

**MAIN POINT:**

Prickly Problems: God Guides Us

**MEMORY VERSE:**

*"We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him." Romans 8:28*

**BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:**

When Moses became a man, he did something terrible. He saw one of the Egyptians mistreating one of the Israelites, and it made him so mad that he killed the Egyptian. That made Pharaoh mad, so Moses ran away to a place called Midian. A long time passed and the Pharaoh who had wanted to kill Moses died. A new king of Egypt was appointed, and this king kept the Israelites as his slaves. The Israelites cried out to God to be rescued, and God had a plan. God told Moses to go back to Egypt. God was going to use Moses to free His people. Moses thought this task was way too big and way too scary. He didn't want to go but eventually, Moses took his family and he headed to Egypt to do exactly what God told him to do. What he did there by listening to God, changed everything.

**WATCH IT**

Find the lesson video on our website: <https://cschurch.ca/childrens-online>

**DO IT → PIN PRICK CACTUS**

**Supplies:**

- Cactus template (1 per child)
- Black cardstock (1 per child)
- Half page of craft foam (1 per child)
- Large safety pin (1 per child)
- Scotch tape
- White crayon
- Crayons

**Activity Instructions:**

- Tape the cactus template to the black cardstock by folding a piece of tape over the top so it's on the front of the template and back of the cardstock.
- Place the half sheet of craft foam under the cardstock.

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- Using the safety pin, have your child poke holes following the lines of the picture, a few millimeters apart. The most important places to poke are where lines intersect, at the end of lines, and in corners. Space the other holes between these. Move the foam sheet as necessary so that you always have it under the spot where you're poking the holes.



- Carefully remove the template when they're finished.
- Help children write "God guides us" in white crayon on their picture.
- They can colour the cactus with the crayons now that the outline is punched.
- If they hold it up to the light they can see the light shining through.



### TALK ABOUT IT:

Do this section with your child while they're putting together their craft.

1. **What prickly problems have you faced in life?** (A problem with a friend, bully at school, parents won't allow you to do something you really wanted to do.)
2. **Sometimes our prickly problems can come about because we are like Moses, and don't want to do something we're supposed to. That "prick" or uncomfortable feeling we experience, is because we're disobeying God and that is a sin. When that happens, God is reminding us about our sin, and He shows us a better path to take. Share a time when you felt that "prick" from disobeying, and how you chose to make it right.** (Parent told you to do something, and after you felt the "prick" you chose to do it right away. You saw someone being mistreated by another kid at recess, but you didn't say anything. You felt the "prick" and later went over to make sure they were okay. You decided to hang out with them at the next recess so that no one else would bother them.)
3. **God guides us to do the right thing, but also to be part of His story. He wants to use you in incredible ways to bless others. Share a time when God guided you to do something and it made a difference for someone else.** (God gave you an idea to host a car wash to raise money for the offering project and then you saw the difference your money made to the lives of kids in need. You stayed late to help the teacher clean up his classroom, and he told you that your willingness brightened his day.)

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**FAMILY PRAYER:**

**Dear God, thank You that You are always there for us, in the good times, and also when life feels prickly. We know we can count on You. Please help us remember to turn to You for help. In Jesus' name, amen.**

**OFFERING:**

Our offering for the months of July to September is going to a partner church in SE Asia to help farmers with micro-farming of chickens and frogs.

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