



I Love You
Prayers



(Adoration)



I'm
Thankful
Prayers

(Thanksgiving)



I'm **SORRY**
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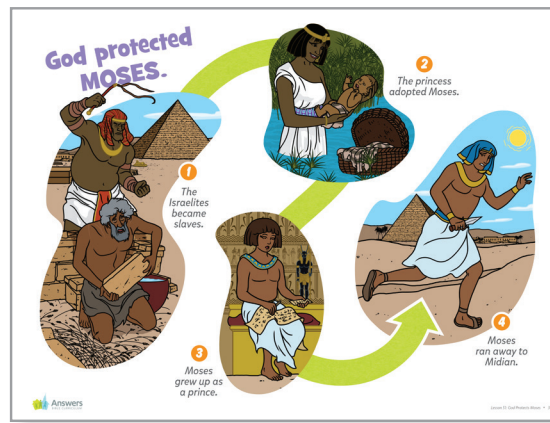
(Confession)

Please
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(Supplication)





K-1st Lesson

Review

- 🔍 We're going to start today by thinking way back. Who remembers the new name God gave to Jacob after they wrestled each other? *Israel.*

Refer to the Genesis Timeline Poster if available. Then we talked about how Israel and his family all moved to Egypt and lived there for many years.

- 🔍 Why did Joseph want them to move to Egypt? *So he could take care of them during the famine.*
- 🔍 Do you remember what Israel did for his sons before he died? *Blessed them.*
- 🔍 Yes. He gave each of them a blessing. But Judah got a special blessing that included a promise that the Savior would be born as part of his family. Who is the Savior? *Jesus.*

That's right. Jesus is the *Savior* because only he can *save* us from our sins.

After Israel blessed his sons, many years went by. Joseph and all his brothers grew old and died. But their children grew up and got married and had more children, and then they had more children. Remember how God promised to make Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob's family into a great nation? Well, that was happening. After many years there were thousands of people in the family, and they were called the Israelites after Jacob's new name, Israel.

The Israelites Multiply and Become Slaves

The Israelites lived happily in Egypt for many years until something changed their lives.

Exodus 1:8-9

- 🔍 Refer to the Books of the Bible Poster. Let's find out what happened in the book of Exodus, the second book in the Bible. Who has the Bible?

Please bring it up. Have the student bring up the Bible and open it to the sticky note. Read Exodus 1:8-9.

- 🔍 What happened in Egypt? *They got a new king.*

That's right. But this king didn't know about Joseph and how he had helped so many people. This pharaoh was evil and didn't like the Israelites, so today whenever you hear me say "pharaoh," you can say "boo!" and give him a thumbs down. But whenever I say "God," you can do a thumbs up and say "yay!"

Let's try it. Pharaoh (pause for "boo" and thumbs down) did not know God (pause for "yay" and thumbs up). Pharaoh was afraid that the Israelites might take over his country, so he decided to do something really mean to them.

Show the Lesson Flip Chart. Pharaoh made all the Israelites into slaves! They had to work hard making bricks and building cities and working in the fields. The Egyptians treated them harshly, and they couldn't escape!

God Protects Moses

Pharaoh was afraid that the Israelite baby boys would grow up to be soldiers and fight against him, so he made a new law that said the baby boys must be thrown into the river. This was terrible! Babies thrown into the river would die!

But even though Pharaoh came up with this evil plan, God was still in control. We're going to read how God protected a special baby boy. When I say "baby," you can do the motion like you're cradling a baby in your arms. Let's try that. Have students practice cradling motion.

During this time there was an Israelite family in Egypt that had a baby boy, but his mother would NOT let him be thrown into the river. Instead, she hid her baby.

- 🔍 Does anyone know what babies do a lot that makes them hard to hide? *Cry.*

Yes! If an Egyptian heard him crying, the baby would be thrown into the river. When his mother knew she couldn't hide him anymore, she came up with a plan.

She made a small basket that would protect her baby and laid him inside. Then she set the basket in the water by the tall reeds that grew

at the edge of the river and told her daughter to keep watch over the basket as it floated there.

Exodus 2:5

Let's keep reading to see how God took care of this baby. Listen to this. Read Exodus 2:5.

- 🔍 Who came to the river? *Pharaoh's daughter.*

Refer to the Lesson Flip Chart. Pharaoh's daughter, the princess of Egypt, came to the river with her maids. She saw the basket floating by the reeds and told her maid, "Go get that little basket over there."

Exodus 2:6

Listen to what happened next. Read Exodus 2:6.

- 🔍 What did the baby do when she opened the basket? *He wept/cried.*

When the princess opened the basket, the baby started to cry, and she felt sorry for him.

- 🔍 Who was keeping watch over the basket? *The baby's sister.*

Right. The baby's sister, Miriam, was watching. She told Pharaoh's daughter that she could find someone to take care of the baby for her. The princess agreed, so Miriam ran to get her mother—and her mother got to take the baby back home! She didn't need to hide him anymore. The princess even paid her to take care of the baby until he grew older! Isn't that amazing? God worked all this out perfectly!

Moses Becomes a Prince

- 🔍 So, who is this baby we're talking about? Do you know his name? *Allow guesses.*

Exodus 2:10

Listen to this verse so you can tell me his name. Read Exodus 2:10.

- 🔍 What name did the princess give the baby? *Moses.*

Refer to the Lesson Flip Chart. Yes. She named him Moses and adopted him as her son, and he grew up in the palace in Egypt.

Since Pharaoh's daughter was a princess, Moses became a prince. As a prince, he would have had to learn a lot of things like math, writing, and music. And he would also have to know how to fight like a soldier and learn to ride a horse and use a sword and a bow and arrow.

- 🔍 How many of you think that sounds like fun? *Show of hands.*

Living as a prince may sound pretty neat, but Moses knew he was an Israelite, not an Egyptian. The Israelites were forced to work for the Egyptians and do whatever they said. They weren't free to go where they wanted or to do what they wanted for their own families.

- 🔍 Moses lived as a prince in the palace for 40 years. But how do you think he felt when he saw how the Egyptians treated his people, the Israelites? *Allow discussion.*

Moses Flees to Midian

The Bible tells us how Moses felt! One day he wanted to find out what was happening to the Israelites. When he went out, he saw an Egyptian beating an Israelite slave. Moses was very upset that his people were treated so badly.

Exodus 2:12

Listen to what he did. Read Exodus 2:12.

- 🔍 What did Moses do to the Egyptian man? *He killed him and hid him in the sand!*

Moses hoped no one else would find out. But the next day he went out again to his people. This time he saw two Israelite men fighting. When he tried to break up the fight, one of the men asked if Moses was going to kill him like he had killed the Egyptian the day before!

Refer to the Lesson Flip Chart. Uh oh! No one was supposed to know about that! When the slave said this, Moses was afraid. Then when Pharaoh found out, he wanted to kill Moses. So Moses ran for his life and fled to the land of Midian.

In Midian, Moses met a man named Reuel, who invited him to stay with his family. He agreed to stay with them and work as a shepherd. He married one of Reuel's daughters, named Zipporah, and they had a son named Gershom.

God protected Moses when he was a baby and when he was grown up. Moses' life suddenly changed a lot. He went from being a prince in a palace to being a shepherd in the wilderness! He probably thought he was never going back to Egypt or his people, the Israelites. But God had a plan for Moses. We'll see in our next lesson just what that plan was.

God protected MOSES.



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The Israelites became slaves.

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Moses grew up as a prince.



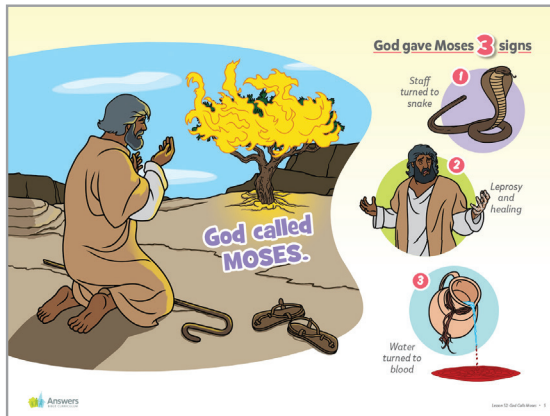
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The princess adopted Moses.



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Moses ran away to Midian.



K-1st Lesson

Review

Refer to Lesson 51 Flip Chart. In our last lesson, we saw that Pharaoh was afraid of the Israelites, so he forced them to be his slaves. Then he ordered that all the baby boys be thrown into the Nile River.

- What we learned how God protected baby Moses. When Moses' mother put him in a basket in the river, who did God lead the basket to? Who found the baby? *He led the basket to Pharaoh's daughter, the princess.*

That's right! The princess of Egypt found the basket and decided to adopt Moses. So he grew up as a prince in the palace.

When Moses was 40 years old, he killed an Egyptian who was beating an Israelite slave. When Pharaoh found out, Moses had to run away. God protected Moses this time, too, and led him to a kind family where he met and married a woman named Zipporah.

We're going to start off today with a quick game. Everyone stand up. We're going to play this really fast. I'll tell you to do something, and you have to obey and do it. Ready? *Give the students several commands, such as pat your head, rub your tummy, hop on one foot, turn around, etc. Do the motions with the students.*

- Good job obeying. Those were pretty easy things to do, weren't they? But what if I told you to do something that was really hard, and you didn't think you could do it? Like if I said, "Touch the ceiling." Could you do it? *Allow discussion.*

You would need help, wouldn't you? You could do it if an adult lifted you up or if you had a ladder. Today we're going to talk about something very difficult that God told Moses to do. Moses knew he couldn't do it on his own. God would have to help him. Let's find out if Moses obeyed.

God Calls Moses

Remember, Moses was taking care of his father-in-law's flock of sheep, leading them out in the desert. One day as he looked around, he spotted something amazing! He saw a bush burning with fire—only it wasn't burning up!

- What usually happens when wood is on fire? *Allow answers.*

It turns black and ends up in a pile of ashes, right? Well, that was not happening to this bush. So Moses decided he was going to investigate this strange bush.

