

# Interactive Bible Story Bulletin Boards

48 Hands-On Bulletin Boards with Mini-Lessons

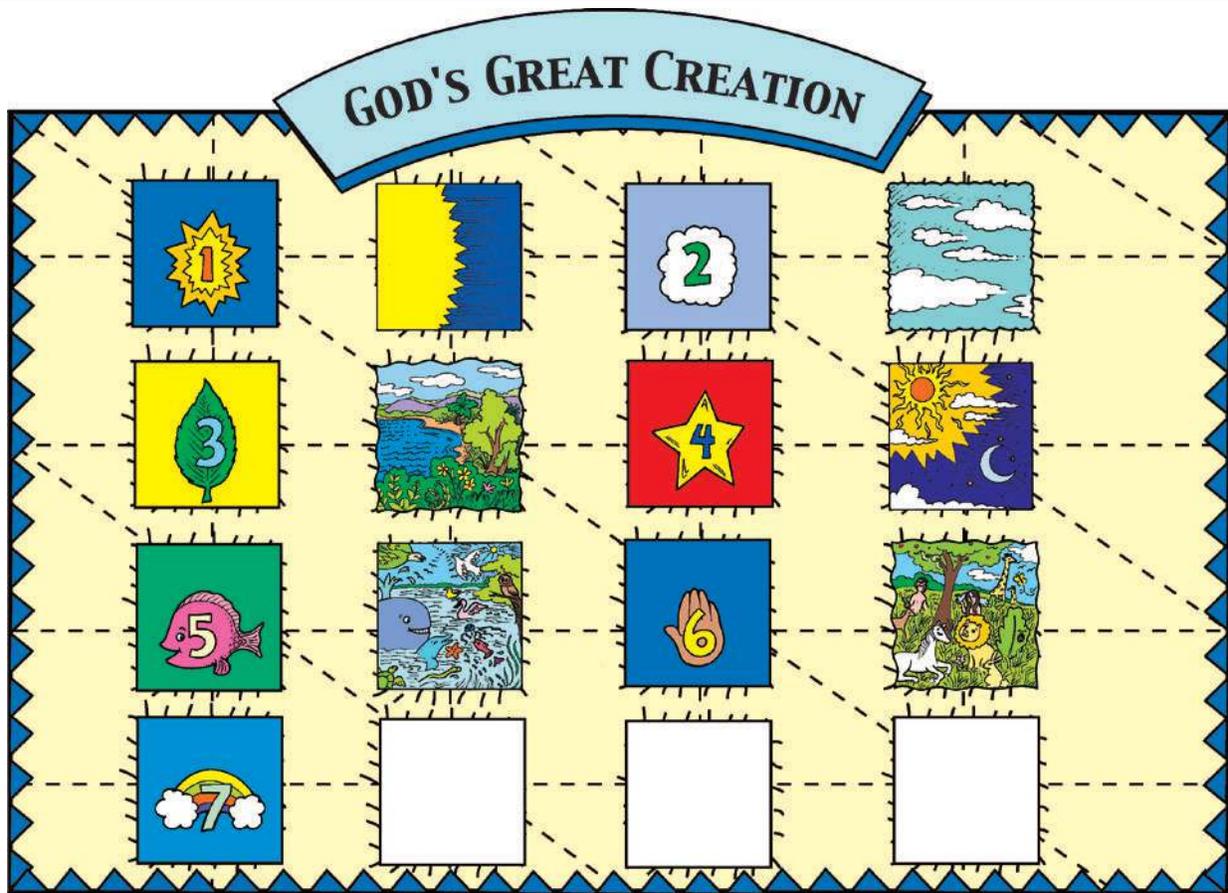
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Each bulletin board idea includes:

- ★ Reproducible patterns
- ★ Easy assembly instructions
- ★ Mini-lesson with Scripture reference
- ★ Key memory verse



### Reference Verses

Genesis 1:1-31

### Key Bible Verse

*How many are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.*  
Psalm 104:24

### Mini-Lesson

God created the heavens, oceans, land, plants, animals, and people. We see and understand God's power through the wonderful things He created. Honor God by caring for the earth He made for us. By respecting our environment, we can show God how much we love and admire His work! What are some things you can do to show your appreciation and love for God's world?

