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LESSON 2 Juniors

LESSON AT A GLANCE

WONDER TRUTH: God Is Powerful

SCRIPTURE: Exodus 6–12

WORD OF WONDER: From Jeremiah 32:17

Prayer of Invitation

God, thank You for being here with us today. We love You and want to hear from You today. Holy Spirit, help us listen to and understand God's big story. Help us remember that You're always powerful. In Jesus' name, Amen.

God's Big Story

I open my Bible and what do I see? (Hold your hands together, then open your palms, as if opening a book.)

God's big story, waiting for me! (Point to yourself.)

Let's start by reading part of God's big story from the book of Exodus in the Bible. That's the second book of the Bible.

Read the God's Big Story Script provided or read Exodus 6:1–7, 13 and 7:1–6 from the Bible. You can also print the Bible Story Picture to give the kids a visual depiction as you tell the story.

GOD'S BIG STORY SCRIPT

Our God's big story today is a great story from the Bible about a man named Moses and how God used some bad things to show His power and set His people free. Encourage the kids to say, "Moses." Let's find out from the Bible what happened.

Our God's big story today is a great story from the Bible about Moses. Encourage the kids to say "Moses."

In the story, every time I wave my finger like this (demonstrate moving finger back and forth in a "no" motion and shaking head no), you can say, "No!"

Pharaoh was the king of Egypt. He was mean to God's people (the Israelites) and kept them trapped. God sent Moses to tell Pharoah, "Let my people go."

But Pharaoh said, (wave finger) "No!" Encourage the kids to wave their fingers and say, "No!"

So, God sent bad things to the Egyptians called "plagues." Hold up each of the plague pictures as you name them.

He made their water yucky so they couldn't drink it or get fish for food. He sent lots and lots of grasshoppers.

He sent lots and lots of frogs. The grasshoppers ate all the food. The frogs made a mess everywhere! He made animals and people get sick and hurt. He even made hail (ice) fall from the sky!

Every time Moses told Pharaoh, "Let my people go," Pharaoh said (wave finger) "No!" Encourage the kids to wave their fingers and say, "No!"

Finally, after ten really bad things happened, Pharaoh said, "OK. Go!" God is more powerful than anything. Nothing can stop God! We can always remember that God is powerful.

Watch God's Big Story

Worship

Connecting the Wonder Truth

Our Wonder Truth today is GOD IS POWERFUL. Where did you see our Wonder Truth happen in the story? Allow kids to answer freely.

God had a rescue plan as soon as the first people sinned. Sin is anything we think, say, or do that isn't what God wants. In today's story, God rescued His people, the Israelites, from slavery in Egypt. Many years later, God sent Jesus to rescue and save us from sin—the greatest rescue of all!

WORD OF WONDER

Nothing is too hard for God.

—from Jeremiah 32:17

Let's practice saying the Word of Wonder together.

Encourage the kids to do the motions and say the verse with you.

- . NOTHING—Cross your arms in front of you, back and forth.
- IS TOO—Hold up two fingers (peace sign). HARD—Hold both arms straight up in front of you. FOR GOD.
- —Point up.
- **FROM JEREMIAH 32:17**—Hold your hands together as if opening a book.

Our Word of Wonder reminds us God is big and powerful enough to do anything, even things that seem hard or impossible! Our story today showed us that God is so powerful. Let's say the verse again while doing some power poses.

Review the verse with the kids several times, then encourage them to say the verse in the following ways:

Flexing muscles

- · Stomping feet
- Jumping as high as they can
- · In the loudest voice they can
- · Superhero pose (arms out front like flying)

Running in place as fast as they can

Prayer Journal questions:

. What is something too hard for you to do? Is anything too hard for God?

Watch the Word of Wonder Video

Watch the God Rescues Word of Wonder Video!

