

God can do anything.

## **GOD PROTECTED MOSES**



## **LEADER BIBLE STUDY**

## GOD WWW

LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

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#### SCRIPTURE REFERENCE

Exodus 1:22–2:10; Numbers 26:59

#### **UNIT VERSE**

God, You are great, and no one is like You. 2 Samuel 7:22

#### **WEEKLY VERSE**

God can do all things. Job 42:2

#### SUGGESTED FOR THE WEEK OF

September 7

#### CONTEXT AND COMMENTARY FOR PERSONAL STUDY AND PREPARATION

(For age-appropriate language, use the Bible story on the following pages )

Exodus opens with an ominous verse that immediately provokes dread in any reader who knows what is coming next. "A new king, who did not know about Joseph, came to power in Egypt" (Exodus 1:8). Joseph's family had come to Egypt by invitation and under the protection of a previous pharaoh. Pharaoh gave them lush, fertile land in which to raise their livestock (Genesis 47). Jacob's sons and their families initially ourished in Egypt. But this was not the land God had promised to Abraham's descendants (Genesis 12). They were never meant to stay there forever.

Forever is what it must have felt like when the Israelites still lived in Egypt over 400 years later. Because God had blessed them and multiplied them so abundantly, over time their presence in the land became a threat to the new king. Though they were once guests, the Israelites became slaves and were treated inhumanely (Exodus 1:9-14).

With ever-increasing cruelty, Pharaoh commanded that all Hebrew baby boys must be drowned in the Nile. In an act of courage, one Israelite mother, Jochebed, put her baby in the hands of God by placing him in a papyrus basket and setting him among the reeds by the river. By God's providence, Pharaoh's daughter discovered the baby and felt sorry for him.

The baby's sister was nearby watching the events unfold. Her combination of quick wit and supernatural boldness allowed her to approach Pharaoh's daughter with what she posed as an innocent suggestion. Her daring plan allowed her baby brother not only to live but also to live at home with his mother. How Jochebed's mourning must have turned to dancing when she realized what the Lord had done for her!

God heard the cries of His people. God remembered the promise He made to bring them into the land that He would give them. At just the right time, God raised up the person He chose to lead the Israelites to freedom. No act of Pharaoh, no act of man, and no act of the darkest spiritual forces could stop God.

What are you trusting God for today? As you pray this week, ask God to remind you that He is sovereign over all things. Ask Him for the faith to believe that He is in control and can do anything.



## GROUP TIME

- Move to music. Play "Stand Up and Clap." Lead the preschoolers to clap along. Move and sing together.
- Tell the Bible story. Display a basket. Ask the preschoolers to name items they might place in a basket. Mention that in today's Bible story, something very important was placed in a basket. Open the Bible to Exodus 1. Display the teaching picture as you tell the story.



#### **CHOOSE YOUR TIME**

Decide when to have group time; then select learning activities to use before and/or after group time.

- » Pack Items:
  - 14: "W eekly Verses"
  - 15: "Unit 1 Door Poster"
  - 16: "Unit 1 V erse Poster"
  - 17: "Unit 1 Life Point Poster"
  - 18: "Unit 1 Life Point Add-ons"
  - 19: "R eview Questions"
- » Teaching Picture 1
- » Music
- » Videos
- » Bible, basket, tape, string, scissors, hole punch
- » Display the Unit 1 Door Poster near the room entrance. Place the verse marker in the Bible at Job 42:2. Display the Unit 1 Life Point Poster and Unit 1 Verse Poster on a wall. Prepare the Unit 1 Life Point Add-on (Session 1) as directed and attach to the Life Point Poster. Cut apart the review questions.

#### **GOD PROTECTED MOSES**

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Jochebed placed her baby in the basket. She took the basket and set it in the tall grass near the edge of the Nile River. The baby's sister, Miriam, stayed near the river to watch her baby brother.

Pharaoh's daughter went to take a bath in the river. She saw the basket in the tall grass. She sent one of her helpers to get the basket. She opened the basket and saw the baby boy. He was crying. She felt sorry for him.

