

Dates: October 24–25, 2020 Bible Passage: God Initiates Relationships (Exodus 24) Activity Supplies: Music CD, player, ball

1.9 SMALL GROUP

Children respond to what the Holy Spirit is teaching them as they reflect on the day's portion of The Big God Story, engage in relationship, and create meaningful pieces of art individually or together.

Reflect: God Initiates Relationships

Questions for Kids

- What does the word *initiate* mean?
- Have you ever initiated (started) anything? Tell us about it.
- How did God start a relationship with the Israelites? Genesis 12:1-3; Exodus 2:23-3:7
- How did God want to use the Israelites as a model to other nations?
- How did God initiate a relationship with you?
- Why does God initiate a relationship with people?
- Have you entered into relationship with God? If so, tell us about it.

Engage:

Activity 1: Sharing Stories

SUPPLIES: none

We just shared stories from our own lives about when God initiated relationship with us. These stories are precious and important to share with others. Let's take time to remember and celebrate these stories by acting out some of them!

Invite the child to choose a story to share through a skit. Encourage them to be honest but also to have some fun with it. Give them a few minutes to prepare their skit. Take turns acting out one of the stories.

Activity 2 Memory Verse Hot Potato

SUPPLIES: Music CD, player

Today we will be playing *Hot Potato* to help us memorize our verse. We will gently pass the ball when I start the music on the CD player. Whoever is holding the ball when the music stops, will get a chance to say our memory verse.

Memory Verse:

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:5–6

Bless:

Open a Bible and read Philippians 1:9–11: And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

May you know the peace and joy of real relationship with God.

