Baby Moses Large Group Opening

To the Large Group Opening leader: Enjoy your time with kids as you sing, learn, and pray together. Choose a song to get things started, move into the object lesson that introduces kids to the story, and finish up your time with a prayer.

Spark Songs

Use one or more of the following songs from the Spark Song CD during your Large Group Opening. Use them in any order that suits your group's size, format, and time frame.

"Theme Song": Sing the Spark theme song together and teach the kids a new verse for the story: Brothers and sisters share good news, Caring for others is such good news. Invite the kids to make actions to go with the new verse.

"The B-I-B-L-E": Print B-I-B-L-E on pieces of poster board, one letter per piece. Hand out the letter cards randomly to kids in the group. Have kids hold their letter high when it is sung in the song.

"Give Me Oil in My Lamp": Once kids learn the words and music to this song, add percussion instruments and rhythm sounds that connect to the story. Kids can rub flat palms together to make the sound of reeds, gently turn rainsticks for a river sound, or shake a tambourine, an instrument that Moses' sister plays later in the book of Exodus.

Introduce the Story

Supplies: Large dishpan, pitcher of water, small container that can float such as a small plastic basket

Fill the dishpan with water from the pitcher as kids watch. What is the name of the second book in the Bible? (Exodus) Splash your hand in the water. The Bible is full of stories about water. Float the basket on the water. In one of these stories from the book of Exodus, God saved Baby Moses who was floating in the water. God chose Moses for a great purpose and watched over Moses all of his life. God watches over us and protects us from harm, just like God did with Moses.

Talk about these questions:

Why do you think so many Bible stories have water in them? What are some of the other Bible stories you know that have water? How does God watch over you?

Closing Prayer

Gather in a circle around the dishpan of water for a closing prayer, and have kids say splish,

splash, whenever you say the word water.

Dear God,
Thank you for water! (splish, splash)
Cool water (splish, splash) that we drink,
And warm water (splish, splash) that we wash in.
Spraying water (splish, splash) in fountains,
And water (splish, splash) we are baptized in!
Amen.