

God is Moulding Us to Make the Best of Us

Week 2 (9th Jan 2022):

The Big Point: God is Moulding Us to Make the Best of Us

God's Word: The Story of the People of Israel (Focus: Books of Judges and Kings)

Memory Verse: Here is what I am commanding you to do. Be strong and brave. Do not be afraid. Do not lose hope. I am the Lord your God. I will be with you everywhere you go.

Joshua 1:9 (NIRV)

Application: I will trust that God is moulding me to make the best of me!

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Series Aim: To encourage kids to acknowledge that God is always working and how as long as we are still alive, God is not done with us yet!

Creative video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kg2IkCxjMg8>

Huddle Draft #1

Duration: 20 mins

Before Sunday:

- Be sure to read through this Huddle Guide
- Know that your role as a Huddle Leader, you cannot sit with the kids but instead is a facilitator hovering around the kids who are sitting in groups/rows of 5s
- If you are the Huddle Host, make sure to do your prep and communicate with MM personnel serving on Sunday on what you need!
 - [Activity Slides: Google Slides](#)
 - [Activity Slides: PowerPoint Download](#)
 - Please note that play-doh is provided - to use both containers as each container is quite small. You may dispose of it after use.

Welcome (5 mins)

- If it is a different person doing Huddle Time Host: Say hello, introduce yourself and welcome the children back to in-person services
- Explain that Huddle Time in the first few months of 2022 will be different: teachers will not be able to be close and sit together with the children for Huddle Time. This is for the safety of both children and teachers, as well as so that we are able to meet

every single week.

- Some simple rules for Huddle Time - remind the children that BEST rules still apply! And they have to stick to the group they are sitting with and are not allowed to mingle with friends from other groups! Ensure that each group is at least 1m away from other groups. ***MM Flash BEST Rules***

Slide 1

Alright kids, even as God's Word video is over, service is *not done yet*! God's work in us still not fully completed, and He is still working in all our lives and He wants all of us to know Him more and to make Him known. God is not done with us yet!

Slide 2

In this "Not Done Yet" series, we are on a journey to see that the many little stories in the Bible are all a part of a bigger story that the Bible tells us of God and His love for all His people, which includes us as well! All the stories in the Bible tell how God is *not done with us yet*.

(Huddle host to emphasise this point)

Who here has your physical Bible with you? Can you take them out and show them to me! It is always a good habit to bring our physical Bibles and Hopekids Journals to physical service every week! We are learning so much about God, and it will be good if we can jot them down so that we do not forget about them, but we can refer to them in the future!

In today's video, we heard of many stories of the Bible! What are some stories we hear today? Let's do a Bible story quiz to see whether we know, and to refresh our memory of what we learnt from today! Are you up for the challenge?

Huddle leaders can choose either to Exercise Rule B and conduct this activity, or make use of the whiteboard and markers to facilitate the activity.

Activity #1: Bible Story Quiz (5 mins)

Materials Needed: NIL/ dependent on whether you would like to use whiteboard and markers

Bible Story #1 Adam & Eve

(Huddle Leaders, the first story is intentionally not made into a quiz to save time! Just a good recap story since we are teaching that the many different stories of the Bible is one big story. But do feel free to ask them questions about the story and hear their responses.

But also, if you are running short of time, jump straight to Bible Story 2 and skip this!)

Last week, we learnt that Adam & Eve disobeyed God's instructions and sinned against God by eating the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. This caused sin to enter into their lives, and they were separated from God. This was seen as Adam & Eve were banished from the Garden of Eden.

However, the story did not just end there! God was not done with them yet! God truly loves them. God wanted to take away the sin in their lives and save them from sin. God did not want them to live forever with sin in their lives. And God did not want them to die with sin in their lives. God was not done yet with Adam and Eve!

And in the same way, God is not done yet with us! God loves us and wants to rescue all of us from sin. God is truly not done with us! His work in us is not fully completed, and He is still working in all our lives!

Bible Story #2 Israelites

Now that Teacher ____ have recapped one story, it is a test of your knowledge of the story of the Israelites!

Qn 1: What did the Israelites do?

- Ans: The Israelites disobeyed God's commandments
- In the books of Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Joshua, it tells us the story of how God saved the Israelites from Egypt by freeing them as God's people, and they were promised to live in the promised land.
- As God's people, God gave them the 10 commandments to follow so that they can start living life as God's people.
- However, just like Adam & Eve, they disobeyed God's commandments by worshipping other false gods.

Qn 2: What are the results of the Israelites actions?

- Ans: They wandered around the desert for 40 years because of their disobedience
- When we fail to obey God's commandments, there will be consequences! As such, the Israelites took a longer route - a total of 40 years, just to reach the promised land!