- Who do you think was making the bush do this? *God.*

Show the Lesson Flip Chart. When God saw that Moses came closer to see the bush, he spoke to Moses, calling his name, "Moses, Moses!" Moses heard God and said, "Here I am."

Then God told him to remove his sandals because the ground was holy since God was there. Back in Moses' time, taking off your shoes was a sign of respect. So Moses took off his sandals.

God explained to Moses why he came to talk to him. God had heard the cry of the Israelites in Egypt. He knew they were being treated harshly as slaves. And now it was time to set them free. So God was going to send Moses to tell Pharaoh, the king, to let the Israelites go.

- How many of you think this would be an easy job to do? *Show of hands.*
- How many of you think Pharaoh would just say, "Sure, I'll let all my slaves go"? *Show of hands.*

Moses knew Pharaoh wouldn't just let the Israelites go. This was going to be a scary job. Moses would have to stand up to Pharaoh.

Moses wasn't too sure about this plan. He didn't feel like he was the right man for the job. He was afraid, and he told God about his worries. First, Moses knew he would have to prove to the Israelites that it was really God who sent him. So he asked what he should say when the Israelites wanted to know God's name.

Exodus 3:14

- What is God's name? Let's read God's answer in Exodus 3:14. Who has the Bible? Please bring it up. *Make this a special time as the student brings the Bible and opens it to where the sticky note is. Read Exodus 3:14.*

- Did you hear it? What name did God tell him to use? *I AM WHO I AM.*

God told Moses to say that God's name is I AM WHO I AM. That seems like an interesting name, doesn't it? But this name means that God is who he is, and he never changes. It means God is eternal; nothing was here before God, yet he has always been here. This can be hard for us to understand, but God said it in his Word, so we know it's true!

Moses Objects to the Call

Even after God told Moses his name, Moses was still worried that the Israelites wouldn't believe that God had really appeared to him.

Exodus 4:1-9

Follow the Signs for Moses Skit, which covers Exodus 4:1-9, then continue the lesson below.

- Refer to the Flip Chart. Okay! Let's see how well you were paying attention. What was the first sign God gave Moses to show the Israelites? *Moses' staff became a serpent (snake) and then turned back into his staff.*

That sign should get the Israelites' attention! The snake sure scared Moses!

- What was the second sign God gave to Moses? *His hand became covered with leprosy and then was healed.*

No one knew how to cure leprosy or what caused it. But God made leprosy appear on Moses' hand and then healed it!

- And what was the third sign? *Water from the river would become blood when it was poured onto the land.*

Moses should have had lots of courage now; he could do signs from the all-powerful God. But, Moses still had another problem—he didn't think he was a very good speaker. God assured Moses that he would be with him and help him know what to say.

But Moses was still scared. He said, "Oh, my Lord, please send someone else." Do you think that's what God wanted to hear? Moses wanted God to send someone else. He didn't want to do this job.

- Was Moses trusting God and being obedient? *No!*

Uh oh! Now God was angry with Moses. He wasn't obeying very fast, was he? But God was patient, too. He told Moses he would send Aaron, Moses' brother, to help him do the talking. God also said he would give them the right words to say and teach them what to do. Moses didn't have to do this big job on his own—God would help him.

Moses Obeys the Call

- So, raise your hand if you think Moses obeyed. *Show of hands.*

- How many of you think Moses still did not obey? *Show of hands.*

At first Moses let his fears get in the way of being obedient, but he finally obeyed God. He packed up his wife and two sons and started back to Egypt. Then just as God promised, Aaron came to meet Moses on the way, and they went to the Israelite leaders to show them the signs from God and tell them that God promised to rescue them from slavery. The Israelites believed and worshipped God. They were glad to hear that God cared about them and would soon rescue them.

In the next lesson, we'll find out what Pharaoh does when Moses tells him that God wants the Israelites to leave Egypt.

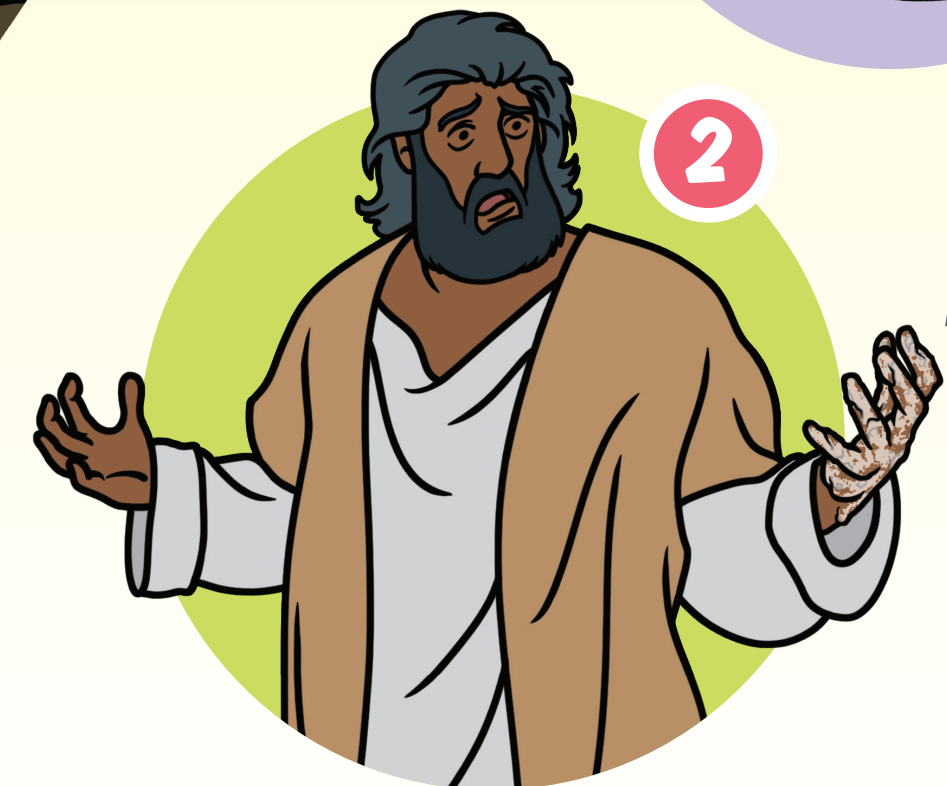


God gave Moses **3** signs

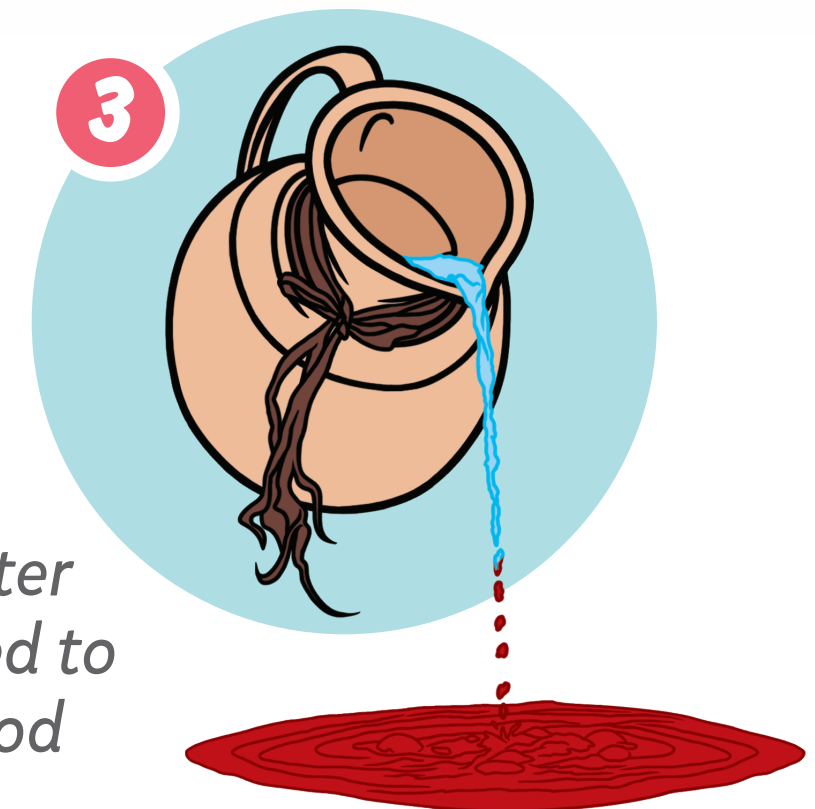
Staff
turned to
snake



Leprosy
and
healing



Water
turned to
blood





K-1st Lesson

Review

Refer to the Exodus to Malachi Timeline. We've learned how God protected Moses when he was a baby and then when he was grown up and had to run away from Egypt. Moses lived in Midian for 40 years until God called to him from a burning bush.

Refer to the Lesson 52 Flip Chart. God knew the Israelites were being treated badly as slaves, and it was time for Moses to lead them out of Egypt to the land God had promised to them. Moses was worried that he wasn't the right man for the job. So God gave him some signs to show the Israelites.

- What were the three signs God gave to Moses? His staff turning into a snake, his hand turning leprous, and water turning to blood.

Now Moses and his brother, Aaron, have to go before Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, and give him God's message to let his people go. Will Pharaoh listen and obey? Let's find out!

God's Power Over Satan's Power

First, Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and told him God's command to let the Israelites go. Pharaoh got angry! But God had a plan to show his great power to Pharaoh and all the Egyptians. They would see that he is the one true God who is greater than any of the false gods they worshipped. God would show them that only he is omnipotent.

- What does omnipotent mean? God is all-powerful. That's right. God is all-powerful. He is the Creator of all things and can do whatever he wants.

Exodus 7:10–12

- Let's look at the first sign of God's power. Who has the Bible? Have the student bring up the Bible and open it to the sticky note. I'm going to read Exodus 7:10–12. Read the verses.

- What happened when Aaron threw down his staff? God changed it into something. Exodus 7:10. It turned into a serpent.

Yes! It became a big snake, or serpent.

