



## **BIG IDEA**

God uses creative ways to get people's attention.

## **GOD STORY**

The Plagues (Exodus 7:14–13:16)

## **KEY VERSE**

[God said,] "My grace is all you need. My power is strongest when you are weak." So I am very happy to brag about how weak I am. Then Christ's power can rest on me. (2 Corinthians 12:9, NIRV)

## **1 | Conversation Starter**

### **INSTRUCTIONS**

- a. Explain that you will read a series of questions. After each one, the kids should jump up to show you how they would do that thing. They may all "answer" at the same time. They must sit down and stop speaking when you shout, "Stop!"
- b. Ask: How would you get someone's attention...
  - ...without speaking?
  - ...from a really far away distance?
  - ...while being as quiet and still as possible?
  - ...who cannot see?
  - ...who cannot hear?
  - ...who's trying not to see or hear? (i.e., their eyes are closed and their ears are covered)
  - ...if you were in a different country?
  - ...if you were under water?
  - ...if you were in the dark?
  - ...without moving at all?!
- c. Introduce today's Big Idea: **God uses creative ways to get people's attention.**

## **2 | Watch**

### **SUPPLIES**

- Media player

### **INSTRUCTIONS**

- a. Watch this week's video from the Now Playing Kids playlist on the One Story YouTube channel.

## **3 | Discuss & Pray**

### **INSTRUCTIONS**

- a. Review the video teaching together:
  - Did you learn anything interesting in today's Life Story?
  - What's one thing that stood out to you in today's God Story?
  - Why do you think Pharaoh did not listen to God?
- b. Point out that Pharaoh didn't listen to God because he didn't want to. In fact, even the Israelites didn't always want to listen to God. We're like that sometimes, too! That's one reason why God gets creative. The most creative way to get our attention came in the form of a little baby born beside animals.
- c. Ask: Who was that baby? (Jesus!)
- d. Explain that Jesus is God with us. The very best way to get our attention was God coming to us!
- e. Pray, "Thank you, God, for your amazing creativity! Please help us be aware of when you use it to get our attention. In Jesus' name we pray, amen."



## 4 | Activity

### SUPPLIES

- Creative Ways activity pages
- Frog and bug stickers
- Colouring supplies (e.g., markers, crayons, etc.)
- Pens

### TIP

- The plagues included a river turning into blood; frogs; gnats; locusts; boils (skin condition); livestock sickness; flies; hail; darkness; and death of the firstborn. Ask your kids if they have any questions about these plagues.

### INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Give each child an activity page.
- b. Set out the other supplies to share.
- c. Work together to list the creative ways that God got Pharaoh's attention.
- d. Encourage the kids to draw or write the different plagues under the Moses heading on the activity page. They may also use the stickers.
- e. Discuss: If **God uses creative ways to get people's attention**, how might he try to get our attention? For example, imagine that you're tempted to peek at the answers on someone else's test and suddenly the fire alarm goes off at school. Or picture being at Disney World and meeting a kid who lives in our neighbourhood. Could that be God trying to get your attention?
- f. Guide the kids to draw or write their ideas under the My Story heading.
- g. Encourage them to be aware of times in the week ahead when God may be trying to get their attention!

## 5 | Key Verse

### SUPPLIES

- Key Verse sign
- Key Verse soccer games
- Foam balls
- Colouring supplies (markers, crayons, etc.)

### TIP

- If you did this activity last week, re-use the mini soccer games and balls.

### INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Review the Key Verse together.
- b. Give each child a soccer game and a ball.
- c. Encourage them to decorate their soccer games and colour their balls to look like soccer balls.
- d. Demonstrate how to play this mini version of soccer.
- e. Pair up family members to take turns trying to score on their partner's game. To get a point, they must also say the Key Verse.