

# A PARENT'S GUIDE

to Making Faith Connections Using The Holy Moly Bible Stories DVD Collection



## Welcome to The Holy Moly Bible Stories DVD Collection!

The Holy Moly Bible Stories DVDs are designed to introduce children to Bible stories through a strong emphasis on humor, fresh perspectives, and the experiences of people in the Bible. Kids love the hilarious videos, become engaged in the stories, and make them their own.

## Using the Holy Moly Bible Stories DVDs

This guide is designed to help your family get more out of the fun experience of watching the Holy Moly Bible Stories. You might choose to work through this guide immediately after watching some (or all!) of the episodes. Find a time that works well for your family to engage in discussion. It might be before bedtime, at the dinner table, in the car, or somewhere else. Whatever time and place you choose, these questions and activities will stretch and encourage you and your family, as you grow your faith together.

## Discussion Questions

After you watch several of the Holy Moly episodes, find a good time to sit down with your child and discuss them. You can use any or all of these questions to spark discussion.

- Which is your favorite episode? Why?
- Who is in that story? What are the main things to know about the main people in the story?
- Who is your favorite person in the story? Why?
- Who is your least favorite person in the story? Why?
- What happens in the story?
- What's the main problem the people in the story have to overcome?
- How did they solve the problem?
- What values did they use when they solved the problem?
- How does this connect to you or to our family?
- What does this story tell us about who God is?

## Activities

### MIME-O-RAMA

The Holy Moly videos present stories using an animated form of pantomime, with minimal narration. Pantomime compels us to follow stories without relying wholly on language, instead using visual elements to interpret and understand stories in new ways.

Try this activity to extend your experience with the videos. Choose one of the stories from a DVD, or choose any favorite story from the Bible, and work out a family pantomime. Assign each person a character, then act out a Bible story using only your body and some grunts or oohs or Holy Moly-like sounds. If you like, you can use just a little bit of narration—just as the Holy Moly videos do. Don't take yourselves too seriously, and do pay attention to what you discover about the story—or about the ways we tell stories.

#### **Share:**

What new things do you notice about the stories from this experience? How did it feel to act out the actions of the person whose role you played?

### WORDLESS STORIES

The Holy Moly episodes show that you don't need lots of words to share a great story or message. Why not share the joy of other kinds of wordless messages? Choose a person—or people—who might need a message of encouragement or love and create a handmade card to send them. You can use legal paper, copy paper, or heavier card stock. Fold it up nicely or tear some rough edges. Cut shapes or draw pictures. But hold the words! Instead decorate the card by drawing pictures or adding collage images or colored paper pieces. Let the episodes inspire you as you create a card to send a message of love or appreciation.

#### **Share:**

How do images help tell stories or tell someone what you love about them? How does not using words help you appreciate what words can do?

#### **Variation:**

Go ahead and write a “real” letter, words and all! Not sure what to write? Think back to your favorite episode. What was your favorite message from it? How might you share the message of that episode in a thoughtful card?

### WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

The people in Holy Moly speak in grunts and hmmmfffs and oohs and aaahs. This makes for fun viewing and also helps kick our imaginations into gear as we “hear” what they say differently. Why not find out what we each hear? Choose an episode and ask each member of your family to write your own script, choosing your own words to say along with the episode.

#### **Share:**

How is everyone's dialogue different? How is it alike? What's interesting about the words you each chose?