### Materials Needed

Light-colored butcher paper, Creation picture and seven number patterns (p. 53-55), scissors, glue, white paper squares, hook-and-loop fasteners, crayons or markers, black marker, poster board

### Assembly

Cover the bulletin board with light-colored butcher paper. Copy and cut out the six Creation picture patterns and seven number patterns. Glue each number pattern to the center of a white paper square, then write the corresponding Bible verse excerpts (if desired) onto each square (Genesis 1:3, 6, 9, 14, 20, 24 and 26, Genesis 2:2). Attach a hook-and-loop-fastener on the back of each Creation picture pattern and white paper square, then place the matching hook-and-loop fasteners in four rows on the bulletin board. Divide the class into small groups and give each group a verse and matching picture. Let students color the pictures. Create a quilt by having students attach the verses and pictures in the correct order onto the bulletin board. For the seventh verse, provide three blank squares for students to illustrate God's wonderful world. Use black marker to draw "stitch marks." Glue the illustrations beside the verse. Highlight the title by cutting out an arc from poster board and add the text.



### Reference Verses

Genesis 1:26-31, 2:4-25

### Key Bible Verse

*Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." Genesis 1:26*

### Mini-Lesson

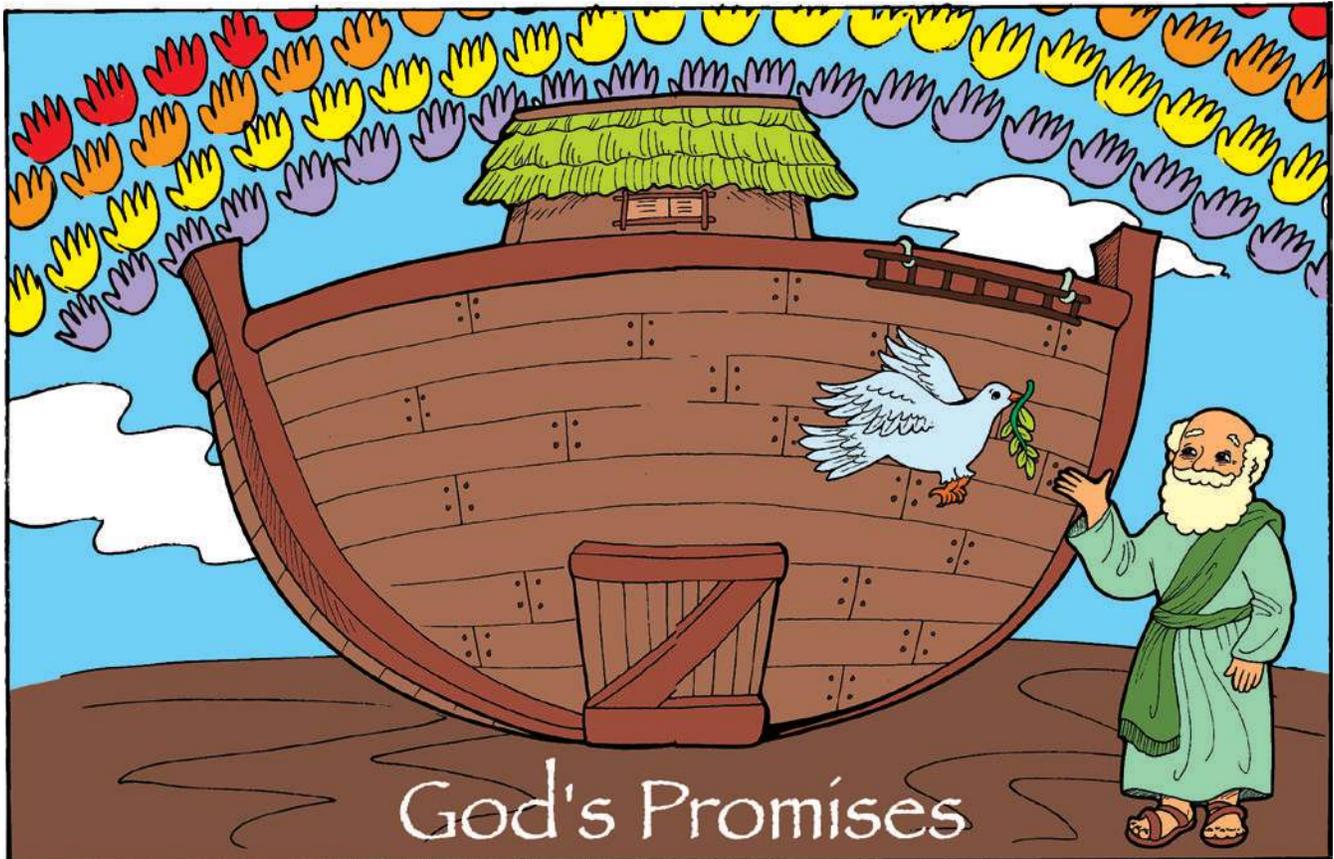
Just like Adam and Eve, God created all of us and made each of us into a unique person. God knows all about you and has special plans for you. God wants us to love Him and follow His teachings. Be proud of the unique talents and gifts that God gave you!

