

Teaching Plan - Moses, Friend of God

Aim - To show that God wants a close friendship with people, and he will look after us, but we must live his way and do what he tells us.

This is a longer teaching plan than normal so you may want to cover over several sessions.



Welcome - We are here together.



Game

Write the names of people who have made a difference in the world on post it notes - stick on individuals head and by asking questions they have to guess who they are. Everyone has made a difference so lots of scope!!

e.g Mickey Mouse, Elvis Presley, Andy Murray, Superman, Susan Boyle, Florence Nightingale, Jesus, Postman Pat, The Queen, David Beckham, Jamie Oliver, Nicola Sturgeon, (try to ensure that it is people that group members will know - maybe include a current politician)

and /or

God's Way or My way

Write 'God's way' and 'My way' on 2 sheets of card - pin them up at opposite ends of room. Then read out scenarios and people have to choose which sign to go to.

e.g

You help set the table for dinner at home.

You cheat at dominos to win the game.

You give a friend a bar of chocolate.

Your friend has a CD you like so you steal it and take it home to listen to.

You give someone a big hug.
You get really angry and swear.
You spill a drink and then blame someone else for the mess.
You hide the TV remote control.
You smile at everyone you meet.



Moses - this is your life.

When you hold up card saying '**God kept him safe**' - everyone reads it out. The last time need another card saying '**God keeps us safe**'.

1) Moses was an Israelite - when he was born in Egypt the king said that all the baby boys should be killed - Moses Mum said I have to do something to save my boy from being killed - she had an idea - she put him in a basket and it floated down the river - the kings daughter found the basket with Moses in it and took him back to the palace - he was well looked after.

(Moses did not have a good start in life but *Hold up Card God kept him safe*).

2) When Moses was a man he was out walking when he saw an Egyptian hitting one of his own people who were Israelites. It made Moses so mad that he killed the Egyptian. Moses thought that no-one had seen him, but he was wrong - so Moses had to run away from Egypt. He went to live in Midian. Moses got married and worked as a shepherd - then something strange happened while Moses was out on the hills looking after the sheep and goats.

(Moses did a bad thing by killing someone, but God did not give up on him - God had a plan and Moses was part of the plan and *Hold up Card God kept him safe*)

Bible reading: Exodus 3:2- 6 then 10- 12



Drama (God and Moses)

3) Suddenly Moses saw something very strange. A bush was on fire!
Suddenly Moses heard something very strange.

A voice shouted from the bush! 'Moses!'

Moses went over to the bush and said, 'Here I am.'

It was God, talking to Moses. 'Moses, I want you to do a special job,' said God. 'My people are unhappy in Egypt. The Egyptians are cruel to them. I want you to go and tell the king to let them go.'

'Oh no!' said Moses, 'I couldn't do that!'

'Yes, you can,' said God, 'because I will help you.'

Moses thought of another excuse not to do what God had told him - he said to God - "I can't go to the king" because I don't speak well - could you not send someone else?

God said - I'm sending you, but your brother Aaron will go with you to help with the speaking

So Moses and his family set off for Egypt. Moses knew that God had chosen him and would help him. (God had a job for Moses and would help him to do it - and *Hold up Card* God kept him safe)

4) Moses and his brother went to see the king of Egypt - they asked him to let the Israelite people go to a new land so that they would not be slaves any longer. The king said no and made the Israelites work even harder. Bad things happened in Egypt, but the king still said no, no, no - no chance of you leaving here.

But then the king changed his mind and told the Israelites to pack up and go to this new land - Moses led them out of Egypt. (Because Moses had been brave enough to do the job God had asked him to do God's plan was taking shape and *Hold up Card* God kept him safe)

5) Once they were on their way the king changed his mind again - "I want these Israelites back here to work for me", so he sent his army to drag them back.

Then God did something very, very amazing

Moses and the people were on their way to the new place - they travelled slowly as they had to walk - no cars, trains or airplanes then. Just walk and walk. They came to a big sea - called the Red Sea but they thought it was too deep to get across and they could see the Egyptians were catching up on them. The God made a path through the sea and everyone was able to walk through the path. Once all the Israelites had walked through the sea God shut off the path and as the Egyptians tried to go across the sea, they were all drowned.

(God always makes a path for his friend - and *Hold up Card* God kept him safe)

- sing to the tune of *Old McDonald*

God made a path right through the sea,
Thank you, thank you, God!

God made a path right through the sea,
Thank you, thank you, God!

The wind blew here and the wind blew there,
Here a (*Blow.*), there a (*Blow.*), everywhere a (*Blow, blow.*).

God made a path right through the sea,
Thank you, thank you, God!

6) And so the Israelites were free but they still were not in the country that God had promised them - that was a long journey and many years away. The people got very moany traveling in the hot dusty land - they complained to Moses about not having enough food or drinks. God was kind and provided all they needed.

(God always gives us what we need - and *Hold up Card* God kept him safe)

7) Sometimes Moses did not know what to do - the people moaned and complained about everything and there were lots of fights. But God had a plan - he asked Moses to climb up to the top of a big mountain to talk to him. Then God wrote down his 10 rules to live by and told Moses to teach them to the people. God's rules are to help

us.

(God shows us the way he wants us to live because he wants only the best for us - and *Hold up Card* God keeps us safe.

- sing again to the tune of Old McDonald.

We will Listen and Obey,

Yes Lord, yes we will.

We will Listen and Obey,

Yes Lord, yes we will.

With a Yes Lord here and a Yes Lord there

Here a Yes, There a Yes, Everywhere a Yes! Yes!

We will Listen and Obey,

Yes Lord, yes we will.

Leader asks the question - group shouts out the answer

When baby Moses was in danger, did God keep him safe?

Yes!

When God gave Moses a special job, did God keep him safe?

Yes!

When God's people had to leave quickly, did God keep them safe? **Yes!**

When God's people had to cross the sea, did God keep them safe? **Yes!**

For you and me - from when we were babies, then children, then adults, wherever we go and whatever we do - does God keep us safe?

Yes!



Talk

God has jobs for all of us, but sometimes we make excuses. Just like Moses we say:

"**I'm not qualified**" - we're saying we are not good enough - too old, too young. God must have made a mistake - I'm not your man or I'm not your woman". God never makes a mistake.

"**I don't know all the answers**" we want to know God's whole plan - God says just start - and then I'll show you the plan bit by bit - we

just need to trust him to keep us safe.

"I do not think it will work" Again we think God must have made a mistake - this is much too hard and I can see lots of problems - but God sees what can be done if we just get on and do it with his help.

"It is not my thing" - Moses says I canny dae that - speaking to kings is not my thing - God says just do it and I'll give you people to help you when you need them.

"I do not want to do it, send someone else" Moses thought God should send someone else - and that's like us sometimes - someone else can do that so I don't have to.

But God chose you - for a special job - just do it - and God will keep you safe.



Possible Craft -

Craft: On a big sheet of card write **God has big plans for Moses and God has big plans for** Give everyone a strip of orange paper to represent flames - invite people to write their name/draw themselves on the flame and bring it forward to stick on the card to represent the burning bush - stick it on with blu-tack so people can take their flame home at the end. (you might also want to give everyone a cotton wool ball to remind them that God keeps them safe)



Prayer Time

Then someone leads group in an echo prayer.

Thank you that you love me

Thank you God that you have a plan for me

Thank you that you will send people to help me.

Thank you for keeping me safe.

Amen



Possible Songs

2 songs to tune of Old McDonald as above.

- We are here together
- Trust and obey - 1st verse and chorus (explain words)
- The Father himself loves you (Prospects)
- It's an adventure following Jesus.