Miriam came out of the tall grass. "Do you want me to get someone to take care of the baby?" she asked Pharaoh's daughter. "I can get a woman to feed and care for the baby." "Yes," Pharaoh's daughter said. Miriam hurried to get her mother, Jochebed.

"Take this baby and care for him," Pharaoh's daughter said. When the child grew older, Jochebed took the baby to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. She named him Moses.

- Review the Bible story. Invite a child to choose a review question card. Ask the question on the card. Assist in answering the question as needed. Continue until all cards are used. Say that God sent people like Miriam, Jochebed, and Pharaoh's daughter to care for Moses and help him grow and learn. God had a plan for Moses.
- Learn the Life Point and Bible verse. Point to the Session 1 add-on. Say the Life Point together. Open the Bible to the verse marker. Read Job 42:2. Lead the children to repeat the verse. Guide them to spread their arms wide when they say the Life Point and verse.
- Wrap it up and pray. Show the "God Protected Moses" video. Pray, thanking God that He can do anything.



# BIBLE-LEARNING ACTIVITIES

- » Kids Activity Page
- » Printables:
  "Baby Moses"
- » Crayons, paper plates, scissors, craft sticks, tape

» Plastic bin, water, towel, plastic scoops, spoons, colander, funnels, plastic pipettes

» Various baby items (diaper, bib, onesie, bottle, blanket, pacifie, etc.)

#### **ROCK BABY MOSES**

Print and cut apart the Baby Moses printable, one cutout per child Cut slits in the center of paper plates, one plate per child

- Assist the preschoolers in completing their activity pages. Point to the Bible story picture on the back of the page. Review the Bible story, reminding the kids that God can do anything, like protecting Moses when he was a baby.
- Distribute a paper plate, craft stick, crayons, and baby Moses cutout to each child. Lead the preschoolers to color their paper plates with green and brown crayons to represent the tall grass near the river. Suggest they add a river on their plates along the edges. Instruct them to color baby Moses. Assist each child in attaching a cutout to a craft stick with tape.
- Demonstrate how to insert a craft stick in the slit in the paper plate and move it back and forth to represent Moses in the tall grass near the river.
- Say that God can do all things. Remind the preschoolers that just like God protected Moses, He can protect us and takes care of us too. (Art)

#### **EXPERIMENT WITH WATER**

Fill a plastic bin with water Place a towel under the bin

- Brie y review the Bible story. Remind the kids that God protected Moses and He can do anything.
- Mention that Moses was placed in a basket that was put by the river. Say
  that the outside of the basket was covered with sticky tar. The tar kept the
  water out of the basket so baby Moses would stay dry and safe.
- Lead the preschoolers to explore how to use the diff rent items in water play. Encourage them to II and dump cups of water through the funnel or colander. Demonstrate how to draw water into a pipette and then release the water into the bin. (Nature)

#### FIND THE MISSING ITEM

Arrange baby items on a table or the floo

- Invite the preschoolers to gather around the baby items. Hold up each item and let the kids identify the objects. Mention these items are all things a baby might need or use.
- Comment that Moses was a baby when he was placed in a basket near the river. Mention that God protected Moses. Say the Life Point together: "God can do anything."
- Guide the boys and girls to take a good look at the baby items. Instruct them to close their eyes. Remove one item. Encourage the preschoolers to open their eyes and guess which object is missing. Continue playing as time allows. Consider removing multiple items at a time after you play several rounds. (Games)



# BIBLE-LEARNING ACTIVITIES

#### TAKE CARE OF BABIES

Place the verse marker in the Bible

- Assist a child in opening the Bible to the marker. Read Job 42:2 aloud. Mention that God can do all things. Comment that it does not matter if you are old or young—God has plans for each of us, and He can do anything.
- Encourage the preschoolers to engage in pretend play with baby dolls. Invite them to take care of the babies by feeding them, rocking them, singing songs to them, and so on.
- Remind the boys and girls that God showed He can do all things when He protected baby Moses. (Dramatic Play)

- » Pack Item:
  - 14: "W eekly Verses"
- » Bible, baby dolls, baby doll accessories

