

WEEK 8 | HOME CONNECT LESSON MY LIFE HAS A PURPOSE

SUPPLIES

PVC Kids Home Connect Lesson PVC Kids Online Video Wanted Page Coloring Utensils Numbered Di Roll-A-Cowboy Sheet

ICE BREAKER

WELCOME kids to the last week of our series, "Way Out West," and **SAY:** When it is your turn, answer the question – What is a job you would want to have if you lived in a western town long ago? (Examples: town sheriff, cowboy/cowgirl, doctor, mayor, town teacher, general store ownder, newspaper reporter, etc.)

After going around, SAY: It's fun to think about the jobs we might have if we lived in the wild west! It's also fun to think about what we will do one day when we get older. No matter what our future holds, we can remember that God created us with a special plan and purpose in mind. When we trust and obey Him, we get to experience the greatest life with God! So let me hear you say this after me:

MY LIFE (thumbs to chest) HAS A PURPOSE (hands out, palms up)

Transition to PVC Kids Online Video

REVISIT THE BIBLE

Review the Bible Story as you **ASK**:

• Even though Moses didn't always make perfect choices, what special plan did God have for him? (To rescue God's people from Egypt, to lead God's people to the Promised Land, etc.)

• How do you think Moses' life would have been different if he had stayed in Pharaoh's palace and lived a life of royalty? (Allow responses) Moses was looking ahead toward a greater reward when left his comfortable life behind.

• Do you think following God's plan for our lives will lead to the easiest, most comfortable life here on Earth? (Allow responses)

APPLICATION

SAY: Stepping into God's purpose for our lives may not always lead to the easiest life, but we can trust that we will get to experience the good, full life that God has planned for us when we obey Him!

- **PLACE** coloring utensils in the middle of the group, and give each child a Wanted Page. Have kids **DRAW** a circle for their heads and simple body on their page.
- ALLOW kids take turns rolling the di and following the instructions on the Rolla-Cowboy Sheet based on the number rolled. If kids roll a number that was previously rolled, pass the di to the next person. Keep rolling until all numbers have been rolled. Use the Example Sheet as needed to help kids draw.
- **CLEAN UP** materials and read the questions on the Roll-a-Cowboy Sheet.
- Have kids repeat: My Life (thumbs to chest) Has a Purpose (hands out, palms up)

- How can you know God's purpose for you right now?
- As you get older, how can remembering that God has a purpose for you guide the choices you make?
- When we follow Jesus, we share the same purpose with other believers, even though the way we fulfill that purpose will look different from others. Do you know what purpose we share?

Talk To God

SAY: We are going to be closing in prayer. Prayer is simply talking to God. Before we pray, is there anything going on in your life that you would like prayer for?

PRAY: Hey God! Thank you for helping us see that You have made us for a purpose. Help us to follow and obey You, so that we can experience all the good you have for us! We love You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

ROLL-A-COWBOY

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Draw a bandana around your cowboy or cowgirl's neck.	Draw a vest on your cowboy or cowgirl.	Choose three western stickers to add to your picture!	Add two eyes to your face. Be sure to leave room for your nose and mouth!	Draw your cowboy or cowgirl hair.	Draw a nose and mouth. Be sure to leave room for sticker eyes!	DRAW or ADD

After rolling and drawing, allows kids to color their cowboys and cowgirls. While they are coloring, read:

- It's fun to make silly cowboys and cowgirls in our "Wanted" posters! It's a good thing we're not wanted by the sheriff in town, but we are wanted by God for a special purpose.
- Does God have a special purpose and plan for each one of us? (Yes)
- What do you think you will be when you grow up? (Allow responses) Maybe that will be part of God's plan for you!
- What is something that God made you good at doing right now? (Allow responses) God made you that way on purpose. We can trust that God gives us each gifts and things that we love. It's all part of His plan for us!

