



# Group Leader Guide

GROW UP! // WEEK 2

NO EXCUSES

## The Verse

1 Timothy 4:12 NIRV

*Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young. Set an example for the believers in what you say and in how you live. ...*

## The Point

No more saying, "I'm just a kid!" It's time to GROW UP!

## Group Activity Directions

### Mature Like Miriam // You'll Need

- Paper die-cut baby (1 per child)
- Basket (1 per child)
- Markers (1 set per group)

### To Do

**Say:** Moses' big sister, Miriam, was asked to watch over baby Moses in the river. She obeyed, and Moses was safe! She must have obeyed lots of small things, every day, to show she was responsible enough to be trusted with such a BIG job!

1. **Give** each kid a paper baby.

**Say:** Let's all think of something small we can do every day to show that we're responsible, too. You're not "just a kid!" You can set an example!

2. **Brainstorm** some things kids can be responsible for every day.

#### Responsible Ideas

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| • Make my bed       | • Pray on my own   |
| • Wash hands        | • Put away laundry |
| • Take care of pets | • Read the Bible   |
| • Pick up toys      | • Do homework      |

3. Kids **write** or **draw** at least one thing they'll be responsible for every day this week.
4. **Give** a basket to each kid.
5. **Place** the baby in the basket as a reminder to be MATURE like Miriam was!

### Bonus

1. Kids **share** what they wrote on their baby.
2. Kids **decorate** their baskets.

## GROUP DISCUSSION IDEAS

*Choose the best questions for your group.*

### Get Everyone Talking

1. Which Konnect Space Station crew member was your favorite this week?
2. If you were Connor, what would you do to show the Konnect crew that you weren't a troublemaker anymore?

### Check For Understanding

1. What does **MATURE** mean? *Living like Jesus every day.*
2. Read 1 Timothy 4:12 out loud. How can a kid set an example for other people who believe in Jesus and follow Him? *By choosing to say words that are pleasing to God and living like Jesus.*
3. Why do you think Miriam's mom trusted her to keep an eye on baby Moses in the Bible story? *Miriam had probably obeyed her mom many times before and proved she was mature enough to watch baby Moses and keep him safe on her own.*
4. Look at the baby in the basket you made during activity time. Why is it important to obey the little thing you wrote on that baby every day? *If I show I obey the little stuff every day, then I can be trusted to do BIG stuff for God, too.*
5. Can kids be trusted to be responsible and do BIG stuff for God? Why or why not? *Yes. If a kid obeys the little stuff, each day, they are ready to do BIG stuff, even though they aren't an adult yet.*

### Apply To This Week

1. Living like Jesus every day shows that your heart is mature for God. What will you do this week when it's getting hard for you to be a good example for others? *Spend some time talking to God and listening to Him, ask Him to make me stronger so I can live like Jesus, read about Jesus in the Bible to see what He did, ask a friend to help me keep being a good example, etc.*
2. What are you going to do this week to show you're mature enough to do BIG stuff for God? *See Ideas list on front for examples.*

**Pray:** God, thank You for giving us Jesus as an example of how to be mature for you. Please help us choose to obey the little stuff, each day, so we can show our hearts are grown up for You. In Jesus' name, amen.