the age? When Jesus comes back!

# The Questions

## KIDS PARTY 14: The Great Commission

- Jesus appeared to his disciples on a mountain. Where was that mountain? **Galilee.**
- What was given to Jesus? **Full command over heaven and earth.**
- What is a disciple? **Someone that honors and follows a teacher.**
- An easy one: Who do Christian disciples follow? **Jesus!**
- In what three names are we to baptize new disciples? **Father, Son, Holy Spirit.**
- What are we to teach them to do? **Do what Jesus commands.**
- What promise did Jesus make? **He'd be with us always.**
- What does the word Christian mean? **Little Christs.**

# The Questions: KIDS PARTY 1-14

## KIDS PARTY 1: Moses is Born

- Who was the first guy God raised up to start the Jewish nation? **Abraham.**
- Who was the first Hebrew kid to become great in Egypt? **Joseph.**
- How many years from Joseph to Moses? **400.**
- Name the main job the Hebrews had to do as slaves. **Make bricks, work in the fields.**
- How old was Moses when he went in the river? **Three months.**
- What was Moses' basket made of? **Papyrus, tar and pitch.**
- What does the name Moses mean? **Sounds like the Hebrew for "draw out."**
- Who named Moses? **Pharaoh's daughter.**
- Why did God want to raise up a godly nation? **To tell the world about Him.**

## KIDS PARTY 2: Moses Kills

- What was the area where Moses' kin lived? **Goshen.**
- Moses saw an Egyptian doing what? **Beating a Hebrew.**
- What did Moses do? **Killed the Egyptian.**
- Where did he hide the Egyptian? **In the sand.**
- What did Moses see the next day? **Two Hebrews fighting.**
- Moses fled to what area? **Midian, in the desert.**
- What did he sit down by when he got to Midian? **A water well.**
- What was the priest's name? **Reuel.**
- How many daughters did the priest have? **Seven.**
- Moses married who? **Zipporah.**
- Their kid was named what? **Gershom.**
- God had made a promise to whom? **Abraham.**
- What was the promise? **To make a great nation of the Hebrews.**

### **KIDS PARTY 3: Moses and the Burning Bush**

- What was the name of Moses' father in law? **Reuel or Jethro.**
- What appeared to Moses in the burning bush? **The angel of the Lord.**
- What does the word "holy" mean? **Pure, sinless, set apart, different.**
- Why was the ground holy? **God was there.**
- What had God seen? **The misery of His people in Egypt.**
- What did God promise He would do? **Rescue them and bring them to a wonderful new land.**
- What did God say is His name? **I AM WHO I AM.**
- What does that mean? **He never changes, he exists always.**
- What three miracles could Moses do to prove he spoke for God? **Staff that turned to a snake, a leprous hand, water turned to blood.**
- What excuse did Moses give? **Lousy communicator.**

### **KIDS PARTY 4: Moses and the Plagues**

- What was Moses' brother's name? **Aaron.**
- What did Aaron do when he met Moses? **Kissed him.**
- Where did they meet? **The mountain of God, Horeb.**
- What amazing thing had happened at that mountain? **The burning bush.**
- Why did Pharaoh ignore Moses' message? **He did not know the Lord.**
- Can you name one of the plagues? **Nile turned to blood, Frogs, Gnats like dust, Flies, Death of livestock, Boils, Hailstones, Locusts, Darkness, Angel of Death killed the firstborn.** (This question can be asked multiple times)

### **KIDS PARTY 5: Moses Crosses the Red Sea**

- How many men? **About 600,000.**
- Moses took whose bones? **Joseph's.**
- Why did Pharaoh change his mind about letting the people go? **He lost their free labor.**
- How many chariots? **600 plus all the rest in Egypt.**
- Who was going to fight for the Hebrews? **God.**
- What was Moses supposed to raise to part the waters? **His staff.**
- What did God do that made the Egyptians know He was fighting against them? **Made the chariot wheels wobble and fall off.**
- How many Egyptian soldiers survived? **None.**
- How many Hebrews died? **None.**

## **KIDS PARTY 6: Moses' Problems with Water**

- What was the name of the desert that Israel first moved out from? **Sin.**
- What was the problem the people argued with Moses about? **Water.**
- Moses told God the people were ready to do what terrible thing? **Stone him.**
- What object was Moses supposed to take with him to the rock? **His staff.**
- What was Moses supposed to do with his staff the first time? **Strike the rock.**
- The second time Moses went to the rock, what was he supposed to do? **Speak to it.**
- What did he do? **Hit it a second time.**
- According to Paul, who did the rock represent? **Jesus.**
- Why was it wrong to strike the rock twice? **Jesus will never suffer again; our sins have been dealt with at the cross; we only need to speak to Jesus to receive eternal life.**

## **KIDS PARTY 7: The Ten Commandments**

- God was guiding the people with what visual signals? **Smoke and fire.**
- Name a reason why God led the Israelites the long way.
  - To avoid enemies.**
  - To have time to learn about God and other important lessons.**
  - They were disobedient and disbelieving.**
- What was the name of the mountain where God appeared? **Sinai.**
- If the Israelites obeyed God, they would become His treasured what? **Possession.**
- How were the people to get ready to hear from God? **Wash up!**
- What are some of the things that happened on the mountain when God was ready to speak? **Thunder, lightening, cloud, trumpet blast, everyone trembled, smoke, mountain shook.**
- Name some of the Commandments.
  - No other gods before me.**
  - No false idols.**
  - Respect God's name.**
  - Sabbath day.**
  - Honor parents.**
  - No stealing, murdering, lying, etc.**

