

## WEEK 5 | OLDER ELEMENTARY

**Need to Know:** God Shows Me What to Do

**Bible Story:** Moses Listens to Advice

**Bible Reference:** Exodus 18



### CIRCLE UP

- DO**
- Welcome kids to church and tell them who you are.
  - **Sanitize** kids' hands. Go around the circle and have kids share their name and answer this question: *Before you head out west on the trail, who would you rather show you the ropes: a rodeo star or a traveling ranger?*

**SAY** *It would be great to have advice from a rodeo star or a traveling ranger if we were headed out on the trail. Most of us won't be camping out in the desert any time soon, but we all need God to lead us and show us what to do.*

*That's what we're talking about today. So let me hear you say this after me:*

**God Shows Me** (both hands point up)  
**What to Do** (walk in place)

### READ THE BIBLE

- DO**
- Read and follow the instructions on the **Bible Story Sheet**.

- SAY**
- *Who did God use to show Moses what to do? (Jethro)*
  - *True or False: Jethro told Moses to find barrel racers to help him. (False; Jethro told Moses to find leaders that could help the people solve their problems)*
  - *What did Moses do after he heard Jethro's advice? (Listened to Jethro, found leaders to help him, etc.)*
  - *One way that God shows us what to do is by giving us people to help us who love and follow God. Just like God used Jethro to show Moses what to do, He can use people in our lives to help us know what He wants from us, too!*

# LET'S PRACTICE

## OPTION 1: CATCH THE BANDIT

### DO

1. **Sanitize** kids' hands. Divide kids into two teams. Place the **Way Out West Cards** in the center of the group, logo side up.
2. Alternating teams, have kids take turns their team's **sticky cactus** to turn over a card. If kids turn over a Good Sheriff Card, allow the team to answer the question to earn 1 point. If kids turn over a Footprint Card, the sneaky bandit got away, and they will put the Card back. If kids turn over a Sneaky Bandit Card, the team keeps the Card and earns 2 points.
3. At the end of the game, add up the points to see which team wins!
4. Have kids repeat:  
**God Shows Me** (both hands point up)  
**What to Do** (walk in place)

## OPTION 2: DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. *What are some situations that we need God to show us what to do?*
2. *If you face a tough decision and you're not sure what God wants, what should you do?*
3. *Do you think more than one decision can please and honor God? Why or why not?*
4. Have kids repeat:  
**God Shows Me** (both hands point up)  
**What to Do** (walk in place)

## LET'S PRAY

### SAY

*Hey God! Thank You for always wanting to help us, no matter what is going on in our lives. Thank You for giving us the Bible, prayer, and others to show us what to do. We love You! In Jesus name I pray. Amen.*

## MEMORIZE IT

### SAY & DO

*There's a verse in the Bible that helps us know that God is working things out for our good. Let me teach it to you! Say this after me:*

**"We know that"** (both hands point to head)

**God is always at work** (pound fists)

**for the good** (thumbs to chest)

**of everyone who loves Him.** (cross arms over chest)

**They are the ones** (both hands point out)

**God has chosen for His purpose."** (hands out, palm up)

**Romans 8:28** (make book with hands)

Use the **snake** to play "Hot Potato," allowing kids to say one word of the verse as they pass the snake. The person holding the snake when the group says, "28," is out. Continue playing until there is one child left.