



See What God Does

Teacher Guide, Lesson 1



LESSON 1

God Protects Me

Exodus 1:22—2:10

LESSON SUPPLIES

- Teaching Picture—Baby Moses
- basket picture
- picture of hen and chicks
- baby dolls and baskets

GENERAL SUPPLIES

- Big Bible box, Chip paper puppet
- worship music and player
- blanket, snack, and cups
- stickers and attendance chart

Spark!

Welcome

Greet each child by name. To create a warm, welcoming atmosphere, play worship music in the background. Help each child place a sticker on the attendance chart (available at DiscipleLand.com/downloads).

Come and See

Lead the children around the room. Point out your decorations (seatbelts, carseats, stop signs, etc.). Show a picture of a mother hen surrounded by baby chicks. Explain that the chicks run to their mother when there is danger. The mother hen protects the chicks.

Play and Learn

Lay a small blanket on the floor. Kneel down in the middle of the blanket and pretend to be a mother hen. The children can pretend to be the chicks. Say, **Mother hen loves her chicks. Mother hen protects her chicks. Come little chicks. Come and be safe.** Tell the children to flap their arms and say, “Cheep, cheep.” Encourage them to come close to you on the blanket. Give everyone a hug and say, **Yeah! We are all safe.**

Snack Time

To create a defined gathering area, place a blanket on the floor. As the children sit down on the blanket, give each one a plastic cup with a small snack inside. Children should remain seated. As they eat, bring out the Chip puppet (with a picture of a basket paper-clipped to his paws).

Look everyone! It’s Chip. Pat Chip on the head. **Can you say “Hi” to everyone, Chip?** (Chip: Woof! Woof!) **Chip has something in his paws. What is it?** (Chip: Woof! Woof!) Remove the basket picture. **It’s a basket!** (Chip: Woof! Woof!) **Our Bible story today is about a baby in a basket. Let’s find the story in our Big Bible.** (Chip: Woof!) Exit Chip.

Explore!

Bible Time

While the children are still seated, bring out the Big Bible and open it on your lap. Begin singing (to the tune of *The B-i-b-l-e*):

The Bible is for me. The Bible is for me.

I stand alone on the Word of God.

The Bible is for me!

As you conclude, have everyone say, "Me!"

In our Bible story today, we find a baby boy named Moses. Hold up a doll up and admire it. **He was a beautiful baby. A bad king did not like the baby boys.** Hold the doll close to you. **"We will hide our baby from the king," said Mother. "We will not be afraid of the bad king."** Hold the doll up to heaven. **"We will pray. God will protect Moses. God will keep our baby safe."** **Mother made a cozy basket.** Show a basket and put the doll in it. **They put baby Moses into the basket and took him down, down to the river.** Put the basket down and hold your hands in a big circle above the basket.

Hold up the Big Bible and show the Teaching Picture of baby Moses. **They hid the baby in the tall grass. Big sister Miriam stayed close to baby Moses. Soon a princess came down to the river. She saw the baby in the basket. She liked baby Moses. Father, Mother, and big sister Miriam thanked God for protecting Moses.**

Sing (to the tune of *The Farmer in the Dell*):

God protects me. I am safe.

I'm so happy, very happy,

God protects me.

Inspire!

Memory Time

Psalm 32:7—God protects me. Clap for each syllable as you say, "God protects me!" Repeat.

Prayer Time

Encourage the children to fold their hands as you lead them in a simple prayer: **Thank You, God, for protecting me. Amen.**

Play Time

Let the children pretend to be babysitters. Provide an assortment of dolls, baskets, and blankets. The children can lay the dolls in the baskets and cover them with blankets. Say, **You are good babysitters. You are protecting your babies. You are keeping the babies safe. Let's rock our babies and sing to them.** The children can rock the dolls in their arms or in the baskets. Sing *God Protects Me* again.



Encourage children with younger siblings to protect their baby brothers and sisters.