

Small Group Guide: Olders (Sept. 24 & 28)

Pre-Activity: Categories Sheet and/or Sword Wars!

Unit One:	God Provides Blessings "Promises"
The Point & Callback:	LT says: God Students say: Blesses Us!
Memory Verse:	"May the Lord bless you and protect you. May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you his favor and give you his peace." Numbers 6:24-26
SOAP: Scripture	SGG reads 2:23-25 & 3:1-15 & 4:10-17 to the students.
Observation Questions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What do you wish you were better at? Pray for God to work through you even though you have weaknesses. Moses had weaknesses and God still worked through him. 2. Sometimes God asks people to do miraculous things. Do you think He still asks that of people today? How would you react if someone told you that this was God at "work", what would you think? (Put yourself in the people of Israel's place and Moses was telling you this. 3. Think of a time when it was hard to believe or hard to change your mind about something. What finally convinced you? 4. Talk about the way God protects us today. Genesis 3:14 says "God replied to Moses "I AM WHO I AM. Say this to the people of Israel: I Am has sent me to you." <p>God promises to always be with us, and to help us, too.</p> <p>Tell the students: Sometimes we feel shy or incapable, just like Moses. We may not feel like we know what to say, or maybe that we are too young or unimportant. Or maybe afraid! BUT the important thing today to know and remember is that - It is only necessary that we have a bit of faith!</p>
Application	Fear Explosion –

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SGG blows up balloon (or ask LT to do for you 😊) 2. Use a sharpie to write down any fears that the students want to ask God to help take away. Or if you feel that the students can do this themselves without popping it – go ahead and have them, write their fear on the balloon. 3. Say a prayer - <p>God, you are bigger than any of our fears. You “heard” Moses’ fear and instead of demanding obedience you simply kept reminding Moses that you are greater than all of Moses’ excuses and fears. This goes for us today, too! Thank you for your freedom from fear, helping us to receive it and live in it. Amen</p> 4. Take a pen and pop the balloon. Our fears are gone. <p>Tell the students that God will take our fears away. This is what we call living in God’s freedom when we receive it and live in it. It may be something we need to practice or a memory verse that reminds us to not fear but with the Holy Spirit’s guidance we can do it!</p>
Activity	Unbound <p>We are going to get ourselves tied up in knots. Make a circle. SGG reaches across the circle with your right hand and takes the hand of anyone who is not standing next to you. Now reach across with your left hand and take the hand of someone</p>

	<p>else that is not standing next to you. You should now be all tangled up in a human knot. Continue until everyone is holding someone else's hand.</p> <p>Your challenge is to untangle your group without letting go of hands.</p>
Prayer	<p>Almighty God, you have given us a story today telling us that God wants us to live in His freedom. Holy Spirit show us each how to do this. Fill us with your word that reminds us that you are always with us to guide us and bring us peace. Amen</p>