- But what happened when Pharaoh's magicians threw down their staffs? Their staffs also turned into serpents.

The magicians' staffs turned into snakes, too! It might have been some kind of magic trick, or the magicians could have been using Satan's power to do it.

- What did Aaron's serpent do to the magicians' serpents? Exodus 7:12. It swallowed them up!

- So who is more powerful, God or Satan? God.

When Pharaoh saw this, his heart grew hard and stubborn. He didn't believe God was omnipotent. He would not obey and let the Israelites go.

But this was just the beginning. God was going to send ten terrible plagues to punish him and the Egyptians for how they had treated the Israelites so harshly as slaves and wouldn't set them free.

The First Nine Plagues

What were these plagues like? Let's find out!

Exodus 7:20

For the first plague, God told Moses and Aaron to go to the Nile River, which was a big, important river in Egypt. Listen to what happened. Read Exodus 7:20.

- What happened to the water when Aaron hit it with his staff? It turned to blood.
- When the water turned to blood, what do you think happened to the fish that were in the river? They died.

Yes! All the fish died, and the river stank. Eww!

Show the Lesson Flip Chart. This first plague showed the Egyptians that God had power over the water in Egypt. Seven days later, Moses told Pharaoh to let the Israelites go, or God would send another plague.

- Do you think Pharaoh obeyed? No.

Exodus 8:3–4

No, Pharaoh did not obey. So God sent the second plague. Read Exodus 8:3–4.

- Refer to the Flip Chart. What was the second plague? Frogs everywhere.

Frogs came up out of the river! They hopped everywhere—in the people's houses, on their beds, in their kitchens, in the ovens, and in their mixing bowls. Yuck! Pharaoh had to ask Moses to ask God to take the frogs away.

So the next day, God caused the frogs to stop coming out of the river, and they all died. Can you imagine how bad all those dead frogs smelled? The people probably had to plug their noses. Have students pinch their noses. There were so many dead frogs that the people gathered them in piles, and the land stank! Ick!

- Do you think Pharaoh let the Israelites go yet? No!

Exodus 8:16

God knew Pharaoh's heart was hard and stubborn, so he sent another plague. Read Exodus 8:16.

- What was the third plague that God sent? Gnats.

Gnats are small flies that usually fly all together in a bunch called a swarm. God turned the dust of the ground into gnats, and there were gnats all over everyone—even on the animals. Can you imagine how itchy that would be to have tiny gnats crawling all over you, getting in your hair, and flying around your face? Have students scratch imaginary itches.

- But did Pharaoh obey God after the gnats came? No.

Even after these plagues, Pharaoh didn't change his mind, so God continued to send more plagues.

Show fly swatter and pretend to swat at flies. Here's a clue for the next plague. What do you think it was? Allow guesses.

The next plague was flies—millions of them all over the place. They're hard to swat and very pesky. Imagine a SWARM of flies in your house—a whole bunch! That would be awful. They'd fly around your face and buzz in your ears. It would even be hard to eat because the flies would land in your food. Yuck! Have students swat imaginary flies.

But there was something different this time. God sent swarms of flies on Egypt, but he did not send ANY flies where the Israelites lived.

From now on God only sent plagues on the Egyptians, not on his people, the Israelites.

After the flies came, Pharaoh still would not let the Israelites go, so God sent more plagues.

Refer to the Flip Chart. God made the Egyptians' animals get sick and die. Then he caused painful sores called boils to break out on the Egyptians and their animals. Ouch!

Pharaoh still would not obey. So God sent the seventh plague, a terrible storm with thunder, fire, and balls of ice called hail.

Pharaoh still would not obey the Lord, even after Moses and Aaron warned him about the next plague! The next morning, God sent locusts. Locusts are like grasshoppers. The Bible says there were so many locusts that they covered the ground and flew into the houses. They chomped up every bit of fruit and every green leaf left after the hailstorm.

But, believe it or not, Pharaoh still would not let the Israelites go. So God sent another plague.

- Turn out the lights and turn on the flashlight. Here's a clue. Who thinks they know what the ninth plague was? When do we need to use flashlights? Allow guesses.

The ninth plague was darkness—even during the day! Can you imagine being in complete darkness for three whole days? The Bible says it was so dark they couldn't even see each other. They didn't have flashlights or electric lights like we do now. During those three days of darkness, the Egyptians couldn't do any work outside. They had to stay in their houses!

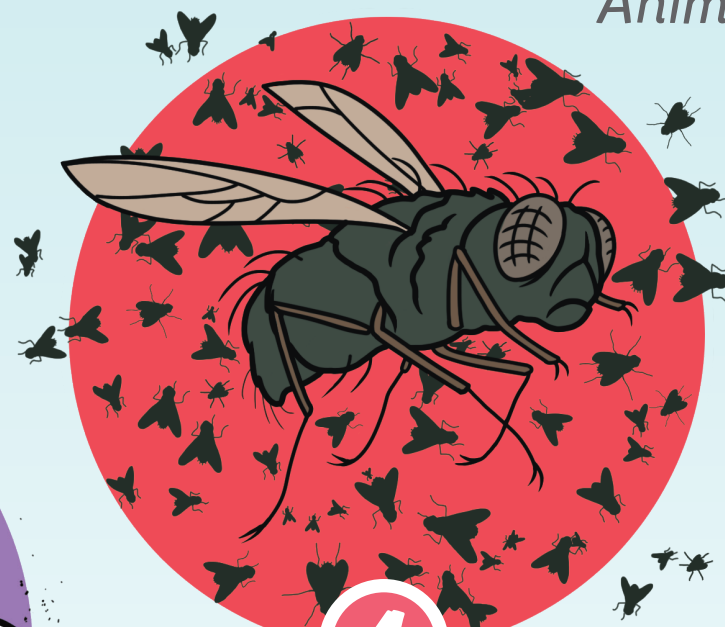
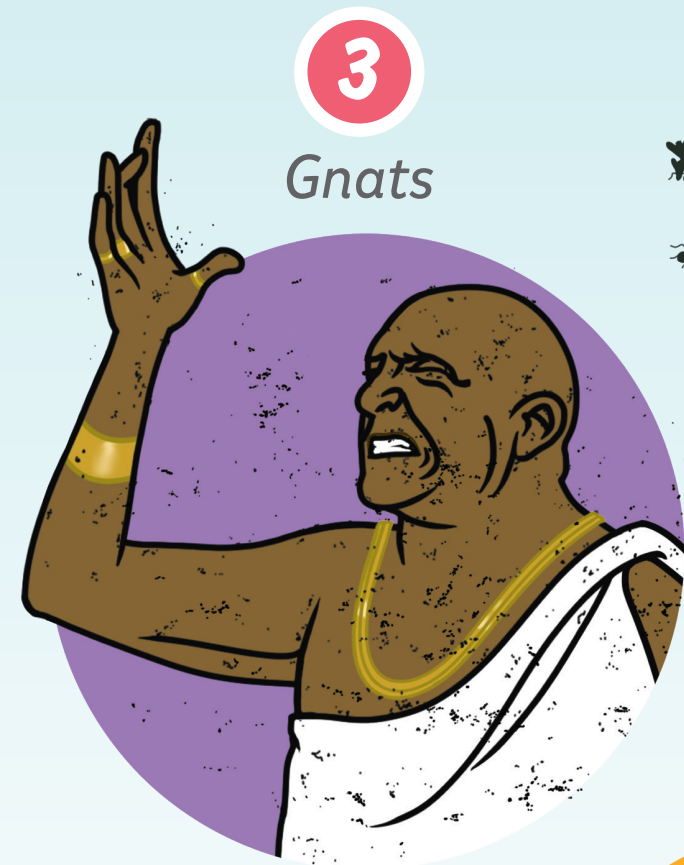
- But, can you guess who DID have light? Allow guesses.

The Bible says the Israelites had light!

In each of these plagues, God showed that only he is omnipotent. But even after the darkness, Pharaoh still would not believe and obey God's command to let the Israelites go free. Pharaoh got angry and told Moses to go away.

But this wasn't over yet. God was going to send one last plague on Pharaoh and Egypt. This plague would be so terrible that Pharaoh would tell the Israelites to get out of Egypt. And we'll find out all about it in our next lesson.

God sent plagues on Egypt.



