

WEEK 1

SMALL GROUP GUIDE

measure up

BIG IDEA

God guides us
to safety.

BIBLE

The Escape to Egypt: Matthew 2:13-23;
Isaiah 63:7-9

QUESTIONS

- How did Joseph know where his family was supposed to go?
- Why did Jesus need to escape with his family?
- When did Jesus and his family know it was safe to return to Israel?
- Read Isaiah 63:7. What words does the author use to describe God?
- Can you think of a time when you felt safe?
- When might be a time that you would need to remember that God is with you?
- Who are the people in your life who keep you safe?

ACTIVITY

As a small group, kids will create a large maze using Play-Doh, or anything else you have on hand, on a flat surface. Kids will guide Jesus' family (a ping pong ball) from one end (Israel) to the other (Egypt) by blowing through a straw. Scan QR code for an idea of what it might look like.

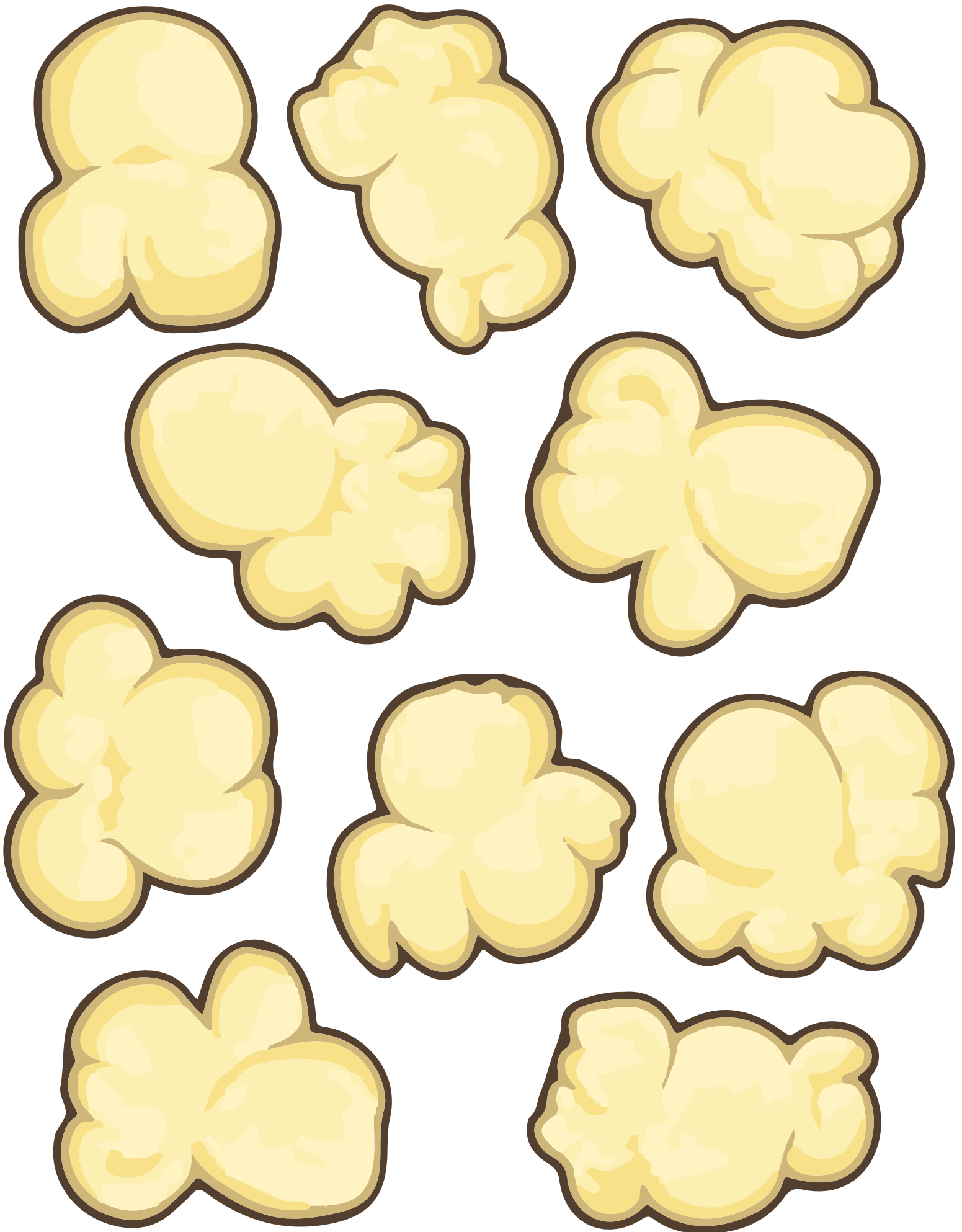


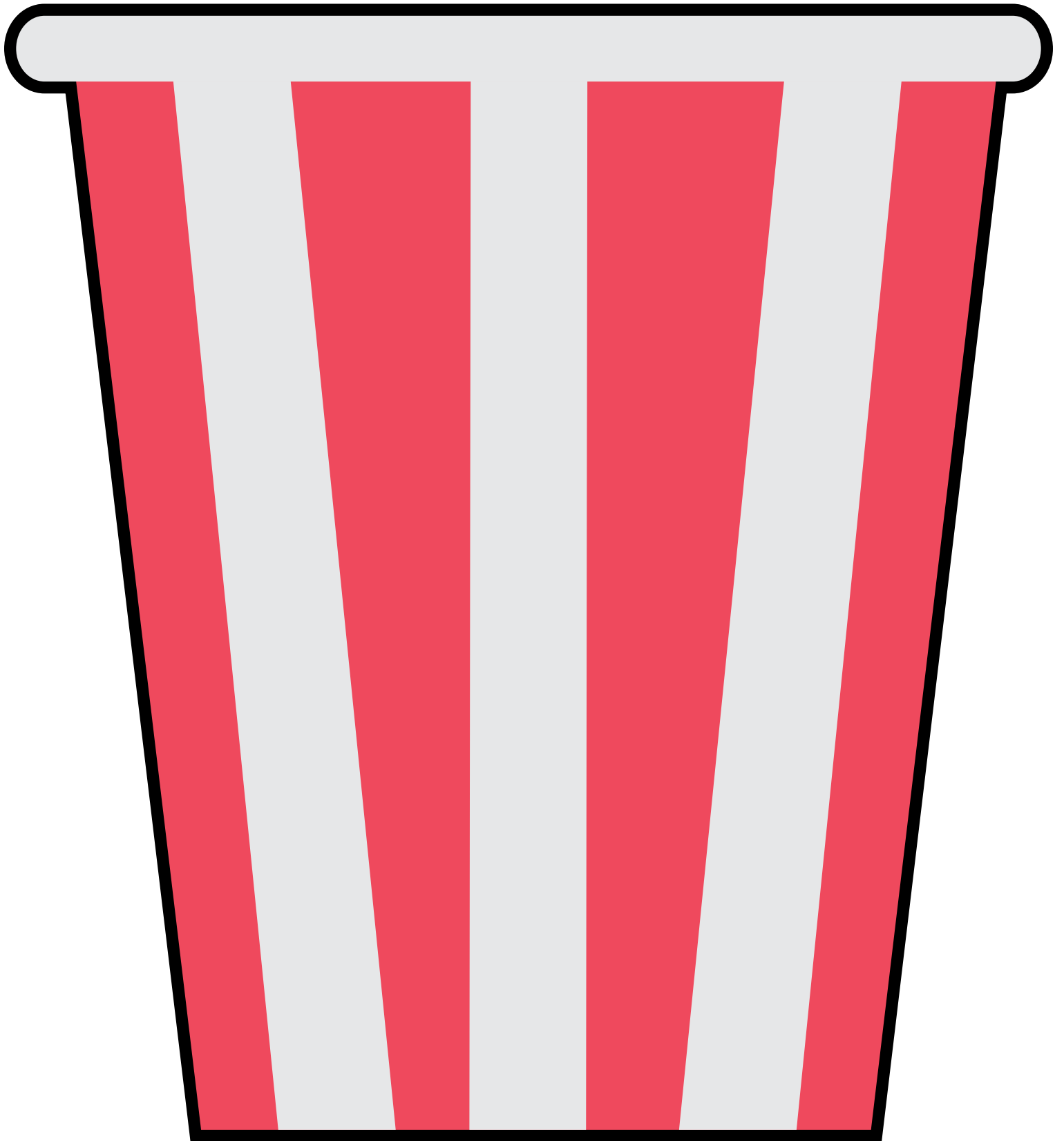
Now that you all have had a little experience in being a guide, what do you think . . . **is it an easy job?** Not always. Sometimes the thing you're guiding seems to have a mind of its own, right?

It's kind of like us. Lots of times, we do things our own way without asking God about it, and sometimes that leads us into trouble or danger. But God is always with us and redirects us so that we can go the right way again. And not only does God guide us away from our bad choices, but **God guides us to safety**, also.

MEMORY VERSE: "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." — Matthew 6:33 (NIV)

[Click here](#) for a memory verse sign language tutorial video you can share with your families and volunteers!





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