#### **BUILD WITH BLOCKS**

- Say the Life Point together: "God can do anything." Review the Bible story, reminding the preschoolers that God had a special plan for Moses.
- Display the teaching picture. Let the children take turns telling about what is happening in the picture.
- Spread blocks out for the preschoolers to use to build their own baskets. Assist in building these in diff rent ways. Guide the boys and girls to place small people gures or baby dolls in the baskets to represent Moses if available.
- Mention that God had a plan for Moses to help God's people. Many years later, God would send His Son, Jesus, to help people too. (Blocks)

- » Teaching Picture 1
- » Various blocks (wooden, interlocking, cardboard); small people figures or smal baby dolls (optional)

#### **MATCH THE LETTERS**

Cut apart the Moses Letter Puzzle letters and word cards Spread the letters and word cards on a table

- Display the missions pictures. Brie y tell about the Taylor family and their work in Columbus, Ohio. The Taylors can tell the people they meet that God can do anything.
- Mention that God had a plan for Moses. Let the preschoolers take turns talking about what they remember from the Bible story.
- Lead the boys and girls to use the Moses word cards as guides to nd the letters needed. Assist the kids in placing the letters in order to spell the name Moses. (Puzzles)

- » Pack Item:
  - 20: "Moses Letter Puzzle"
- » Printables: "Unit 1 Missions"
- » Scissors

#### **COLOR AND SING**

- Encourage the preschoolers to complete their coloring pages. Play "God, You Are Great" and invite the kids to sing as they color.
- Assist those who are interested to tear or cut the tissue paper and glue it to their coloring pages.
- Say the Life Point together: "God can do anything."

#### » Printables:

- "God Protected Moses" Coloring Page
- » Music
- » Crayons, green tissue paper, glue sticks

**CLEAN UP** » Music

• Play "Shine on Me" while the preschoolers clean up their activities. Thank them for working together.

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## **GOD PROTECTED MOSES**



## TRANSITION/GROUP TIME

#### SNACK

Include the kids in the distribution of the snack. Ask for one or more volunteers to pray. Lead the boys and girls to clean up after the snack. Thank them for their helping.

#### MOVE TO GROUP TIME

Lead the preschoolers to pretend to tiptoe as they move to the group-time area. Mention that in today's Bible story, a baby in a basket was placed beside a river to keep him safe.

#### INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

**GOD PROTECTED MOSES—BASED ON EXODUS 1:22-2:10; NUMBERS 26:59** 

• Mention that the Bible is Iled with stories that show God's power. Invite the preschoolers to listen to the story and see how God showed His power. Open the Bible to Exodus 1. Tell the Bible story.

#### SUMMARIZE THE BIBLE STORY

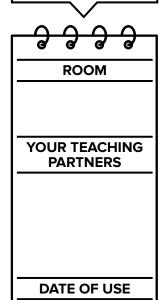
- Jochebed (JAHK uh bed) had a baby boy. Because Pharaoh did not want boys to live, she hid him.
- When she could no longer hide him, Jochebed placed the baby in a basket and placed the basket in the tall grass near the edge of the Nile River.
- Miriam, the baby's sister, watched and waited.
- Pharaoh's daughter found the baby. Miriam came to her and said she could nd a woman to care for the baby. Miriam took the baby to Jochebed. Pharaoh's daughter told her to care for him.
- When the child grew older, Jochebed took him to Pharaoh's daughter. She named the boy Moses and became his mother.

#### REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY

- Why did Jochebed hide her baby?
- What did Jochebed do when she could no longer hide her baby?
- What did Miriam ask Pharaoh's daughter?
- What did Pharaoh's daughter name the child?

#### **EMPHASIZE THE LIFE POINT**

• Say that God can do anything.





GOD LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

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#### **UNIT VERSE**

God, You are great, and no one is like You. 2 Samuel 7:22

#### **WEEKLY VERSE**

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#### SING TOGETHER

Sing to the tune of "Happy Birthday":

God can do anything.

God can do anything.

He is loving and powerful.

He can do anything.