Sick Animals



Boils

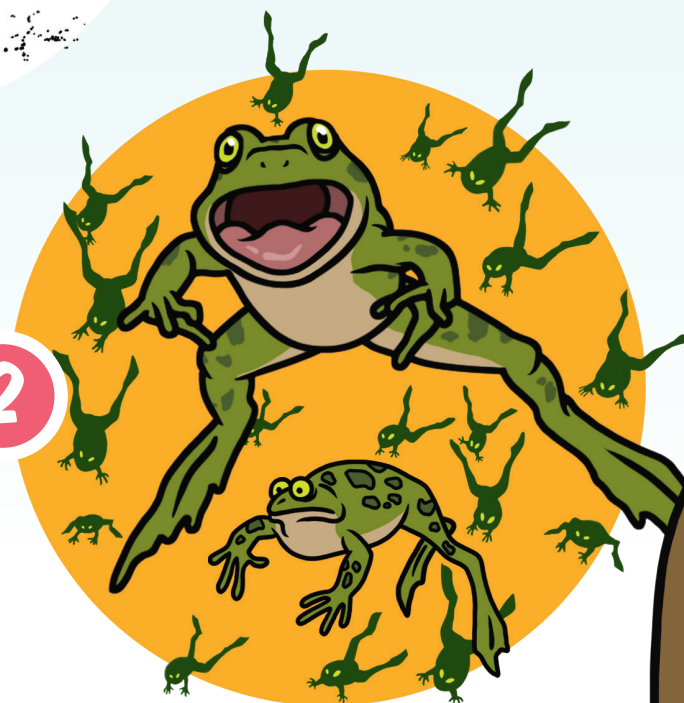


7 Thunder, Fire, Hail

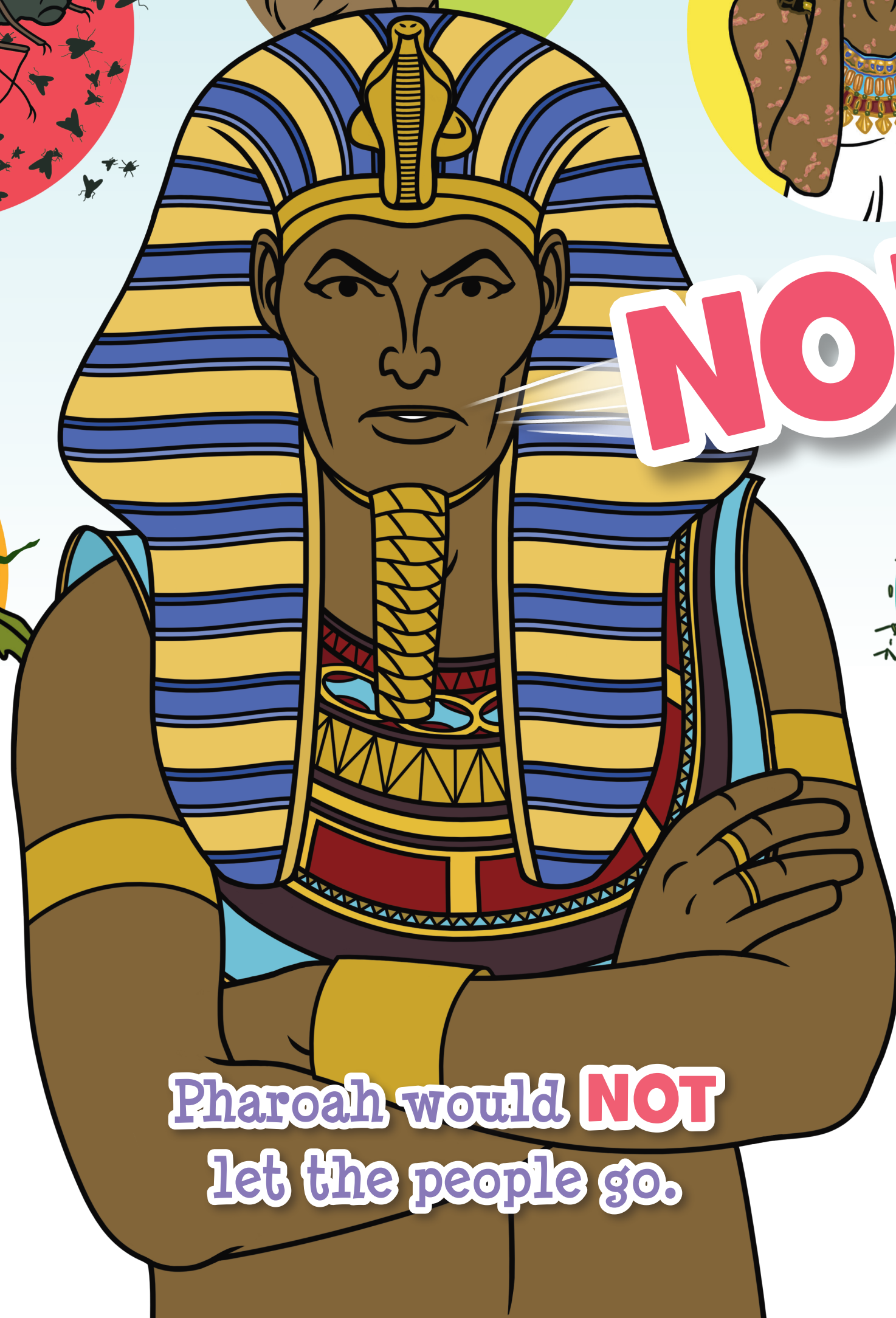


Frogs

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1 Water Turned to Blood



NO!

Pharaoh would **NOT** let the people go.



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Darkness





K-1st Lesson

Review

In the last lesson, Moses and Aaron obeyed God and went before Pharaoh. They told him that God wanted him to let the Israelites go. But Pharaoh's heart was hard. He stubbornly refused to obey the Lord. Pharaoh had been mistreating the Israelites as slaves for years, so God sent plagues as punishment on Pharaoh and the Egyptian people.

Refer to Lesson 53 Flip Chart. Let's see how many of the plagues you remember. Call on different students to name the plagues.

- ? What did Pharaoh say after each plague? Would he let the Israelites go? No!

Right! After the ninth plague of darkness, Pharaoh got angry and said he would kill Moses if he saw his face again! But God had one more plague he would send before Pharaoh would finally listen.

A Special Meal

Remember that God protected the Israelites from many of the plagues so far. The tenth plague would be worse than any of the other plagues. But God would protect his people from this plague, too, if they obeyed his instructions.

First, God told each family to choose a lamb. But it couldn't be just any lamb; it had to be a perfect, spotless lamb. There couldn't be anything wrong with it. Then the Israelites were told that they should kill their lambs at twilight—just as the sun set.

Exodus 12:7–8

Let's read what God told them to do next. Who has the Bible? Have the student bring up the Bible and open it to the sticky note. Listen to Exodus 12:7. Read the verse.

- ? What were the people supposed to do with the blood of the lamb? Where would they put it?

They put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of their houses.

- ? Show the Lesson Flip Chart. What is the lintel of the house? Does anyone know? The top of the doorway. (Point out the doorposts and lintel on a door in your room.)

- ? Now listen to the next verse and tell me how they were supposed to cook the lamb. Read Exodus 12:8. Roasted on the fire.

Yes. They were going to have a very special meal of roasted lamb and other foods that would remind them of this night when God rescued them from Egypt.

- ? What else would they eat with the lamb? Reread verse 8. Unleavened bread and bitter herbs.
- ? What is unleavened bread? Allow answers.

Show example of yeast roll or bread. Look at this roll/bread. It's puffy, isn't it? That's because it has yeast in it. Yeast is a leaven—it makes dough rise and puff up so the rolls or bread come out nice and soft.

One important thing about making bread with leaven is that it can take a long time for it to make the dough rise.

- ? Show example of matzah. This bread is called matzah. Do you think it has yeast like the roll/bread? No.

We call this unleavened bread. It doesn't have yeast in it, so it comes out flat.

God wanted the Israelites to be ready to go in a hurry right after the tenth plague. They wouldn't have time for their dough to rise. So God told them to eat unleavened bread at this meal as a reminder of how quickly they would be leaving Egypt.

Show examples of herbs. Allow students to smell them. The other food they were instructed to eat with the bread and lamb was bitter herbs. Herbs are plants that we use to add flavor to food, such as parsley, basil, dill, and lots of others. These all make foods taste good.

- ? But the Bible says they ate bitter herbs. What does bitter mean? Allow discussion.

Allow students to taste the bitter chocolate. Maybe you've tasted something bitter like bitter chocolate, which is very dark chocolate that doesn't have much sugar. Bitter foods by themselves don't taste very good. God wanted

the Israelites to eat bitter herbs to remind them of their bitter, hard lives as slaves in Egypt.

They were also told to eat quickly and be ready to go with their belts fastened, shoes on, and staff in hand. They would be leaving Egypt very soon.

The Tenth Plague

God called this special meal the Passover meal. Let's find out why.

The last plague was about to come. God explained that he would strike down the firstborn son in every family in Egypt to punish them and to show them that he was the one true God who was more powerful than any of the false gods they worshipped.

Exodus 12:13

Now remember, we want to figure out why God called this special meal the Passover. Listen carefully for clue words as I read Exodus 12:13. Read the verse.

- ? Refer to the Flip Chart. Tell me again what the Israelites were supposed to do with the lamb's blood before they roasted the lamb? Put it on the lintel and doorposts of their homes.
- ? How would the blood from the lambs protect the Israelites? Did you hear the clue words? What would God do when he saw the blood on the doorposts? Reread verse 13. He would pass over that house and no plague would come on that family; he would not kill the firstborn there.

This is where the name Passover comes from because God "passed over" the houses protected by the blood of a lamb.

- ? In Egypt, the people worshipped Pharaoh as a god. Is that true? Was Pharaoh a god? No!

This last plague would prove that Pharaoh had no power against the one true God. Let's read what happened when God sent the tenth plague.

Exodus 12:29–30

Listen to this. Read Exodus 12:29–30.

- ? What time did this plague happen? Midnight.
- ? Who died in this plague? All the firstborn sons and firstborn livestock of Egypt.

Firstborn means the oldest child in a family—the one who was born first.

When God sent the last plague, it didn't matter if you were a prince or a prisoner—all the firstborn sons died, including Pharaoh's son. The Egyptians woke up and cried over their dead. This plague was horrible!

- ? What do you think Pharaoh did this time? Raise your hand if you think he let the Israelites go. Show of hands.
- ? Now raise your hand if you think his heart got hard and stubborn again and he said no. Show of hands.

If you said he let the Israelites go, you were right! Pharaoh finally obeyed God and let the people go. He called Moses to him and said, "Get out of here! Take all your people and flocks, and go now!"

At last, the Israelites were free to leave Egypt. They were no longer slaves!

The Lamb of God

God told the Israelites to eat the Passover meal every year to remind them of how God miraculously saved his people and brought them out of slavery in Egypt. But the Passover was also a picture of another perfect Lamb.

John 1:29

Refer to the Books of the Bible Poster. I'm going to turn to the book of John in the New Testament. This verse is about a man who knew Jesus. His name was John the Baptist. Listen to what he said about Jesus. Read John 1:29.

- ? What did John say when he saw Jesus coming? Behold, the Lamb of God.

John called Jesus the Lamb of God. Jesus was perfect because he never sinned. The Passover lambs the Israelites chose had to be perfect, too, didn't they? In the Old Testament, God made a way to save the Israelites by putting the blood of the perfect lambs on the doorposts. Then in the New Testament, God sent Jesus, the Lamb of God, to take away sin.

Refer to the Flip Chart. Just as lambs' blood was spread on the doorposts to save the Israelites, Jesus' blood was shed on the cross to save us from the punishment for our sins.