### Materials Needed

Two different colors of bright-colored butcher paper, scissors, black marker, picture frame pattern (p. 56), crayons or markers, sequins, stickers, glitter, glue, red, blue, and yellow construction paper

### Assembly

Cover the bulletin board with bright-colored butcher paper. Cut a shorter piece of another bright-colored butcher paper and post it on top of the other butcher paper. Copy and cut out copies of the picture frame pattern. Inside each frame, write a letter from the title of the bulletin board. Mount the title in the center of the board. Write the remaining words using a black marker. Give each student a copy of the picture frame pattern. Let each students draw a self-portrait in the frame, then label it with her name and with a special phrase about herself. Provide markers, sequins, stickers, glitter, and glue to decorate the frames. Post the frames around the bulletin board. Accent with student-made heart cutouts made from red, blue, and yellow construction paper.

**Reference Verses**

Genesis 6:1-9:7

**Key Bible Verse**

*God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.* Psalm 46:1

**Mini-Lesson**

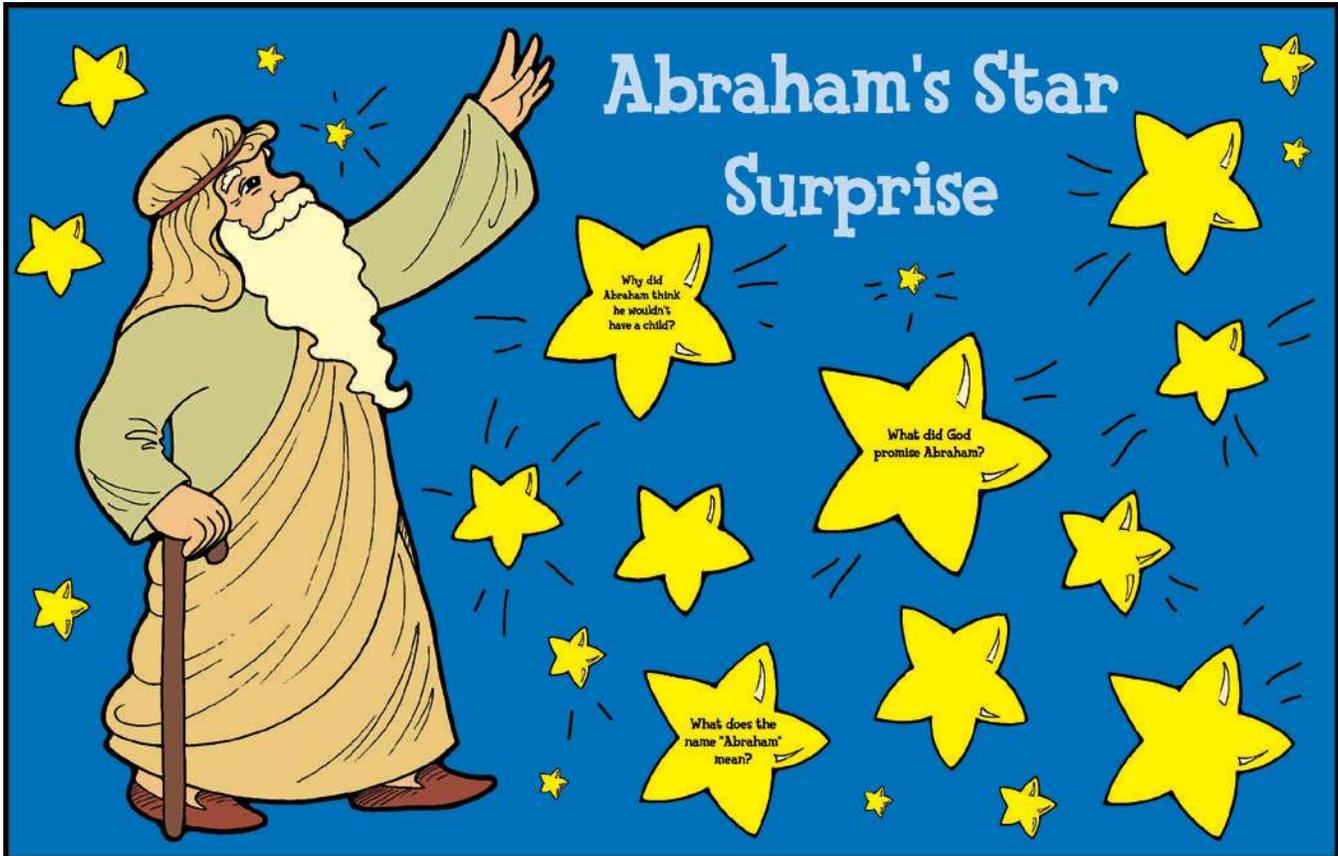
Noah trusted God and followed His instructions—even when those around him thought he was a bit strange. But Noah knew that if he listened to God, he and his family would be safe. Although people may sometimes let you down, you can always trust God. He has promised to care for you and He will. Can you think of a time when God helped you?

