

WEEK 5 | YOUNGER 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. Play a version of "Simon Says" called "Cowboy Says" with the group by reading the **Cowboy Says Sheet**.

SAY *You all did a great job listening and following along with the motions during the game. Just like I showed you what to do while we played "Cowboy Says," God shows us the things He wants us to do, too!*

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 gave Moses advice about what to do: Jethro or the town sheriff? (Jethro)
 - True or False: Jethro helped Moses see that he was trying to do too much on his own. (True)
 - After listening to Jethro's advice, did Moses find some leaders to help him? (Yes) Yes! Moses got other leaders to help him solve the disagreements that people had with each other.
 - 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

DO

1. **Sanitize** kids' hands. Divide kids into two teams, and place the **Way Out West Cards** in the center of the group, logo side up.
2. Alternate teams, allowing each child to take turns using their team's **sticky cactus** to turn over a Card. Then do the following for each type of Card:
 - Good Sheriff - Read the Card aloud and give the team 1 point for answering correctly.
 - Footprint - Sneaky bandit got away! Put Card in discard pile.
 - Sneaky Bandit - Allow the team to keep the Card and give them 2 points.
3. At the end of the game, count each team's points to see which team wins!

SAY

Let me hear you say this after me: (Motions optional for 3rd graders)

God Shows Me (both hands point up)

What to Do (walk in place)

LET'S PRAY

SAY

Hey God! Thank You for loving us and showing us what to do when we read the Bible, pray, and talk to people who love You. We love You! In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

MEMORIZE IT

SAY & DO

There's a verse in the Bible that tells us God is always working things out for our good. Let's practice it together. 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.

Place **coloring utensils** in the middle, and give each child a **Coloring Sheet** to color.