The Passover we studied today really happened. It was also a picture of what God was planning to do to save his children many years later and give them eternal life through Jesus Christ.

God said,
"I will pass over you."



Jesus is the Lamb of God.





K–Ist Lesson

Review

- Refer to Lesson 53 Flip Chart. We’ve learned about nine terrible plagues God sent on the Egyptians as punishment for their sin. But Pharaoh was stubborn and would not let the Israelites go, so God sent a tenth plague.
- What happened during the tenth plague? *The firstborn of all Egyptian families and animals died.*
- Refer to Lesson 54 Flip Chart. How did God protect the Israelites from this plague? What did he tell them to do? *Kill lambs and spread the blood on their doorposts.*

When God saw blood on the doorposts, he would pass over their homes without harming their firstborn.

- God also commanded them to eat a special meal of lamb, unleavened bread, and bitter herbs. What was the name of this meal? *Passover.*

God Provides Possessions

- How many of you remember Abraham? *Show of hands.*

Abraham was the great-great-grandfather of the Israelites—they were his descendants. Many years before the Israelites became slaves in Egypt, God told Abraham that they would be slaves. But God also promised that he would set them free and take them to a land they could call their own, the Promised Land of Canaan. God also said that when the Israelites were free to leave Egypt, they would come out with great possessions—lots of gold and silver jewelry and beautiful clothes.

But if they were slaves, how would they get all those nice things? Let’s find out how God kept that part of his promise!

Exodus 12:35–36

- Who has the Bible? Please bring it up. *Have the student bring up the Bible and open it to the sticky note. Listen to Exodus 12:35–36. Read the verses.*
- What did the Israelites ask the Egyptians for? *Silver and gold jewelry and clothing.*
- And what did the Egyptians do when the Israelites asked for jewelry and clothing? *They let them have what they asked for!*

Moses told the people to ask the Egyptians for jewelry and clothing. God caused the Egyptians to give them all they asked for. After all the horrible plagues, the Egyptians didn’t want the Israelites around anymore. They gave the Israelites whatever they asked for so they would hurry up and leave. This was another miracle that shows how God kept his promise and provided everything they needed as he led them out of slavery.

God Leads His People

God led the Israelites out of Egypt with their families, their flocks of sheep and herds of goats, and all the nice things they got from the Egyptians. And they left in such a hurry that they didn’t even have time to let their bread dough rise, so they carried it with them!

Exodus 13:21–22

But how did the Israelites know which way they were supposed to go out there in the wilderness? Listen and see if you can figure out how God led them. *Read Exodus 13:21–22.*

- Who went before them to lead them? *The Lord.*
- By day, the Lord went before them in what? *A pillar of cloud.*
- And at night, the Lord went in a pillar of what? *Fire.*

Show Lesson Illustrations #1 and #2. God used a pillar of cloud during the day and a pillar of fire at night to guide the Israelites. All they had to do was follow it! And it never left them. God was faithful to stay with his people and show them the way.

Meanwhile, back in Egypt, Pharaoh thought about what had just happened. And he soon changed his mind about letting the Israelites go!

- Why do you think Pharaoh and his people were sorry they let the Israelites go? *Allow discussion. They lost all their slaves!*
- They just lost all their slaves! Who would they have to make bricks, work in the fields, and build their cities now that the Israelites were gone? So what would Pharaoh do now? Any guesses? *Allow guesses.*

Exodus 14:6–8

Let’s find out! *Read Exodus 14:6–8.*

- What did they decide to do? *Chase after the Israelites to get them back.*

Show Lesson Illustration #3. That’s right! Pharaoh got his army and his chariots and raced after the Israelites. He had over 600 chariots with fast horses. Pharaoh’s army was fast and powerful! Uh oh! They could easily catch up to the Israelites.

God Parts the Red Sea

- After the Israelites left Egypt, they walked toward the Red Sea. But it wasn’t long before they looked back, and who did they see chasing them? *Pharaoh and his army of chariots and horses!*

Oh no! Now they were trapped! Behind them Pharaoh’s army was coming fast, but in front of them was the Red Sea! What would they do? They couldn’t swim across all that water. And they had no boat that could carry them all across. Would they be captured and taken back to Egypt to become slaves again?

Exodus 14 tells us what happened, and we’re going to act it out together.

Follow the Red Sea Role Play Script then continue with the lesson.

Show the Lesson Flip Chart. Once again, God showed his omnipotence and his faithfulness to keep his promises. He protected the Israelites and led them to safety THROUGH the Red Sea. And you know what? The God who saved them back then is the same God we worship now. He hasn’t changed; he is still all-powerful and faithful to keep his promises and to lead those who trust in him.

God rescued the Israelites from Egypt!





K-1st Lesson

Review

Refer to the Exodus to Malachi Timeline. We've learned a lot about Moses and how God protected him when he was a baby and then when he was grown up and had to run away from Egypt. Then 40 years later, God called to Moses from a burning bush and sent him to free the Israelites from slavery. God showed his great omnipotence by sending ten plagues. And finally, Pharaoh said the Israelites could leave Egypt.

In the last lesson, we saw how God brought the Israelites out of Egypt. But Pharaoh decided he wanted his slaves back. So he gathered his great army and chariots and chased after the Israelites.

- Refer to Lesson 55 Flip Chart. What did God do to save the Israelites when they were trapped at the Red Sea? God parted the Red Sea so the Israelites walked through to the other side on dry ground.

That's right! God caused the water to stand up on both sides like walls of water. The Israelites and all their animals walked safely to the other side on dry ground.

- What happened when the Egyptians tried to follow the Israelites into the Red Sea? The wheels on their chariots got clogged and wouldn't work right. God caused the water to return to its place, drowning the Egyptian army.

The Israelites wouldn't have to fear the Egyptians anymore! God rescued them! The people were so happy, they sang a song of praise to God.

Today, we're going to start with a game called "What Is It?" I need some brave volunteers! Follow the instructions and script for the What Is It? Game then continue with the lesson.

God Provided Manna

After the Israelites crossed the Red Sea, they traveled through the wilderness on their way

to the land of Canaan. Other people were living there, but God wanted the Israelites to have it. Now that they were free from Egypt, the Israelites were going there to claim the Promised Land and make it their own.

- Can you guess how many people were probably in the group of Israelites? Allow guesses.

There could have been about 2 million people in all. That's a very large group of people and animals, and they all needed food and water on their journey. About a month after the Israelites left Egypt, all the bread they brought with them was gone, and the Israelites started to grumble and complain. They became so hungry and angry that they said Moses and Aaron brought them into the wilderness to die.

- Was that true? Did Moses bring them this far just to let them die? No!

No. God had rescued the Israelites from a terrible life as slaves, and he had chosen Moses to lead them to the Promised Land. But they had already forgotten that God was faithful and would take care of them. God heard their complaints and told Moses what he would do.

Exodus 16:4

- Let's see how God provided food for the Israelites. Who has the Bible? Have the student bring up the Bible and open it to the sticky note. Listen to Exodus 16:4. Read the verse.

- What did God say he was about to do? Rain what from heaven for them? Bread.

Yes! God said the next morning he would send bread for the people to eat—right out there in the wilderness.

Exodus 16:14–15

Listen to what happened the next morning. This is in Exodus 16:14 and 15. Read the verses.

- God caused a dew to cover the ground in the morning. What is dew? Allow answers.

Have you ever been outside in the morning and noticed that the grass was wet, even when it didn't rain? When wetness from the air settles on the grass during the night, it's called dew.

Show the Lesson Flip Chart. When the dew dried out, the Israelites saw a white, flake-like food lying all over the ground—sort of like very thin crackers.

- What did the Israelites ask when they found this unusual food? Reread verse 15. What is it?

They had never seen bread like this before. Moses told them it was bread from the Lord. They called this special bread *manna*, which is a Hebrew word that means, "What is it?"

God provided food for the Israelites, but he also gave them some rules to follow. Each morning, they were commanded to collect just enough manna for the day. Then when the sun got hot, what was left on the ground melted away. But some people disobeyed and collected extra, and the next day, the manna got worms in it and stank. Eww!

You see, they needed to learn to trust and obey God and remember that he would be faithful to provide for them each day.

God Provided Water

- Well, God provided food for the Israelites, but what else does a person need to survive in the wilderness? Allow guesses.

All people and animals need to have water to drink. Out in the wilderness, there wasn't a lot of water around, but God was able to provide water for them in amazing, miraculous ways. Let's find out about one way God did that.

Exodus 17:5–6

We'll read about one time when the people were so thirsty, they became angry at Moses and were ready to throw stones at him! Moses prayed and asked God what he should do. Listen to God's answer. Read Exodus 17:5–6.

- What did God tell Moses to do with his staff? Strike the rock with his staff.
- What would happen when Moses obeyed God? Water would come out of the rock!

Refer to the Flip Chart. God made water come out of a rock! That's really awesome! God faithfully provided for the Israelites when they grumbled for food and water.

- Do you think God knew they needed these things? Yes!
- Of course! God is our Creator; he knows what we need. But is God pleased when we grumble and complain? No.

God commands us in his Word to do all things without grumbling or arguing.

- How many of you have ever grumbled or complained or argued about something? Show of hands.

Like the Israelites, we can forget how much God gives to us and does for us. But when we complain and argue, it's selfish and shows that we're not trusting in God and who he is. We need to remember that God is faithful and powerful.

God Provided Protection

Refer to the Flip Chart. So we've learned that God led the Israelites in the wilderness and that he provided food and water for them. God also gave them protection from their enemies. There were a lot of other people living in the land, and they did not want the Israelites around. Some people who were called Amalekites came out to fight against the Israelites.

The Israelites were not soldiers, so they really needed God's help to win this battle! And God told Moses what to do to help them win. Moses chose Joshua to gather the fighting men and go to battle against the Amalekites while Moses went to the top of a nearby hill with Aaron and another man named Hur where they could see the fight.

The battle began. Whenever Moses held up his hands with his staff, the Israelites started winning. Everyone hold up your hands and say, "Yay!" Have students raise hands straight up and say, "Yay!"