**Materials Needed**

Light blue butcher paper, brown butcher paper, white paper, ark section patterns (p. 57-58), Noah and dove with branch patterns (p. 59), crayons or markers, scissors, construction paper

**Assembly**

Cover the top three-fourths of the bulletin board with light blue butcher paper to resemble the sky. Cover the bottom fourth of the board with brown butcher paper to resemble land. Cut out clouds from white paper and post on the bulletin board. Divide the class into small groups and provide each with one of the ark section patterns. Have students color and cut out the ark section patterns. Let them “build” the ark by attaching the ark sections to the bulletin board. Give students markers, and have them trace their hands on construction paper to make several handprint patterns. On each of his handprint patterns, have the student write an example of when God has helped him. Then, have the student write a prayer of thanks on another handprint pattern. Create a rainbow above the completed ark using the handprint patterns, showing the many ways God has helped the class along with the student prayers of thanks (if desired). Accent the display using enlarged and colored copies of Noah and the dove with branch patterns.



### Reference Verses

Genesis 15:1-6, 17:1-8, 15-17, 21:1-7

### Key Bible Verse

*Then you will know that I am the LORD; those who hope in me will not be disappointed.*  
Isaiah 49:23

### Mini-Lesson

Abraham and Sarah wished for a baby, and God promised to help them. God has control over our lives and will help us if we believe and have hope that He will do what is best for us. What good things do you hope God has in store for you?

### Materials Needed

dark blue butcher paper, Abraham pattern (p. 60), crayons or markers, scissors, star patterns (p. 59-60), yellow paper

### Assembly

Cover the bulletin board with dark blue butcher paper to resemble the night sky. Enlarge, color, and cut out the Abraham pattern. Display the

pattern on the board. Copy several star patterns on yellow paper. On each star, write a question about the story of God's promise to Abraham (see Sample Text). For each question, leave a blank star for students to write the answers. Post the questions on the board. Divide the class into small groups and assign each group a question to answer and provide them a blank star to write it. Use the display to talk about how God keeps His promises to us.

### Sample Text

- Why did Abraham think he wouldn't have a child? *He was 100 years old.*
- What does the name "Abraham" mean? *father of many nations*
- What did God promise Abraham? *many relatives*
- What did Abraham ask God for? *a baby*
- What did Sarah and Abraham name their son? *Isaac*