#### SAY THE BIBLE VERSE

Open a Bible to Job 42:2. Read the verse aloud. Invite the kids to repeat the verse several times. Use motions to teach the verse. "God can do" (point up) "anything" (stretch arms out wide, palms up). Teach the motions to the preschoolers to help them remember the Bible verse.

#### **PRAY**

Ask the kids to share any prayer requests they may have. Pray for these. Thank God that He can do anything. Give the preschoolers the opportunity to pray if they would like.

#### **BIBLE-LEARNING ACTIVITIES**

Emphasize: God can do anything.

- 1. Paint with watercolors. Provide cardstock, watercolor paints, paintbrushes, and small cups of water. Assist the kids to put on painting smocks. Invite the preschoolers to paint with the watercolors. As they paint, remind the boys and girls that Moses was placed in a basket near the river to keep him safe. Say that God took care of Moses. Repeat the Life Point together: "God can do anything." Invite the preschoolers to talk about things that they know only God can do.
- 2. Find the baby. Place a small baby doll in a basket. Hide the basket in the room. Lead the preschoolers to look for the baby in the basket. When the baby is found, say the Life Point together: "God can do anything." Mention that Jochebed hid her son for three months. Say that Pharaoh's daughter found the baby after he was placed in a basket near the water. Repeat the activity as time and interest allow. Consider allowing the children to hide the basket as you play additional rounds.

- 3. Toss the beanbags. Set up four baskets in a line. Write God can do anything on sheets of paper, one word per sheet. Tape the words on the baskets. Provide four beanbags for the preschoolers to toss. Encourage each child to toss the beanbags, trying to get one bag in each basket. Say the Life Point after each child tosses four beanbags. Remind the kids that God showed He can do anything when He kept Moses safe in a basket near the river.
- 4. Read to babies. Invite the preschoolers to "read" to baby dolls. Set out kids' picture books, Bibles, and baby dolls. Lead the boys and girls to hold the babies while "reading" to them. Comment that reading to babies is a way to care for them. Mention that Jochebed took care of her baby until he grew old enough to go to Pharaoh's daughter. Lead the boys and girls to talk about di erent ways Miriam and Jochebed took care of baby Moses.

#### **CLEAN UP**

Encourage the preschoolers to work together to clean up their activities. Thank the boys and girls for listening and following directions.

#### **PLAY A GAME**

Place a di erent-colored sheet of paper in four di erent corners or areas of the room. Gather the preschoolers in a circle. Brie y review the Bible story. Remind the kids that God had a special plan for Moses, and He protected him as he was in a basket near the river. Review the Life Point and Bible verse. Point out the four di erent papers in the room and identify the colors. Invite the kids to move to one of the papers as you count to three with your eyes closed. Call out one of the colors. Encourage the boys and girls at that colored sheet of paper to repeat the verse or Life Point together. Repeat activity as time allows.

#### **DISMISS**

Help the kids gather their papers and belongings. Thank them for coming. Remind the parents to review the Bible story on the Kids Activity Page.

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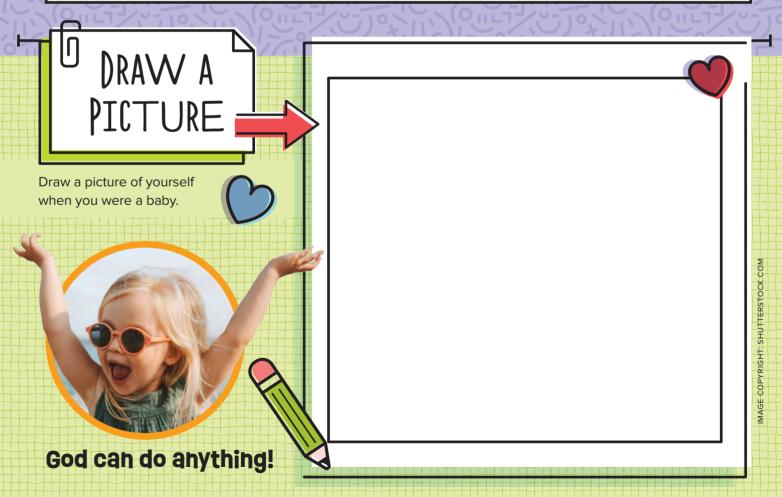
**God Protected Moses** 

#### **UNIT VERSE**

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2 SAMUEL 7:22









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### THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

God protected Moses in amazing ways. God had a plan for Moses' life. God has a plan for our lives, too.