But whenever Moses lowered his hands, the Amalekites started winning the fight! Everyone put your hands down and say, "Boo!" Have students lower hands and say, "Boo!"

Moses raised his hands again. Have students raise hands up and say, "Yay!"

But Moses' arms got tired, and he couldn't keep them up. So Aaron and Hur got a stone for Moses to sit on. But even sitting down, it was too hard for Moses to keep his staff raised up. Have students lower hands and say, "Boo!"

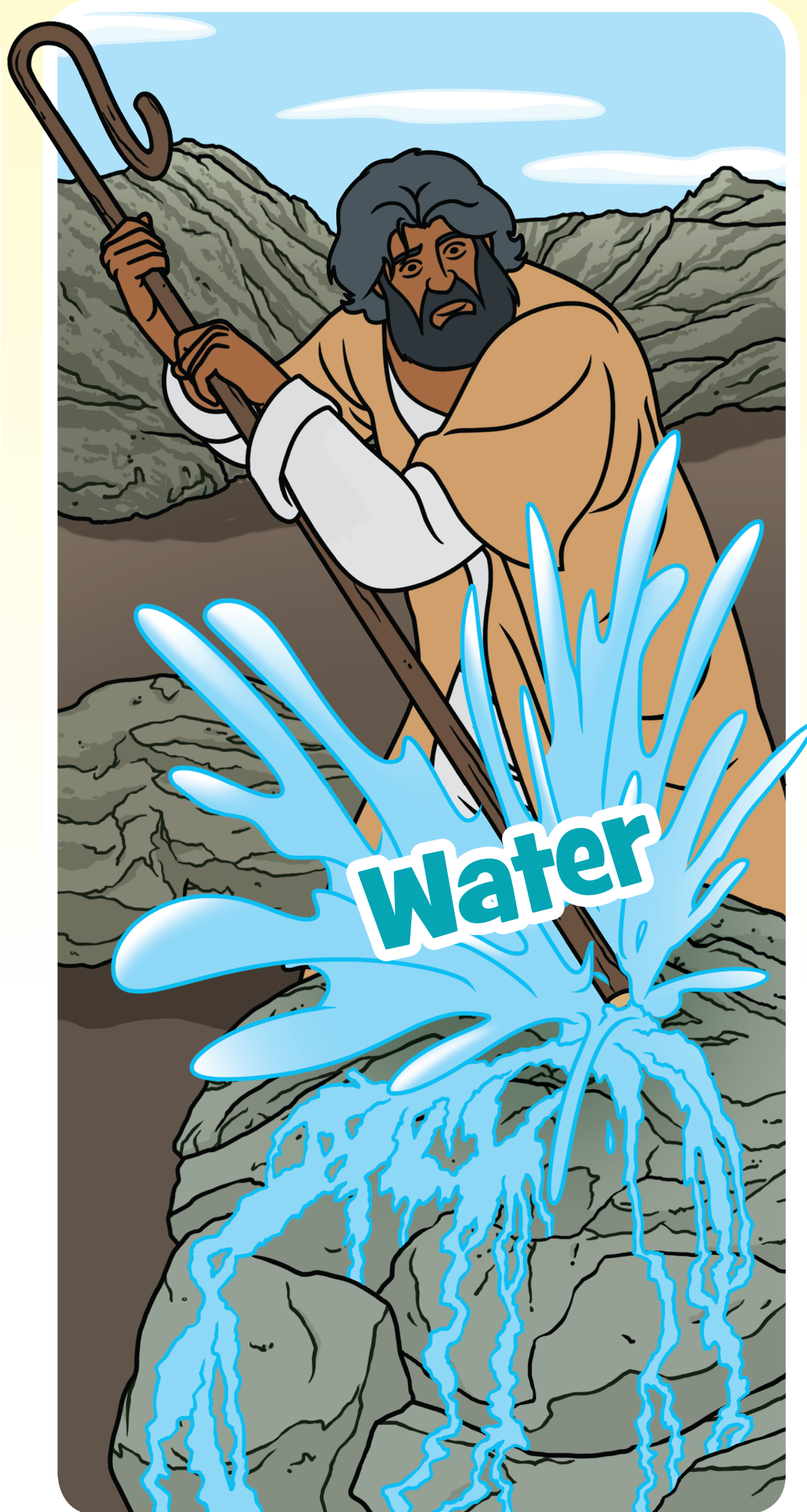
So Aaron and Hur stood on each side of Moses and held up his arms! Have students raise hands straight up and say, "Yay!"

Refer to the Flip Chart. With their help, Moses' arms stayed up until the end of the day, and Joshua and the Israelites beat the Amalekites! Yay! God was in control of the battle, and he helped the Israelites win.

God provided for all the needs of the Israelites. He made sure they had food, water, and protection from enemies. God is faithful. He knows exactly what we need, and we can trust him to provide for us, too.

GOD PROVIDED...

Manna





K-1st Lesson

Review

Refer to Lesson 56 Flip Chart. God rescued the Israelites from Egypt. He split the Red Sea so they could walk through it, and he led them with a pillar of cloud and fire. Even after this great miracle, the Israelites grumbled and complained when they got hungry and thirsty. But God was merciful to them and gave them manna to eat and water to drink.

After three months of traveling in the wilderness, the Israelites came to Mount Sinai where God spoke to them and gave them ten important commands. We call these the Ten Commandments.

The First Four Commandments

Put the following objects that represent the commandments into each numbered bag for the students to reveal as you teach: #1 blue ribbon or trophy, #2 figurine, #3 lipstick or lip balm, #4 clock or wristwatch, #5 photo of a family or couple, #6 baby toy, sock, or bonnet, #7 ring (real or play), #8 wallet or money, #9 Bible, #10 small wrapped present.

Even though God first gave these commandments to the Israelites, they are also important for us. The first four commands tell God's people how they should treat God. Let's take a look at them now.

Exodus 20:1-3

Turn to the Flip Chart Memory Verse Page. Our memory verse has the first command! Let's say it together. Read the verse together.

- ? Can you find the part that is the first commandment? It starts with the word "you." *You shall have no other gods before me.*
- ? That's the first commandment. Who will show us what's inside the first bag? *Choose a student to reveal the item in bag #1.*
- ? What does this ribbon/trophy remind you of? *Allow discussion.*

A ribbon or trophy like this is given to someone in first place.

Show the Lesson Flip Chart. See the number one here? It reminds us that God should always have first place in our lives; nothing should be more important to us than him.

There are lots of things we may put first instead of God—like watching TV, playing sports or video games, or playing with friends. These things aren't bad—unless we spend so much time doing them that we forget about God. We should always put God first.

- ? Let's move on to the second commandment. Who will look inside bag #2 for us? *Choose a student.*

This little statue is just a decoration, but today we'll use it to remind us of some statues called idols that people make and bow down to. God's second commandment says we should never make any idols to worship or pray to.

Refer to the Flip Chart. This girl is singing and worshipping God. Do you see the #2 shape? That reminds us of the second commandment to never worship an idol or a statue. We should worship only God.

Exodus 20:7

- ? Let's read the next commandment from Exodus 20:7. Who has the Bible? *Have the student bring up the Bible and open it to the sticky note. Read the verse.*
- ? What did it say? You shall not take whose name in vain? *You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.*

That means the words we say should never dishonor God or his name—that includes using God's name as a swear word or just saying it when we're excited about something. God doesn't want us to use his name that way.

- ? Who wants to show us what's in bag #3? *Choose a student.*
- ? What do you do with lipstick/lip balm? *Put it on your lips.*

Refer to the Flip Chart. Look at these big lips. Do you see the number three? This lipstick and these lips remind us of the third commandment to honor God with our words.

Exodus 20:8

Now listen to the fourth commandment. Read Exodus 20:8.

- ? What is the fourth commandment? What day should we remember? *Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.*
- God wants us to work six days and rest on the seventh day like he did at creation. Here, you may choose to teach your denomination's application of this command.
- Refer to the Flip Chart. See the number four? Going to church is a great way to rest from all the other things we do during the week and take time for God. At church, we can spend time learning about God, worshipping him, and thanking him for all he's done for us.
- ? What do you think is in the fourth bag? Who will open it for us? *Choose a student.*
 - ? What does a clock do for us? *Tells us the time.*

Yes. A clock/watch reminds us that we should take time for God.

The Last Six Commandments

The next six commandments tell us how to live right and how to treat other people.

Exodus 20:12

Listen to the fifth commandment. Read Exodus 20:12.

- ? Who does the fifth commandment tell us to honor? *Honor your father and your mother.*
- ? Will someone look in bag #5 for us? *Choose a student.*

Here's a picture of a mom and a dad (or family) to remind us to honor our own moms and dads.

- ? What is a big way you can honor your parents when they tell you to do something? It starts with the letter o! *Obey them.*

Refer to the Flip Chart. Right! God wants us to obey our parents and listen to them. Here's a mom and a dad. They are sitting in the shape of a 5 to help us remember the fifth commandment—honor and obey your parents.

Exodus 20:13

- ? What is the sixth commandment? Read Exodus 20:13. You shall not what? *You shall not murder.*
- ? Who wants to open bag #6? *Choose a student.*

This baby toy/sock/bonnet reminds us that God gives us life. God says in the sixth commandment that no person should ever take someone's life by killing them. This is murder.

Refer to the Flip Chart. See the six here around the mother and her baby? God has created us special in his image, so we should respect all human life.

Let's look in the next bag now, #7. *Choose a student.*

- ? A ring! What does this remind you of? *Allow answers.*
- ? Refer to the Flip Chart. Hey! Our picture has a ring, too. What is happening in this picture shaped like the number seven? *Allow answers.*

This reminds us that God designed marriage to be one man and one woman for life. When they get married, God wants a husband and wife to love each other and never leave them for someone else. This is the seventh commandment, to obey God's design for marriage.