## **KIDS PARTY 8: Moses and the Spies**

- How many spies? **Twelve.**
- What were the spies to look for (name one)?
  - People weak or strong;**
  - People few or many;**
  - Land good or bad;**
  - Cities unwalled or fortified;**
  - Soil fertile or poor;**
  - Trees or not;**
  - Bring back fruit.**
- What three fruits did they bring back?
  - Grapes, figs, pomegranates.**
- How many days did they explore? **Forty.**
- Land was flowing with what two things? **Milk and honey.**
- The Israelites looked like what in their enemy's sight? **Grasshoppers.**
- Where did the frightened people want to go? **Back to Egypt.**
- Who were the two good spies? **Joshua and Caleb.**
- Why were Joshua and Caleb unafraid to attack the people? **The Lord was with their side.**

## **KIDS PARTY 9: Moses at the Transfiguration**

- What is a disciple? **A student and follower.**
- Name one of the three things Jesus says to do if you want to come along with Him.
  - Deny yourself.**
  - Pick up your cross.**
  - Follow Him.**
- What happens if you give up your life to follow Jesus? **You will find real life.**
- Jesus will return someday in power and what? **Glory.**
- What does he bring with him? **A reward.**
- How many days later did they go up on the mountain? **Six.**
- Who went? **James, John and Peter.**
- Who appeared? **Moses and Elijah.**
- What did Peter want to do? **Build booths to house Jesus, Moses and Elijah.**
- What did the voice of God tell Peter? **Jesus is God's Son, listen to Jesus.**

## **KIDS PARTY 10: Jesus Does Miracles**

- Whose house has many rooms? **The Father's.**
- Who is going to take us to that house? **Jesus the Son of God.**
- What was the official title of the Roman soldier? **Centurion.**
- Why was he called a centurion? **He commanded 100 soldiers.**
- Why was Jesus amazed at the centurion? **He had great faith.**
- What was being carried out of the town of Nain? **A body.**
- When Jesus raised the dead guy, what did the people say? **“A great prophet has appeared among us!” “God has come to help his people!”**
- Who wanted to know if Jesus was really the Son of God? **John the Baptist.**
- When will Jesus return? **When the house is ready.**
- And so what should be the result in our heart? **Trust in God and trust in Jesus.**

## **KIDS PARTY 11: Jesus Talks About Labels**

- In the same way you judge others, you will be what? **Judged.**
- Who is the final judge? **God.**
- What can bad words and labels do to a person? **Damage.**
- Jesus talked about a speck of what? **Sawdust.**
- You might have what in your eye? **A piece of lumber.**
- What should you do with the lumber? **Take it out.**
- What does Jesus want us to do before we criticize others? **Look at our own hearts and behavior.**

## **KIDS PARTY 12: The Pharisee and the Tax Collector**

- What is a parable? **A story that teaches an important truth.**
- What does righteousness mean? **Right before God.**
- How many men went up to the temple? **Two.**
- What is a Pharisee? **Religious stuffed shirt, hypocrite, religious leader.**
- One man was a Pharisee, what was the other? **Tax collector.**
- Why were tax collectors such slime? **Traitors, thugs, unfairly rich.**
- What did the Pharisee think about himself? **I'm awesome!**
- What did the tax collector think about himself? **I'm a terrible sinner.**
- What did the tax collector ask God to do? **Have mercy.**
- What does it mean to exalt yourself? **Lift yourself up, brag, boast.**
- What does it mean to humble yourself? **Recognize your need before God.**
- What will God do for the person who is humble before God? **Exalt him or her.**

### **KIDS PARTY 13: Nicodemus and Jesus**

- Who came to Jesus at night? **Nicodemus.**
- What is a Rabbi? **Teacher.**
- Nic knew that Jesus was doing what? **Miraculous signs.**
- Jesus told that a person has to be what? **Born again.**
- What does it mean to be born again? **Become a Christian, born into God's family.**
- What did God send His son to do? **Save the world.**
- Why didn't the temple cops arrest Jesus? **No one ever spoke the way he did.**
- Why was Nicodemus in trouble with the Pharisees? **He took Jesus' side.**
- Who was from Arimathea? **Joseph.**
- Who did Joseph fear? **The Pharisees.**
- Why do you think Joseph didn't fear Nicodemus? **Nic had become a Christian.**

### **KIDS PARTY 14: The Great Commission**

- Jesus appeared to his disciples on a mountain. Where was that mountain? **Galilee.**
- What was given to Jesus? **Full command over heaven and earth.**
- What is a disciple? **Someone that honors and follows a teacher.**
- An easy one: Who do Christian disciples follow? **Jesus!**
- In what three names are we to baptize new disciples? **Father, Son, Holy Spirit.**
- What are we to teach them to do? **Do what Jesus commands.**
- What promise did Jesus make? **He'd be with us always.**
- What does the word Christian mean? **Little Christs.**