### Reference Verses

Genesis 37-45

### Key Bible Verse

*Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. Colossians 3:13*

### Mini-Lesson

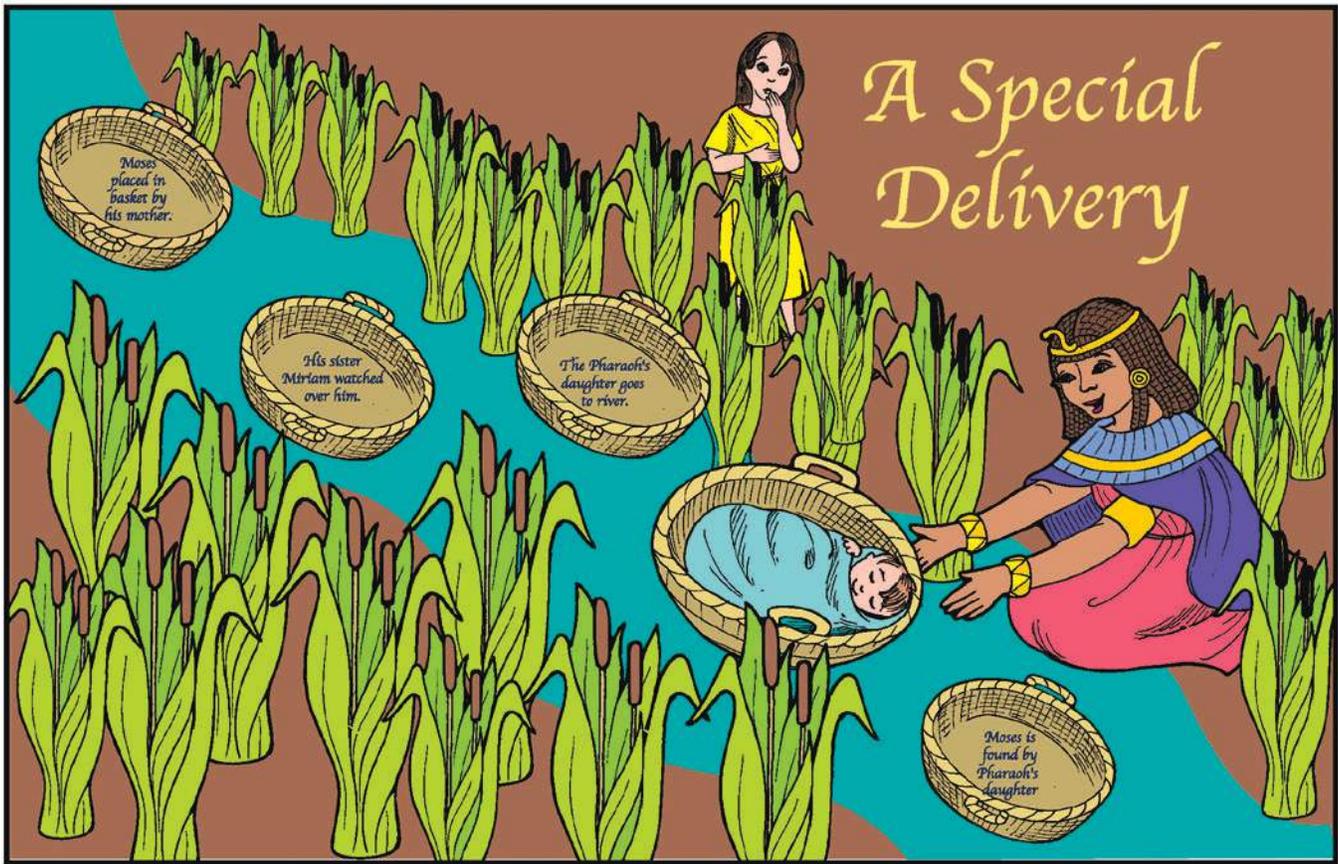
Joseph forgave his brothers, even though they treated him unkindly. Although apologizing can be hard sometimes, it can be even harder to forgive someone who has hurt your feelings. Remember that no matter what you do, God will forgive you if you ask Him. We should forgive others as God forgives us.

### Materials Needed

Red, orange, yellow light green, dark green, light blue, dark blue, and purple butcher paper, Joseph pattern (p. 61), crayons or markers, scissors, coat pattern (p. 62), fabric scraps, shirt pattern (p. 62), glue, paper plates, yarn, stapler

### Assembly

Cover the bulletin board with rounded strips of red, orange, yellow, light green, dark green, light blue, dark blue, and purple butcher paper to resemble a rainbow. Enlarge and cut out the Joseph pattern. Provide crayons or markers and let students decorate Joseph's coat with colorful designs. Post the pattern in the center of the display. Give each child a copy of the coat pattern. Provide fabric scraps for students to decorate their coats. Give each student a copy of the shirt pattern to cut out. Then, have students glue their coat patterns on top of their shirt patterns. Have students fold back the coat (by cutting the center seam) and write about forgiveness on the shirt patterns underneath. Provide paper plates for each student to draw a self-portrait, using yarn for hair. Staple the self-portrait plates above each coat pattern. As you talk about forgiveness, open each coat to reveal each student's thoughts.



### Reference Verses

Exodus 2:1-10

### Key Bible Verse

*Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.* Proverbs 3:5

### Mini-Lesson

God protected Moses, for He had a special plan for him. God had great things in store for Moses, as He does for each of us. Know that you are precious to the Lord. Trust that He will protect you and keep you safe.

### Materials Needed

Brown butcher paper, scissors, blue-green butcher paper, cattail pattern (p. 63), green construction paper, brown construction paper, toilet tissue tubes, stapler, brown chenille craft sticks, Miriam and Pharaoh's daughter patterns (p. 63), crayons or markers, baby Moses pattern (p. 63), basket pattern (p. 64), hook-and-loop fasteners

### Assembly

Cover the bulletin board with brown butcher paper to resemble the ground. Cut a river from blue-green butcher paper and attach it across the display. Make several copies of the cattail patterns on green construction paper. Attach brown construction paper pieces around tubes and staple one at the top of each pattern to make a cattail. Add a brown chenille craft stick to the top. Post the cattails along the river. Enlarge, cut out, and color the Miriam and Pharaoh's daughter patterns. Place Miriam at the top of the river and Pharaoh's daughter at the bottom. Enlarge, cut out, color, and post a copy of the baby Moses pattern near Pharaoh's daughter. Make several copies of the basket pattern. On each pattern, write story details (see Sample Text). Attach a piece of hook-and-loop fastener to the back of each basket and its matching piece on the river. Have students place the patterns in order to tell the story of baby Moses.