Exodus 20:15

- ? And what's the eighth command? Read Exodus 20:15. You shall not steal.
 - ? What could be in bag #8? *Choose a student.*
- This wallet/money reminds us that we should never steal.
- ? Refer to the Flip Chart. Do you see how the boy and his thought are shaped like an 8? What is the boy thinking about? *Stealing money.*

Yes. But he knows it's wrong, so there's a big X through that idea. He knows God wants us to respect other people's things.

Let's move on to the ninth commandment. It says we should not bear false witness against our neighbor.

- ? What does false mean? *Not true.*
- ? So, if you say something that is false, what are you doing? *Lying.*

Refer to the Flip Chart. Right. The ninth command says we should never lie. See this boy in the number 9? He's painting a line through the word "lies." He knows it's wrong to lie, so he's crossing it out.

- ? Who will look in bag #9? *Choose a student.*

It's a Bible! God never lies; his Word is always true—and he wants our words to be true, too.

Sometimes we may not want to tell the whole truth. We might think, "It's not a big lie, just a little fib." Or we may try to be sneaky and cover up part of the truth.

- ? But does that still count as a lie? *Yes!*
- ? Yes. God wants us to tell the truth—always.
- ? There's one more commandment we need to talk about. Who wants to see what's in the last bag? *Choose a student.*
- ? Ooh! How many of you like presents? *Show of hands.*

Most people enjoy getting presents. But when we see something someone else has and feel like we want it so bad that we can't be happy without it, that's called coveting. In the tenth commandment, God says we should not covet. He wants us to be happy and content with what we have and not go around wishing we had what another person has.

- ? Refer to the Flip Chart. See this girl in the number ten picture? She's holding a small gift. Do you think she's coveting the boy's huge gift? Is she mad because she wants the big gift this boy has? *Allow discussion.*

They both look like they are happy with what they've been given, don't they? And that's what the tenth commandment should remind us of—to be happy and content with what we have.

Why Did God Give the Ten Commandments?

God put the Ten Commandments in his Word, so we (and the Israelites) could understand how to treat God, how to treat others, and to learn that we need Jesus. You see, we can't obey all these commands all the time because we are sinners.

Refer to the Flip Chart. If we tell a lie, we're breaking the ninth commandment. If we disobey our mom or dad, we're breaking the fifth commandment!

Who was the only person that could obey all of these commandments? *Jesus!*

Jesus was the only one who ever obeyed all of God's laws perfectly. That's why he could take the punishment for our sins when he died on the cross. And when we turn to Jesus and believe in him, we are made right with God. That's the good news about Jesus, and it begins by understanding the Ten Commandments!

God gave the 10 Commandments.



1. Put God first.



2. Worship only God.



3. Honor God with your words.



4. Take time for God.



5. Obey your parents.



6. Respect human life.



7. Obey God's design for marriage.



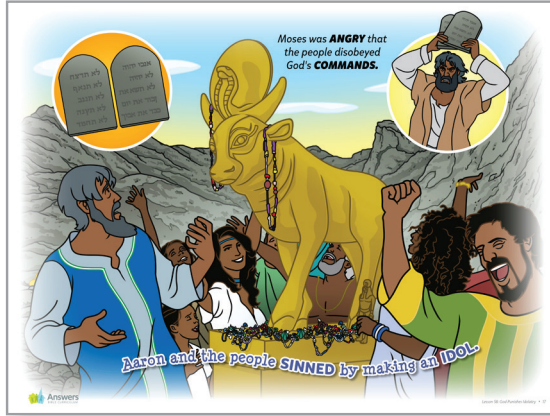
8. Respect other people's things.



9. Tell the truth.



10. Be content with what you have.



K-1st Lesson

Review

- Refer to the Lesson 57 Flip Chart. In our last lesson, we learned about some special laws that God gave Moses to teach the people how to treat God and each other. What are those laws called? *The Ten Commandments.*

Right. The first four commandments teach how to worship God. Let's see if you remember what those are. Point to each picture on the Flip Chart and review the first four commandments.

Good job! Now let's see if you can name the next six commands about how to treat others. Review the remaining commands from the Flip Chart.

After God spoke to the Israelites and told them to keep the Ten Commandments, he called Moses to come up to the top of Mount Sinai. God was going to explain some other laws the Israelites needed to know, and God was going to write down the Ten Commandments on stone tablets with his own finger so the people could keep these commands with them.

The Israelites Sin

So, Moses took Joshua with him and climbed up the mountain. While Joshua waited partway, Moses continued up, up, up to the top of the mountain. Moses stayed up there talking with God for 40 days! That's a long time! So the Israelites started wondering, "What's happened to Moses?" "Is he dead?" "Is he ever going to come back?" They couldn't go looking for him, since God had said they were not allowed on the mountain.

Exodus 32:1

- Let's find out what the Israelites did in Exodus 32:1. Who has the Bible? Have the student bring up the Bible and open it to the sticky note. Read the verse.

- Who did the Israelites say brought them out of the land of Egypt? *Moses.*
- Was that true? Was it Moses who caused the ten plagues in Egypt and split the Red Sea so they could cross? *No.*
- Who really rescued them from Pharaoh in Egypt? *God did!*

That's right. Moses led the people, but it was God who rescued them with all the miracles. But the Israelites already forgot about God.

- What did the Israelites tell Aaron to do? What did they want him to make? *Make us gods who shall go before us.*

Uh oh! They were pretty mixed up. First, they said Moses did things only God could do, and now they wanted Aaron to make an idol to lead them instead of God.

- Do you think that pleased God? *No!*
- Refer to the Lesson 57 Flip Chart. Look at the Ten Commandments again. The people already forgot some of these. What was number one? *Put God first.*

- And what was number two? *Worship only God. Do not make idols.*

Right. But they told Aaron to make an idol for them to worship.

Remember, Aaron was Moses' brother, who had helped Moses speak to Pharaoh and lead the people, so he should have known this was very wrong.

Exodus 32:2-4

Let's find out what Aaron did. Read Exodus 32:2-4. Stop before the second sentence in verse 4.

- What did Aaron ask the people to give him? *Rings of gold.*

And the people did what he asked. They took off their gold rings and brought them to Aaron.

- Show the Lesson Flip Chart. What did Aaron make with this gold? *A golden calf.*

- What is a calf? *A young cow or bull.*

- Young bulls are strong, and the people wanted to worship a strong god. But this was just a statue made out of gold. Could it do anything for them? *No!*

Aaron just made it out of gold earrings! How could it lead the people? This was all wrong. But the people thought it was great. Listen to what they said about the golden calf. Read the last part of verse 4. *These are your gods, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!*

- Let's think about what's happening here. What are the people doing? *Making and worshipping an idol. Saying the idol—not God—brought them out of Egypt.*

Wow! The Israelites already broke the first two commandments God told them to follow! They weren't worshipping God—they were worshipping a statue of a cow!

- Would this idol help them? What can a statue do? *Allow discussion.*

Statues can't do anything, can they? Someone has to make them out of stone or clay or metal. But that's all they are.

Let's play a game called "Statues." Follow the instructions for the Statues Game then continue with the lesson.

Statues can't do anything except stand there. Worshipping a statue or idol is wrong. And it doesn't make any sense. They don't have any power to do anything. But God is omnipotent. He CAN do anything, and we should worship only him.

It was foolish of the Israelites to think that something Aaron made out of their gold had the power to save them from Pharaoh and part the Red Sea, but that's what they said. They ate and drank and celebrated their new false god. They were out of control! They were mixing worship of the true God with idol worship. This was a terrible sin.

Meanwhile, up on Mount Sinai, God knew what the people were doing down below. And he told Moses he was going to destroy the Israelites! They were stubborn and disobedient and deserved to be punished for their sin.

But Moses loved the Israelite people, so he prayed for mercy. This was an important prayer because God was ready to wipe them out! But God listened to Moses and did not destroy the Israelites even though he would have been just to punish them this way. But God showed mercy instead.

Moses Comes Back

Refer to the Lesson Flip Chart. Moses' prayer saved the Israelites from death, but they were still in big trouble! Moses hurried down the mountain with the two stone tablets in his hand.

- Who remembers what God wrote on those stone tablets? *The Ten Commandments.*

When Moses got back to the camp and saw the golden calf and the people dancing around, he was furious! He threw down the stone tablets and broke them. Moses burned the golden calf and ground it into powder. He sprinkled the powder in the water and made the people drink it. Then later, God punished them with a plague.

But the people weren't the only ones in trouble. Moses had left Aaron in charge. He asked Aaron what happened that caused him to do such a sinful thing and make this idol. But Aaron didn't want to take the blame, so he said the people made him do it.

Exodus 32:24

Listen to what Aaron said. Read Exodus 32:24.

- What did he say happened? *He said the people gave him their gold; he threw it into the fire, and a calf came out.*

Aaron's story was not the whole truth. He made it sound like the gold turned into a calf by itself and popped out of the fire! Ta-da! Just like that.

But we already read a verse that says, "he fashioned the gold with a graving tool to make the golden calf." Aaron took time to shape the gold into this idol, didn't he? Aaron didn't want to take responsibility for his sin and confess it. But he had the choice to say no when the people told him to make the idol, so he couldn't blame them for what he had done.

Aaron and the Israelites were all guilty of sin against God. But Moses prayed for them, and God listened. They could have been wiped out because of their sin, but God chose to show mercy.

Moses was **ANGRY** that the people disobeyed God's **COMMANDS**.



Aaron and the people **SINNED** by making an **IDOL**.



K-1st Lesson

Review

- Refer to Lesson 58 Flip Chart. Who remembers what sinful thing the Israelites did while Moses was up on Mount Sinai? They made a golden calf and worshipped it.

Yes. Soon after God had given them the Ten Commandments, the people turned away from him and made an idol of a golden calf and worshipped it.

God was ready to destroy the Israelites for their sin, but Moses prayed and God showed mercy to the Israelites. Even though they were still punished, God did not wipe them out.

- Today, I have a question for you. How many of you have ever watched someone build something or seen your mom bake a cake or cookies? Show of hands.
- Did they do it all by themselves, or did they have instructions to follow? Allow answers.

I want to see how well we can build something with these blocks without using any instructions. Set out the container of blocks you brought. We're going to build a church building together before the time is up. I'm going to set the timer (3–5 minutes). Are you ready? Have students take turns adding blocks to the building (without too much direction) as time allows.

Okay. Stop! Let's see how you did! Praise creativity and teamwork.

You did a great job! I gave you a task without giving a lot of instructions, didn't I? I said we would build a church, but I didn't say how big it should be or what shape to make it.

- But what if I wanted our building to look a certain way? What would I need to give you so you would know how to build it? Directions. Instruction book. Picture.

Show instruction book from a toy set or model. Flip through the instructions and point out the features as you describe them. These instructions are for a _____. They show you exactly how you're supposed to put the pieces together so you can build exactly what is shown on the front.

In our lesson today, God promised to dwell with the Israelites and stay with them. But he didn't let them build a place of worship on their own. God gave them special instructions!

The Tabernacle

We've seen how the Israelites didn't always do what God said. Let's find out if they followed his instructions for this special place.

Exodus 25:8–9

- Who has the Bible? Have the student bring up the Bible and open it to the sticky note. Read Exodus 25:8–9.

God was going to tell Moses exactly how the people should build a special place to worship him. It was called a tabernacle. Say that with me: tabernacle. There would also be special furniture that would go inside of the tabernacle.

- What is furniture? What kind of furniture do we have in our classroom? Allow answers. Chairs, tables, shelves, etc.
- Right! Most pieces of furniture have a specific purpose. What is a chair for? What is a shelf used for? Allow answers.

Everything the Israelites were going to build had a special purpose, too.

- How did God expect them to follow his instructions? Listen again. Reread the first and last parts of Exodus 25:9, "Exactly as I show you . . . so you shall make it."

Show the Lesson Flip Chart. The people needed to follow God's instructions exactly as they put the tabernacle and furniture all together. It would include a large tent called the tent of meeting with a fence all around it.

Right inside the fence stood two things: an altar and a basin. The large altar was made from wood with shiny metal, called bronze, all over it. This is where the Israelites would bring animals to sacrifice for their sin when they came to worship. This reminded them that they were sinners and God was holy.

The basin was made of bronze, too. It was like a sink where the priests would wash. They led

the people in worship and did other special jobs—like sacrificing animals on the altar. The priests had to wash at the bronze basin as a reminder to be clean and holy as they served the Lord.

God chose Aaron and his sons to be the first priests. He wanted the priests to be set apart just like his tabernacle, so God gave instructions for making special clothes for them. God even told them which colors to use for the priest's clothing.

- Refer to the Lesson Flip Chart. Look at Aaron's clothes in the picture here. What colors do you see? Allow answers.

Gold, blue, purple, and red were beautiful colors that God wanted Aaron, the first high priest, and his sons to wear for worship ceremonies and special announcements.

The Tent

Inside the tent of meeting were two rooms. The first room was the holy place, and only priests could go in there.

Refer to the Lesson Flip Chart. There were three pieces of furniture in the holy place. They were all very beautiful with carvings of flowers and other decorations on them—and they were all made with gold! The first was a golden lampstand. It was an oil lamp that gave light inside the tent.

Then there was the table of showbread where 12 loaves of fresh bread were placed each week. Only the priests could eat it. The bread was a reminder how God provided manna for them in the wilderness.

The third item in the holy place was the altar of incense. Incense is a mixture of sweet-smelling spices. Aaron kept these spices burning regularly.

The other room inside the tent was called the most holy place. It had a veil of fine linen in front of it, like a curtain. Only the high priest was allowed to enter this room once a year.

In the most holy place was the ark of the covenant. Now, we're not talking about the kind of ark Noah built; this ark was a big wooden box, or chest, covered in gold.

- On top of the ark, there was a cover called the mercy seat with two golden cherubim on it. What are cherubim? Allow guesses. A type of angel.

The ark of the covenant with the mercy seat on top reminded the Israelites that God was with them and that they were sinners and needed God's mercy and forgiveness.

The Picture of Christ

God gave Moses a lot of instructions. But the Israelites followed them completely, which pleased God.

Remember how I said everything in the tabernacle had important meanings? Well, did you know that many parts of it also pointed to Jesus?

- For example, Jesus said he was the light of the world. Which item in the tabernacle gave light? The golden lampstand.
- Jesus said he was the bread of life. Which item in the tabernacle had bread on it? The table of showbread.

The bronze altar also pointed to Jesus. Remember, the priests had to sacrifice animals on this altar to cover the people's sins. But those sacrifices could not take away sin completely. So they had to do it over and over again.

But many years later, God sent his Son, Jesus, to be a sacrifice for us so our sins could be forgiven completely.

- How did Jesus die for us? Jesus died on the cross.
- How many sacrifices did Jesus make? Did he die over and over again? No. Just one time. A single sacrifice.

Because Jesus died, people don't need to keep sacrificing animals anymore. Jesus gave himself once as a sacrifice that was good forever.

So, the altar in the tabernacle where they made sacrifices reminded the people that they were sinners and needed forgiveness. It was a picture of what Jesus would do when he came to die on the cross to save sinners once and for all.

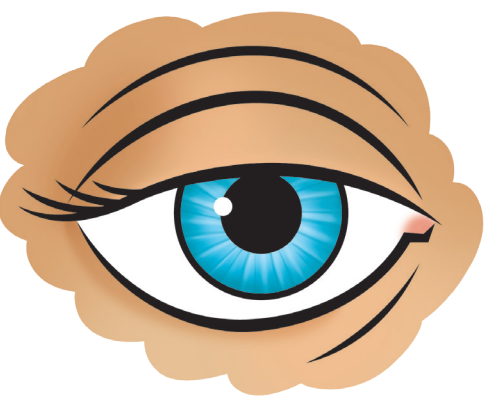


Refer to the instruction book from a toy set or model you showed at the beginning of the lesson. Most of us don't like to sit down and read instructions. But when we want to make something, we need good instructions to help us do it right. That's why God told Moses exactly how to make everything in the tabernacle because it was important: it was where the Israelites would worship God and understand their sin and need for a Savior!

The tabernacle was a place to worship God.





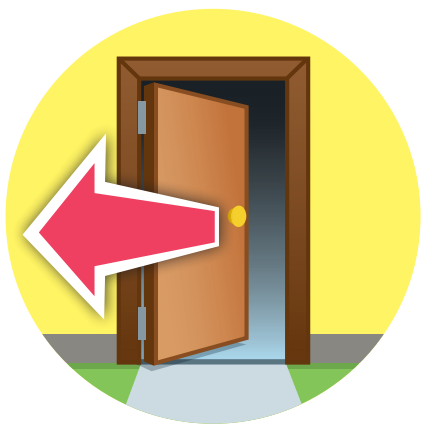
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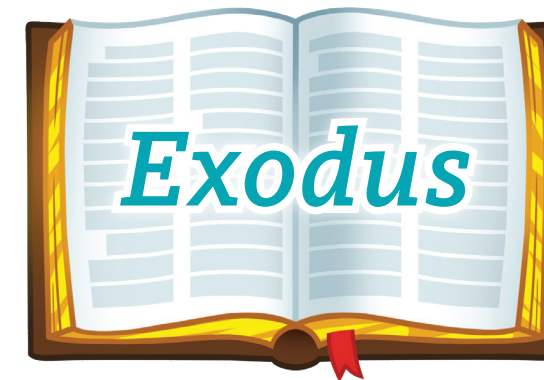


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20:1–3



Exodus 20:1–3

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And God spoke all these words, saying,

"I am the LORD your God,
who brought you out, brought you out
out of the land of Egypt,
out of the house of slavery."
(Repeat)

"You shall have no other gods before me."
"You shall have no other gods before me."

"I am the LORD your God,
who brought you out, brought you out
out of the land of Egypt,
out of the house of slavery."
(Repeat)

"You shall have no other gods before me."
"You shall have no other gods before me."

"I am the LORD your God."
"I am the LORD your God."



Little Baby Moses

There was a little baby
from a Hebrew family.
His mother had to hide him
to save him from the king.

She wove a special basket
to keep the baby dry.
Then set him in the river
with his sister standing by.

His name was Moses.
He was drawn from the water.
Moses!
How did this come about?
Moses!
He was drawn from the water.
Moses!
Well, God had worked it out!

The daughter of the Pharaoh
Spied the floating basket.
How great was her excitement
when she saw the Hebrew in it.

The princess kept the baby
and raised him as her own.
This kid was adopted!
And here's how he was known . . .

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(Repeat)

God Is Omnipotent

God is om-ni-po-tent.
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What does that mean? Om-ni-po-tent.
Can you give me a clue? Can you give me a
hint?
That's a really big word! Om-ni-po-tent.
Can you give me a clue? Can you give me a
hint?

All powerful—
Mighty and strong!
Unstoppable—
All the day long!
(Repeat)

Greater than great! Om-ni-po-tent.
Is that what you're saying? Is that what you
meant?
Stronger than strong! Om-ni-po-tent.
Is that what you're saying? Is that what you
meant?

All powerful—
Mighty and strong!
Unstoppable—
All the day long!
(Repeat)

One more thing . . . om-ni-po-tent.
Could that be me? Or a queen or a president?
Who is like that? Give me a hint!
Only our God is om-ni-po-tent!

All powerful—
Mighty and strong!
Unstoppable—
All the day long!
(Repeat)

Only our God is om-ni-po-tent!
Only our God is om-ni-po-tent!

God Calls You

God calls you to obey.
God calls you to obey.
So I'll say, "Okay, okay!"
I'll obey today!

God wants you to trust Him.
God wants you to trust Him.
So I'll trust. I must, I must!
Trust You, Lord, today!
(Repeat)

Even when you don't really want to,
Even when it's hard to obey,
I'll still say, "Okay, okay!"
I'll obey today!

Even when you don't understand it,
Even when you don't see a way,
I'll still trust. I must, I must!
Trust You, Lord, today!

Trust You, Lord, today!
Trust You, Lord, today!

