



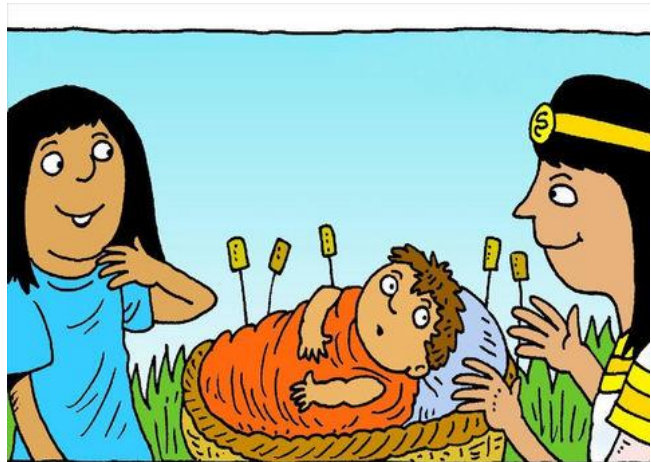
L2L34: Moses – From the Bulrushes to the Burning Bush

Exodus 1-4

The Pharaoh who knew Joseph had died, and a new Pharaoh arose in Egypt. He enslaved the Israelites and treated them cruelly. He commanded that all baby boys be killed, but a special couple named Amram and Jochebed decided to hide their son from Pharaoh's soldiers. They made a plan they hoped would save their baby boy. Jochebed placed her son in a basket of reeds and put him in the river and told her daughter Miriam to watch what would happen to him. What would become of the baby? God was looking for a man to lead His people out of slavery, and it seemed He had a plan in mind for this special little boy.

Discuss:

- At the time, Egypt was the most powerful nation on earth. Why do you think the Israelites needed God to save them?
- Amram and Jochebed showed great courage in saving their son's life. Why do you think they wanted to protect their son? How do you think this compares to how God feels about us?
- Moses grew up in a palace with servants and riches. Do you think it might be hard for someone to give up that life? Moses did it because he looked to the future Kingdom of God (Hebrews 11:23-26). How does looking to the kingdom of God help us make sacrifices in our lives?
- Moses told God he wasn't the right person to carry out God's instructions to go speak with Pharaoh. Why do you think he was afraid? What did God say to change his mind?



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Memory Challenge:

Exodus 3:12

So He said, "I will certainly be with you. And this shall be a sign to you that I have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."



L2L35: Moses and Aaron Meet Pharaoh

Exodus 5-6

When God told Moses to go to Egypt, Moses was very reluctant. He complained that he was not able to speak well. God didn't accept his excuse. Instead, God informed him that Aaron, his brother, would speak on his behalf. They had a very difficult assignment - to tell Pharaoh that the great God of heaven demanded the release of the Israelites! Imagine the courage that it took to approach the Pharaoh of Egypt and give him this message! Yet Moses obeyed God and went to Egypt, preparing himself to face one of the most powerful rulers on earth, with faith in the most powerful ruler in the universe!

Discuss:

- How did Pharaoh react when Moses told him to let the people go?
- Straw was an important ingredient for making bricks. The Egyptians provided the Israelite slaves this straw to mix with mud. When Moses demanded the release of the Israelites, Pharaoh angrily responded by making a decree that the Israelites would have to gather their own straw from then on. How do you think the people felt about Pharaoh's order? How do you think they felt toward Moses?
- Why do you think God allowed this to happen?
- What lessons did Moses and the Israelites learn from the way that God dealt with Pharaoh? What lessons can we learn from reading this part of the Bible?



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Memory Challenge:

Exodus 6:7

I will take you as My people, and I will be your God. Then you shall know that I am the Lord your God who brings you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.



L2L36: God Sends the Plagues

Exodus 7-10

As God had commanded, Moses demanded that Pharaoh release the Israelite slaves. As you might expect, Pharaoh refused. The Egyptians had no respect for God, and to the Pharaoh, Moses' order from God was just a ploy for the Israelites to abandon their work. Before long, however, God would strike the Egyptians with plagues that would show that believing in the Egyptian gods was utter nonsense.

Discuss:

- Pharaoh had sorcerers and magicians. What does God's Word teach us about magic, fortune tellers, etc?(Deuteronomy 18:9–11)
- What plagues did God send on Egypt? Why did God send these particular plagues? What effect do you think each had on everyday life in Egypt?
- After the plagues, Egypt had no crops, no fruit trees nor any other trees, and very few livestock. There was only destruction everywhere (Exodus 10:7). Why did God allow this to happen?
- Why do you think Pharaoh continued to have a hard heart?



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Memory Challenge:

Exodus 7:5

And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I stretch out My hand on Egypt and bring out the children of Israel from among them.



L2L37: God Gives Israel the Victory

Exodus 11-14

Even though Egypt was nearly destroyed, Pharaoh would not let Israel go. It would take one final dramatic blow to bring Egypt to its knees. This plague would strike so deeply into the heart of every Egyptian that they would demand that the Israelites leave. Every person, from servant to king, would suffer loss. Only the Israelites would be spared - if they followed God's special instructions. If they followed these instructions to the letter, they would remain unharmed. The Egyptians, on the other hand, would suffer greatly.

Discuss:

- What was the last plague that God sent on Egypt?
- God gave Moses instructions for the Israelites to follow in order to escape the plague. What were the Israelites commanded to do?
- The night that God sent the plague is called the Passover because He passed over every household that followed His special instructions. Why do we still keep Passover today? How is it similar or different to the way the Israelites kept it in Egypt?
- What other miracles besides the plagues did God use to lead the children of Israel out of Egypt?



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Memory Challenge:

Exodus 14:13-14

And Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which He will accomplish for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall see again no more forever. The LORD will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace."