Day 1 Preschool Bible Story

The Exodus

Introduction for the Station Leader:

Good morning! I wanted to start out by telling you the overall themes for the day. The main theme for the day is God guides us. This is shown through the Bible Story in Exodus. In Exodus, the Israelites are being led out of Egypt by Moses and God. God guides them by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. God sent His Son, Jesus, to guide us and Jesus guides us through His word. God continues to guide us today.

Back in history, as settlers were traveling out west in the hopes of a better life, the settlers were not going into the prairies and deserts blind. They were led by a guidebook or a guide, who was an experienced man who had traveled the route many times. This is the connection from the West to the overall theme.

Activity:

* Reading from the Picture Bible
* Coloring Page

Supplies:

* Picture Bible
* Coloring Page
* Crayons

Bible Story from the Bible:

Note: This is the full story from the Bible for you to read so you understand the whole story.

Exodus 12:31-32, 13:17-18, 20-22

During the night Pharaoh summoned Moses and Aaron and said, “Up! Leave my people, you and the Israelites! Go, worship the LORD as you have requested. Take your flocks and herds, as you have said, and go. And also bless me.”

When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them on the road through the Philistine country, though that was shorter. For God said, “If they face war, they might change their minds and return to Egypt.” So God led the people around by the desert road toward the Red Sea. The Israelites went up out of Egypt armed for battle.

After leaving Succoth they camped at Etham on the edge of the desert. By day the LORD went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so that they could travel by day or night. Neither the pillar of cloud by day nor pillar of fire by night left its place in front of the people.

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Instructions for when the group arrives:

1. Welcome the group to the first of VBS and introduce yourself
2. Ask them what the theme is for the day (God guides us)
   1. They might not know or remember the theme yet so if they don’t get it, please remind them
3. Introduce the story they will be learning about and ask if any of them have heard it
4. Read the Story from the Picture Bible (Page 121)
5. After reading, say how God sent His Son to guide us and ask who His Son is
   1. Jesus
6. Say that Jesus guides us through his Word.
   1. You can elaborate on these subjects
7. Hand out the coloring page and let them color
8. They can take their coloring page with them when they leave

Clean up:

* At the end of the day please:
  + Return extra activity pages to VBS director