

Week of July 6th

Bible Point: God is with us, so...trust God!

Bible Story: The Israelites cross the Red Sea. (Exodus 14:1–15:21)

Key Verse: “God answered, ‘I will be with you.’ ” (Exodus 3:12)



Circle up for Family Tribe Time.

Say: *Moses led God’s people through some hard, scary times when they definitely had to trust that God was right there with them, looking out for them. In our lives today, we know that God is with us, so... trust God! Talk about this with your family.*

Ask: *Why do you think God wants you to remember that he’s with you? (Get it going with these ideas: To help me feel brave; so I’m not afraid; to show his power.. and listen to what they may come up with)*

Bring out a Crazy Critter (wind-up toy). Hold up a Crazy Critter so everyone can see it. Wind it up about four times, and let it run around in front of you; then pick it up again.

Say: *This critter wanders around in a crazy way, changing directions and going back and forth. In the Bible, God’s people may have felt the same way— like they didn’t know what to do or where to go. Sometimes we feel like that, too. We aren’t sure what’s happening in our world. We feel small, alone, and confused, like this little critter. But God made this promise in Exodus 3:12: “God answered, ‘I will be with you.’”*

Think of a place or time when you’re really glad that God is with you. Share your own answer, such as “I’m really glad God is with me when I have to get a shot at the doctor” or “I’m glad God is with me when I’m home alone at night.” Your example will get others thinking of their own responses.

In your Family Tribe, you’ll play a game and let everyone share some of the times it’s good to know that **God is with us, so...trust God!** Take your Crazy Critter and have your family make a standing circle. Wind up the Crazy Critter and set it in the middle of the circle. When it stops, the person who the critter’s face is pointing at will complete the sentence “**I’m glad God is with me when...**” Then that person can wind the Crazy Critter four times (saying one word of the Bible Point with each twist of the knob), and then place it down and play again.