

# RIDICULOUS

## God Story:

Abraham and Sarah | Genesis 17-18:15

## Big Idea:

We can trust God even when it seems ridiculous.

## Key Verses:

"I will make you into a great nation. And I will bless you. I will make your name great...All nations on earth will be blessed because of you." | Genesis 12:2-3 (NIRV)

## Leader Tip:

Pray for the students in your group before they arrive.

## Ms My Story

- 1. Conversation Starter** **7 minutes**  
Talk about the most ridiculous things the students have seen or done. Introduce this week's Big Idea.
- 2. Intro Activity** **5 minutes \***  
Challenge five students to perform ridiculous dares in front of the rest of the group, then award them ridiculous prizes.

## Gs God Story Ls Life Story

- 3. Weekly Video** **12 minutes**  
Watch the video, which includes host, God Story, and Life Story segments. Recap and discuss the teaching.

## Ms My Story

- 4. Application Activity** **12 minutes \***  
Read Numbers 22:21-39 and discuss Balaam and his talking donkey.
- 5. Wrap-Up Activity** **10 minutes**  
Work in pairs to answer questions that reinforce what the students learned today.

## Os Our Story

- 6. Dismissal** **2 minutes**

\* Extend as needed and adjust timing for other activities.





## 1. CONVERSATION STARTER

### Supplies:

- None

### Leader Tip:

- Use the Conversation Starter to help everyone feel welcome, build community, and set the tone.

### Instructions:

- As the students arrive, greet them and gather everyone together.
- Check in quickly to see how their week went.
- Ask:
  - What's the most ridiculous thing you've ever seen in real life or online?
  - What's the most ridiculous thing you've ever done?
- Depending on the size of your group, have the students share their answers with the people sitting closest to them or with everyone.
- Introduce today's Big Idea: **We can trust God even when it seems ridiculous.**

## 2. INTRO ACTIVITY

### Supplies:

- Key Verses sign
- Wall-safe tape
- Ridiculous Dare cards
- Bag
- Ridiculous prize for each contestant (e.g., moustache finger tattoos, bananas, paperclips, etc.)

### Before the Activity:

- Place the Key Verses sign where everyone can read it easily.
- Make sure the cards are in the bag.

### Leader Tip:

- If your group has more than five people, ask for volunteers to do this activity. If your group has five or fewer, encourage everyone to take part.

### Instructions:

- Invite one person at a time to reach into the bag and pull out a Ridiculous Dare card.
- Prompt them to read the card out loud, then do what it says. The dares include:
  - Say the Key Verses (Genesis 12:2-3) while holding your tongue.
  - Spin around three times with your eyes closed while shouting, "Perfect love drives away fear!"
  - Each time the leader says, "dare" for the rest of the game, yell, "I'm not afraid!"
  - Run and touch three different walls as you shout, "I trust God!"
  - Do the worm or moonwalk.
- Give a prize to everyone who completes a dare.
- Explain that these ridiculous prizes are reminders that **we can trust God even when it seems ridiculous.**



### 3. WEEKLY VIDEO

#### Supplies:

- Video file

#### Instructions:

- Play the video. It includes:
  - Host segment
  - God Story (Abraham and Sarah | Genesis 17-18:15)
  - Life Story (Ridiculous ways God helped Alex Briere, Natalie Frisk, and Dan Fenty)
- Invite the students to give a quick recap of the God and Life Stories.
- Ask:
  - How do these stories and today's Big Idea (**We can trust God even when it seems ridiculous**) connect?
  - Do you have a story from your own life that also connects?



### 4. APPLICATION ACTIVITY

#### Supplies:

- Bibles

#### Instructions:

- Discuss:
  - Why might God use ridiculous situations? Would they get our attention?
  - Can you think of any other Bible stories that have "ridiculous" elements to them? (e.g., Jonah disobeyed God, so God redirected him by sending a storm to throw his ship off-course; then sailors threw Jonah into the sea and God had a big fish swallow Jonah)
- Ensure everyone has a Bible. Share them if needed.
- Guide the students to look up Numbers 22:21-39.
- Set the scene before reading the story: Balaam was a prophet who God used during this time. A king wanted him to curse the Israelites, but he would not. While travelling the next day, this is what happened.
- Read the passage aloud.
- Discuss:
  - Did you notice anything ridiculous in this story? (a talking donkey)
  - Why do you think God used a talking donkey?
- Explain that sometimes God uses ridiculous things to remind us that he is in control. Remember, **we can trust God even when it seems ridiculous**—or impossible or out of control!
- Pray together as a group.

## 5. WRAP-UP ACTIVITY

**Supplies:**

- Activity pages
- Pens

**Leader Tip:**

- If you don't have enough time to do this activity, send the activity pages home with the students.

**Instructions:**

- a. Give each person an activity page and a pen.
- b. Guide the students to find a partner.
- c. Encourage the pairs to review the page together and discuss what they would do in each situation.
- d. Check in with the partners and follow up on their responses.



## 6. DISMISSAL

**Supplies:**

- Take-home cards
- Key Verses cards

**Instructions:**

- a. Take a few moments to pray for the students if you have not already done so.
- b. Remind everyone about any upcoming events or relevant announcements.
- c. Make sure the students have all their take-home materials.
- d. Ensure the adult teaching is over before dismissing the students.