### Sample Text

- Moses placed in the basket by his mother.
- His sister Miriam watched over him.
- Pharaoh's daughter goes to the river.
- Moses is found by Pharaoh's daughter.

**Reference Verses**

Exodus 3:1-4:17

**Key Bible Verse**

*I can do everything through him who gives me strength.* Philippians 4:13

**Mini-Lesson**

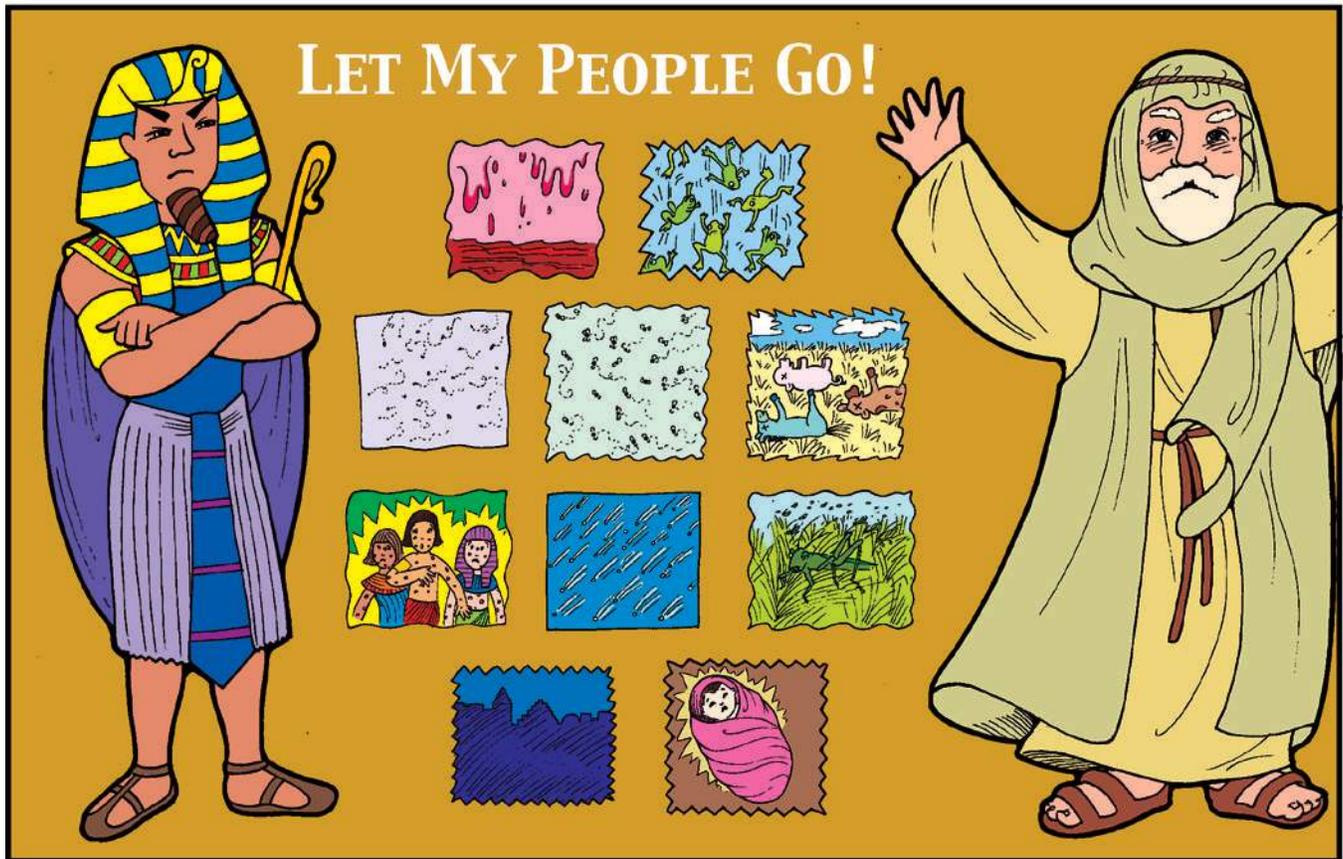
Moses felt discouraged because he didn't think he could do what God asked of him. Sometimes we are called upon to do difficult tasks, but we can do them with God's help. When a tough challenge comes your way, remember that God can give you the strength to accomplish it. Just ask Him.