### LIVE IT OUT

Write God can do all things. Job 42:2 on a sheet of paper. Read the verse to your child and prompt her to repeat it. Provide crayons or markers for her to outline the letters. If your child is younger, let her scribble on the paper.



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### DAILY BIBLE READING

Sunday: Job 42:2 Monday: Romans 8:28 Tuesday: Job 12:10 Wednesday: Isaiah 46:10 Thursday: Proverbs 19:21 Friday: Jeremiah 32:17

Saturday: Proverbs 16:4

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WEEKLY VERSE & God can do all things. Job 42:2



Check out our BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE AT HOME resource for weekly family discipleship and worship.





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### **GROUP TIME**

(SEE THE LEADER GUIDE FOR DETAILS.)

- **» MOVE TO MUSIC**
- **» TELL THE BIBLE STORY**
- » REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY
- » LEARN THE LIFE POINT AND BIBLE VERSE
- » WRAP IT UP AND PRAY



God can do all things.

Job 42:2





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God will supply your needs.
Philippians 4:19





We will do what God says.
Exodus 19:8





The Word of God, the Bible, lasts forever.

1 Peter 1:25





Lam your God. Ezekiel 37:27





The Bible teaches about Jesus.
2 Timothy 3:15





Jesus said, "The Scriptures tell about Me."

Luke 4:21





God put the rainbow in the clouds.

Genesis 9:13





We have good news! God keeps His promises.

Acts 13:32





I am with you everywhere you go.

Genesis 28:15





God will help me.

Isaiah 50:7





Love God and always do what He says. Deuteronomy 30:20

















God tells us what He wants us to know and do.

God helps people have what they need.

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God helps people have what they need. God can do anything.

God can do all things.

Where did today's Bible story take place?



What is one thing that happened in today's Bible story?



Where in the Bible is today's story found?



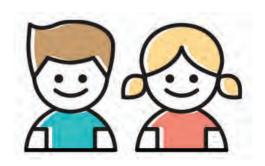
Can you name one person from today's Bible story?



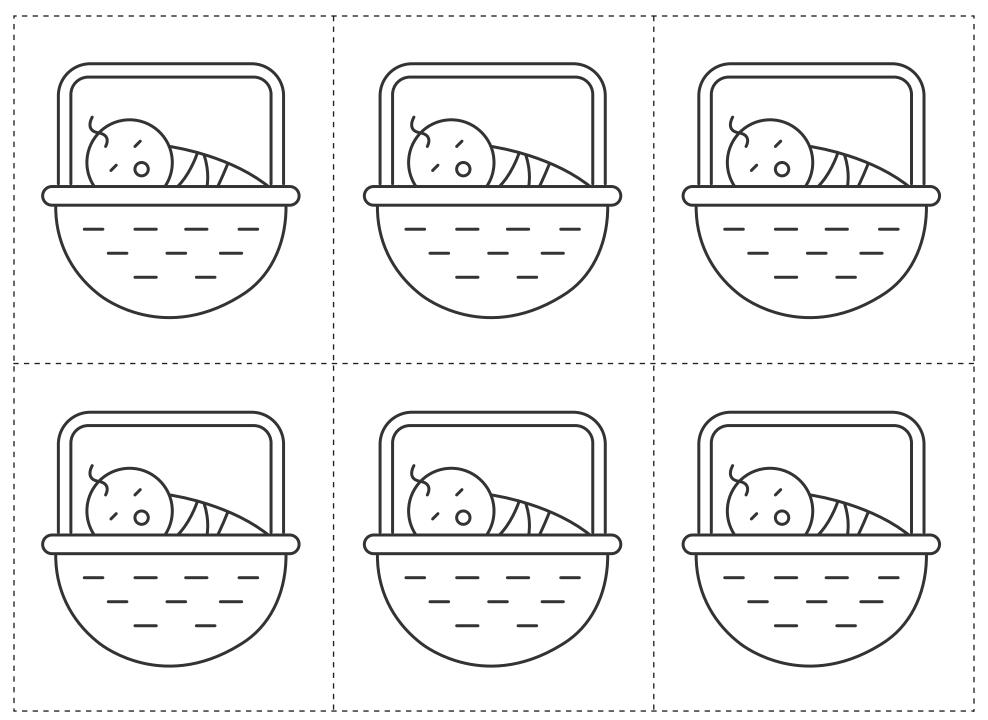
What did you learn about God in today's Bible story?



