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### Help me learn my memory verse...

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### Ask me...

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2. Does the Bible have any mistakes in it?
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*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart...In all your ways obey him.  
Then he will make your paths smooth and straight." --Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIRV)*

### Ask me...

1. Tell me some of the things that you remember that happened to Moses.
2. If you were an Israelite crossing in the middle of the Red Sea on dry ground, how would you feel? Why?
3. Do you believe that God wants to protect and provide for you too? Why or why not?

### Live Your Faith...

*Go on a nature walk together and make a point to notice and name all the things that God created. Remind your child just how amazing and wonderful God is that He made so many beautiful things for us to enjoy. He also made each one of us. Remind your child of how much God loves us and wants to protect us and provide for us. Say a prayer together and thank God especially for all the times He has taken care of you.*

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*"In everything give thanks...." --1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NKJV)*

### Ask me...

1. What did God do for the Israelites in today's lesson?
2. How did the people react to what God had given them?
3. What do you think a "thankful heart" looks like? How would you know if someone had one?

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### Help me learn my memory verse...

*"Your word is like a lamp that shows me the way." --Psalms 119:105 (NIRV)*

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2. Why are the commandments important for us?
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*"My help comes from the Lord...." --Psalm 121:2 (NIRV)*

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1. What were the spies looking for in today's lesson? What did they find?
2. What happened to the people because of they didn't trust God?
3. Do you trust God with all of your problems or fears? Why or why not?

### Live Your Faith...

*Crawl under your kitchen or dining room table together and talk about things that you are afraid of. Share with your child that some people are afraid of thunderstorms and they hide under the table or under a blanket until the lightning and thunder finally stops. Remind your child that our help comes from the Lord, and that we can go to Him anytime of the day or of the night for strength and help. He wants to hear from us when we are afraid. Pray together and ask God to help you to remember to trust Him with all of your fears and challenges.*

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### Help me learn my memory verse...

*"Blessed is the man who always has respect for the Lord." --Proverbs 28:14 (NIRV)*

### Ask me...

1. Why were the Israelites complaining and what did Moses do about it?
2. Did Moses follow God's commands? How do you think God felt about Moses' choice?
3. Why do you think God wants us to follow His commandments, no matter what?

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*"The Lord will guide you always." --Isaiah 58:11*

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2. Why didn't Balaam listen?
3. Do you think it's important to let God guide us each day? Why or why not?

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*"...the hand of the Lord...is mighty." --Joshua 4:24 (NIRV)*

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