**Materials Needed**

Blue butcher paper, green butcher paper, Moses pattern (p. 65), crayons or markers, scissors, cloud and burning bush patterns (p. 64), red, orange, and yellow tissue paper, paintbrushes, glue thinned with water

**Assembly**

Cover the top of the bulletin board with blue butcher paper to resemble the sky and use green butcher paper to cover the bottom of the bulletin board to resemble a sloping hill. Enlarge, color, and cut out the Moses pattern. Post the pattern on the display. Copy and cut out the cloud pattern. Inside the cloud, write God said, "I will be with you." Post the cloud on the display. Give each child a copy of the burning bush pattern to cut out. Provide squares of red, orange, and yellow tissue paper. Allow students to use paintbrushes and thinned glue to attach the tissue paper to the burning bush patterns. When the glue has dried on the patterns, have each student write a positive message they can use when something seems too difficult (if desired). Attach the patterns to the board and use them as a reminder for students to never give up on God.

**Reference Verses**

Exodus 6-12

**Key Bible Verse**

*But those who suffer he delivers in their suffering; he speaks to them in their affliction.*  
Job 36:15

**Mini-Lesson**

God used the plagues against Egypt to show His power and might to Pharaoh. Each time Pharaoh refused to listen to God's Word, God's power was shown more and the plagues became more serious. Respect God's power and strength and obey His Word.

**Materials Needed**

Muted-colored butcher paper, Moses pattern (p. 65), Pharaoh pattern (p. 66), crayons or markers, scissors, the plague patterns (p. 66-68), poster board, hook-and-loop fasteners

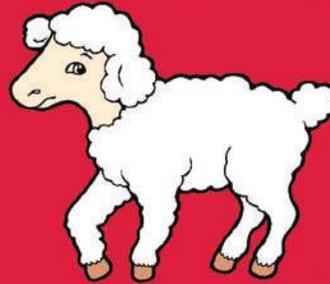
**Assembly**

Cover the bulletin board with muted-colored butcher paper. Enlarge, color, and cut the Moses and Pharaoh patterns. Post Pharaoh on the left side of the board and Moses on the right side of the bulletin board. Enlarge, cut out, and color each of the plague patterns. Mount the patterns on poster board and cut them out. Trace each pattern on the board in sequential order. Attach pieces of hook-and-loop fastener to the back of each pattern and to the traced images on the bulletin board. Have students place the plagues in order, starting at Pharaoh and leading to Moses. Point out that the plagues became more severe as Pharaoh's heart hardened against God. Talk about how the most serious plague finally convinced Pharaoh to let the Israelites leave Egypt with Moses. Pharaoh could no longer deny God's awesome power.

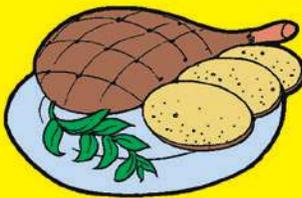
# PASSOVER



The pharaoh would not let the Israelites leave Egypt, even after the plagues had been sent by God. Finally, when the pharaoh's firstborn was struck down, he set Moses' people free.



When the plague of the firstborn struck Egypt, God gave special commands to the Israelites. Each family was to kill a lamb at twilight, then put blood from the lamb on their door frames. God would "passover" these homes and the children would be safe.



In remembrance of Passover, the Israelites were to eat the roasted lamb meat with bitter herbs and bread made without yeast. The feast was to be held each year as a reminder of the Lord's passover.



Moses led 600,000 Israelites out of Egypt. God guided them through the desert and to the Red Sea. The pharaoh's army chased them to the sea, but God parted the waters so the Israelites could cross. The waters closed over the pharaoh's army.