Qn 3: Why did God make the Israelites wander in the desert for 40 years?

- Ans: Because God was not done with the Israelites yet!
- God was not done yet with the people, and God was moulding them to become the best versions of themselves as God's people, who will trust and believe in Him.
- While it might seem a bit painful to have wandered in the desert for 40 years, God still took good care of them by providing them manna and quail for food, and water

to drink throughout the 40 years

- In this 40 years, God was teaching them who He was, and that they can learn to trust and obey Him!
- Just like us, even as we have disobeyed and sinned against God, **God was not done with us yet!** His work in us has not been fully completed, and He is still working - moulding us to make the best of us!

Thus kids, this is today's big point, that God is moulding us to make the best of us! God is truly never done with us, and He is moulding us to become the best versions of ourselves!

When we say God is not truly done with us, it means that God's work in us is not fully completed! There is still so much more that God can teach us and for us to learn and grow! As we grow up, we are always learning and growing, and God is always working in our lives - to make us more and more like Jesus! His work in our lives is never done while we are still living! That's why God is not done with us yet!

Activity #2: Medal Writing (7 mins)

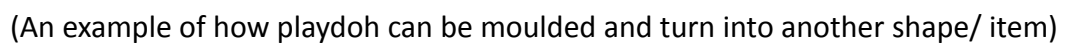
Materials Needed:

- 1 medal printout per
- Writing materials
- [for huddle host only] Blu Tack/ Slime/ Playdoh (or anything else that is moldable)

But HopeKids, when we say this word 'moulding', what does it actually mean?

Moulding is the process of something being shaped or formed into something else! We can understand this better through this bluetack/ slime/ play doh that I am holding in my hands. This does not have any shape as of now, it does not mean anything. But this bluetack/slime is soft enough to be able to be moulded into many different shapes! In the right hands, it can become something beautiful, but before it can become something beautiful, it has to be stretched, pulled, rolled, maybe even torn, and applied some pressure. But only with that, can it become another shape that is beautiful which means something.

(Huddle leaders, do use the physical object of either playdoh preferably, or bluetack or slime to complement your explanation)



Who here knows what is on the slide! Yes! It is Playdoh! And as you can see, the Playdoh can be moulded into many different things - such as a house, a present, and can be even a tall tower! Don't you think all these are nice!

Just like our lives, God is not done with us yet! He won't just leave us to be clay! But under His gentle hands, He is slowly moulding us to be the best versions of ourselves! He is making and moulding us to become the best of us!

So now kids, just like how God is not done with us, we are going to do a small activity to affirm that God is truly not done with us, and He is moulding us to be the best version of ourselves!



If we look into our lives, maybe God is really not done with us and He is moulding us! It can be you being more patient with my little brother/ sister, or you being more responsible with our household chores and homework!

(Huddle hosts, it would be good to insert a personal testimony here of how God is moulding your life too)

E.g God is moulding me to give my best in my studies too! Recently, I find it really hard to find the energy to start studying and schoolwork! Especially with school starting just this week! Who here finds it a little sad and tiring (local flair: sian) that school holidays have just ended and we are back to studies? Me too! But God really prompted me to not be lazy, but to do my best because this pleases Him!

But just like the medal (that the kids are holding), it represents the best version of ourselves! We can only be the best version of ourselves if we allow God to mould us! So let's think of one area in our life that we can grow in, and that God can mould us to be the best version of ourselves! For God is truly not done yet!

Huddle hosts and huddle leaders can walk around and facilitate the process while maintaining SMM

Just like Adam & Eve, or like the Israelites, I may not obey God every time, or may fall and go back to my old ways. But what's important is that we go to God and, if we sinned, we say sorry, and we try again. God is not done with you! And He is always working in your life, to

mould you!

So shall we hold our medals up high to declare that God will surely mould us to make the best of us! Let's pray!

Prayer + Dismissal (3 mins)

Alright HopeKids, that's all that we have for you this week. Time really flies! I hope you had fun and learnt something new about God and the Bible.

Please help us the teachers by passing the items back to the teachers.

Note: Teachers collect back while holding a huddle box.

God is not done with us yet, and He is moulding and working in our lives to make us the best versions of ourselves.

Let's pray together: *MM Flash Prayer*

Dear God,

Thank you for being a powerful and yet gentle God who loves me. Thank you for being so good and loving in the lives of the Israelites and in my life too. Teach me to be strong and courageous to trust You always, knowing that you have a plan for my life, and you are moulding me to become the best version of me. You truly are not done yet!

In Jesus' name, amen.