What was your favorite part of today's Bible story?

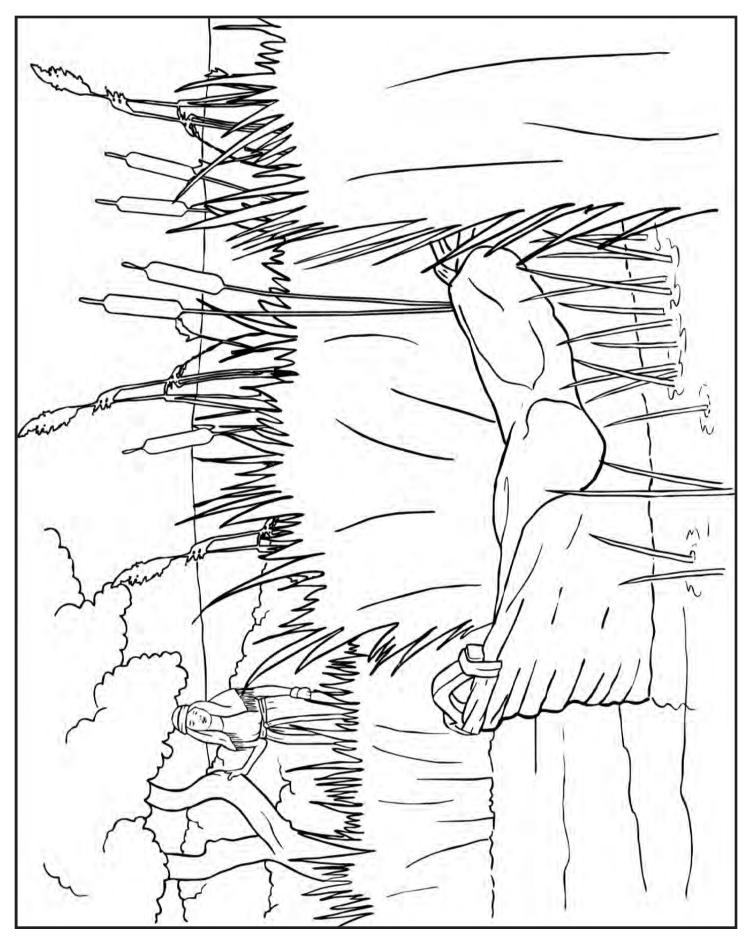


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**Baby Moses** 

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## Send Columbus Columbus, Ohio

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## Finding Hope Center

- Aaron Taylor is pastor of Living Hope Church in Columbus.
- The church began the Finding Hope Center to help people and tell them about Jesus.
- The Finding Hope Center provides families who are facing difficult times a place to get mattresse bedding, furniture, diapers, wipes, cereals, granola bars, and bottled water.

### Chroma Church

- Isaac and Hannah Surh, with the support of friends, started a new church that meets in a middle school in a suburb of Columbus.
- The people of Chroma Church want to help the growing population of people from other countries who now live in the Columbus area know about Jesus.

## Pray

- For Aaron and his wife, Elizabeth, and their two daughters as they serve at Living Hope Church.
- For the ministries of Living Hope Church and the Finding Hope Center.
- For Isaac and Hannah and Chroma Church as they help people in Columbus learn about Jesus.

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