## Reference Verses

Exodus 11-12

## Key Bible Verse

*...he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy.*  
Titus 3:5

## Mini-Lesson

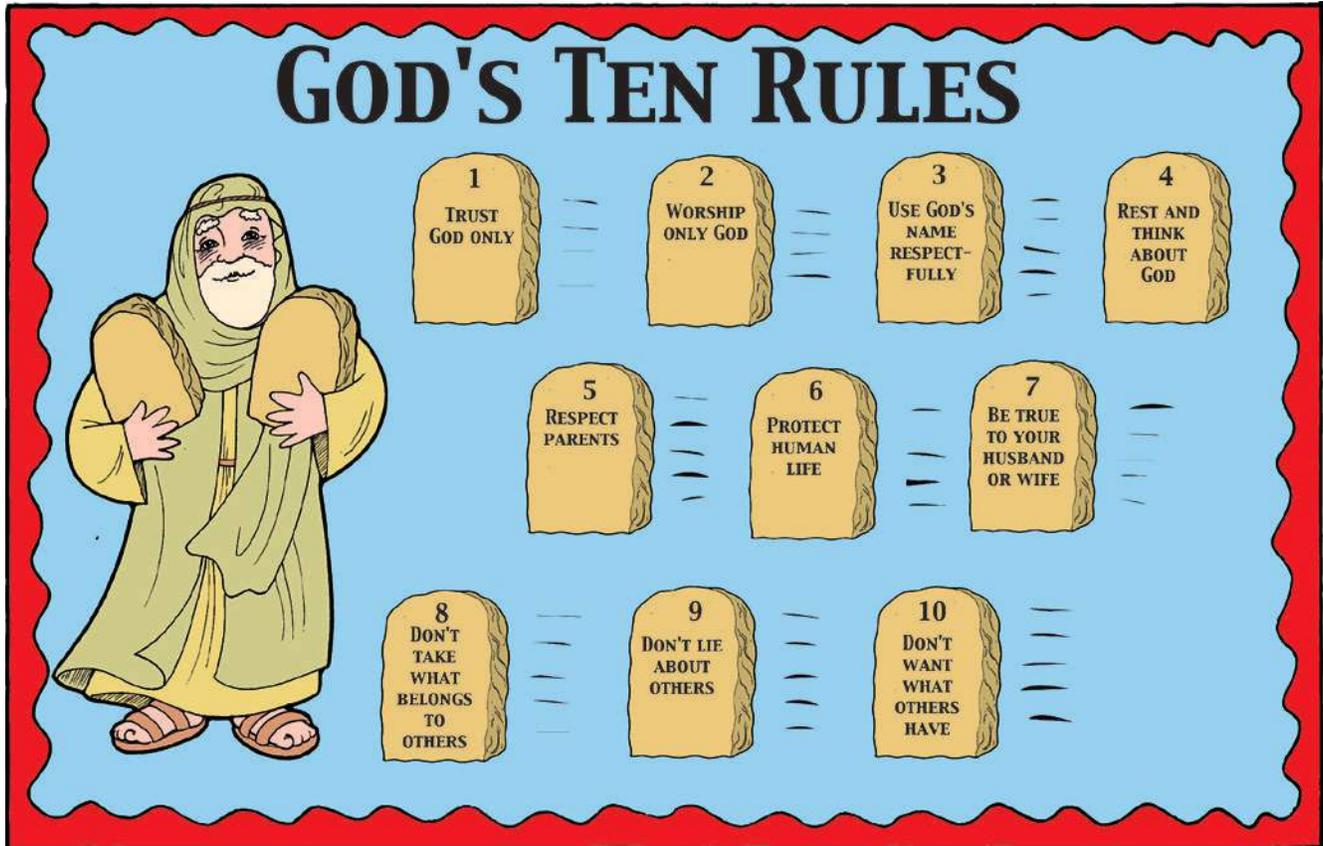
In this story, God shows how if we trust and follow Him, He will protect us. Just as God gave specific instructions to help the Israelites, he can save you too. Trust in the fact that God will help you.

## Materials Needed

Four colors of bright butcher paper, Pharaoh pattern (p. 66), Moses pattern (p. 65), Passover plate and lamb patterns (p. 68), crayons or markers, scissors, glue

## Assembly

Cover each quarter of the bulletin board with a different color of bright butcher paper. Use a marker to divide the display into four distinct colored sections. Enlarge and cut out the Pharaoh, Moses, Passover plate, and lamb patterns. Divide the class into groups and give each a pattern. Have each group color their pattern, glue it to their colored section on the bulletin board, and write about the person or symbol of Passover. Post the pictures and writings to create a visual of the story of Passover.

**Reference Verses**

Exodus 19-20

**Key Bible Verse**

*It is the LORD your God you must follow, and him you must revere. Keep his commands and obey him; serve him and hold fast to him.* Deuteronomy 13:4

**Mini-Lesson**

In Moses' day, God gave us ten important rules to show us how He wants us to live. By following these rules, we show God that He is important to us, and we are grateful to Him for His guidance.

**Materials Needed**

Muted-colored butcher paper, Moses with tablets pattern (p. 70), tablet pattern (p. 69), crayons or markers, scissors, light brown paper

**Assembly**

Cover the bulletin board with muted-colored butcher paper. Enlarge, color, and cut out the Moses with tablets pattern. Post the pattern on the display. Copy ten tablet patterns on light brown

paper. Write the simplified commandment text on each pattern (see Sample Text). Cut out the patterns and post them around the display, leaving space beside each one. Have students brainstorm a way to uphold each commandment. Write the students' suggestions beside the corresponding tablet patterns.

**Sample Text**

1. Trust God only.
2. Worship only God.
3. Use God's name respectfully.
4. Rest and think about God.
5. Respect parents.
6. Protect human life.
7. Be true to your husband or wife.
8. Don't take what belongs to others.
9. Don't lie about others.
10. Don't want what others have.