



FAMILY GUIDE: MARCH 29, 2020

Activities for Early Childhood and Elementary Families

BIBLE STORY: Pillars of Clouds and Fire • Exodus 13:21-22

BOTTOM LINE: God's Got It!

MEMORY VERSE: "God is with you wherever you go."
Joshua 1:9, NLT

MEMORY VERSE MOTIONS:

- GOD** (point both hands straight up)
- IS WITH YOU** (point out to a friend)
- WHEREVER** (spin in a circle)
- YOU GO** (march in place)
- JOSHUA 1:9** (hold hands open like a book)

FAMILY ACTIVITY--FOLLOW THE LEADER:

WHAT YOU NEED: A fluffy pillow and a flashlight (or something red to represent fire)

WHAT YOU DO:

- Play a game of follow the leader around the house, but play with a twist:
 - Use a pillow to represent the pillar of cloud
 - And use a flash light to represent the pillar of fire
 - The leader will hold the pillow and the flash light.
 - When the leader holds up the flash light, everyone must crouch down or crawl like it's dark and you are being careful where to go.
 - When the leader holds up the pillow, walk straight up and be goofy, like it's day time.
- Walk, skip, hop, tip-toe, and do other fun action movements around the house.
- Move your arms in funny ways. Zig-zag from side to side. Act like different animals.
- Do whatever you can to make following you as much fun as it can be! Allow the children to take turns being the leader as well.

WHAT YOU SAY:

- That was so much fun! You guys did a great job following and a great job leading, too!
- Today in our story we learned that God led Moses where to go.
- God used fire at night to show Moses the right way to go. What did God use in the day time? (Pause.) Yes! God used a cloud.
- God formed a pillar of clouds in the day and a pillar of fire at night to show them the right way to go. God's got the power to show you and me the right way to go! Who's got it?
God's got it! Say it with me one more time and wave your fire and cloud pillar.
Who's got it? **God's got it!"**



FAMILY PRAYER ACTIVITY

WHAT YOU NEED: a notebook or piece of paper

WHAT YOU DO AND SAY:

•“Today’s Bible story taught us that God has the power to do whatever it takes to show us the right way. How did He show Moses the right way? (Pause.) He sure did! God used fire and clouds! How cool is that? God was like: ‘Don’t worry about which way to go. I got this!’ I love it because that means when we need to know the right way, **God’s got it!**

Who’s got it?” **“God’s got it!”**

•Now it’s time to pray, but first I want us to make a list in our prayer journal of times God has already showed us the right way, like when God showed me to always tell the truth or when God showed me to share. What about you? When has God showed you the right way?

•Write down everyone’s names and what they say in your journal. Remember to print the words so they can recognize their names and letters.

•Children may need help. Here are some ideas: God showed me to: be kind, be a good friend, help others, obey my parents, be thankful, trust Him, talk to Him, etc.

•“God definitely has the power to show us the right way. Let’s use our list now to pray. Would anyone like to say your own prayer to God before I pray for us?”

•Give each person that wants to pray the opportunity to do so and then close with a prayer that includes the list the family made.

•“Dear God, You are so good to show us the right way. And You’re so powerful that You can always show us the right way. Please help us to talk to You when we need to know the right way and then help us to do what You say. We know Your way is always best. We love You, God! In Jesus’ name, amen.”