



New Covenant Fellowship

Christian Teaching Material for Children Part 5 “Journey of the Israelites” Booklet B

(Suitable for ages 8+)

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A Baby in the River

Joseph's family and all their descendants lived in Egypt. They were called Hebrews or 'Israelites', because their ancestor Jacob's name was changed to Israel.



Read Exodus 1:5-22.

How would you have felt if you were an Israelite in Egypt at this time?



Read about baby Moses in Exodus 2:1-10.



Using grass stalks or leaves, see if you can weave a basket like the one baby Moses floated in.

Moses's Mistake

Even though he grew up in the Egyptian palace, Moses loved his people, the Israelites. He was angry at the harsh treatment they suffered as slaves to the Egyptians.



Read Exodus 2:11-15.

What do you think about Moses's response to the violence he saw in Egypt? Do you think his actions were fair?



Read Exodus 2:16-22.

Why do you think God directed Moses to Midian?

The Burning Bush



Read Exodus 2:23 - 3:10.

Draw a picture to show what happened on the mountain.



Read Exodus 3:11 - 4:17.

Moses did not think he was the right person for the task God set for him, but God had good reasons for choosing Moses. Which of the following statements are true about Moses?

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| 1. He could speak more than one language. | True / False |
| 2. He had connections to both Egyptians and Israelites. | True / False |
| 3. He had no loved ones to help him. | True / False |
| 4. He killed a man. | True / False |
| 5. He had no teeth. | True / False |
| 6. He was a shepherd. | True / False |
| 7. He had a pet dog called Sphinx. | True / False |
| 8. His sons were circumcised. | True / False |

Can you think of a time you were afraid to do something? Show the story with a simple line drawing in the boxes below.

Return to Egypt



Read Exodus 4:18 - 5:23.

How do you think Moses and Aaron felt when they saw each other again after so long?

How do you think Moses would have felt going back to Egypt, knowing there could be people there who would remember what he had done?

How do you think Moses would have felt after his unsuccessful attempt to persuade Pharaoh?

Signs and Plagues



Read Exodus 6:1-13 and chapters 7 - 9.

Divide into groups of three or four people. Take turns to choose one of the plagues to act out. The others must guess which plague you are acting.



Read Exodus chapters 10 - 11.

Which plague do you think would be the worst?

Draw two pictures to show some of the signs Moses performed to show God's power.

Passover

The final plague was the death angel coming to each house and killing the Egyptian firstborn sons. The angel passed over the Israelite houses, marked with the sign of the blood on the doorposts.

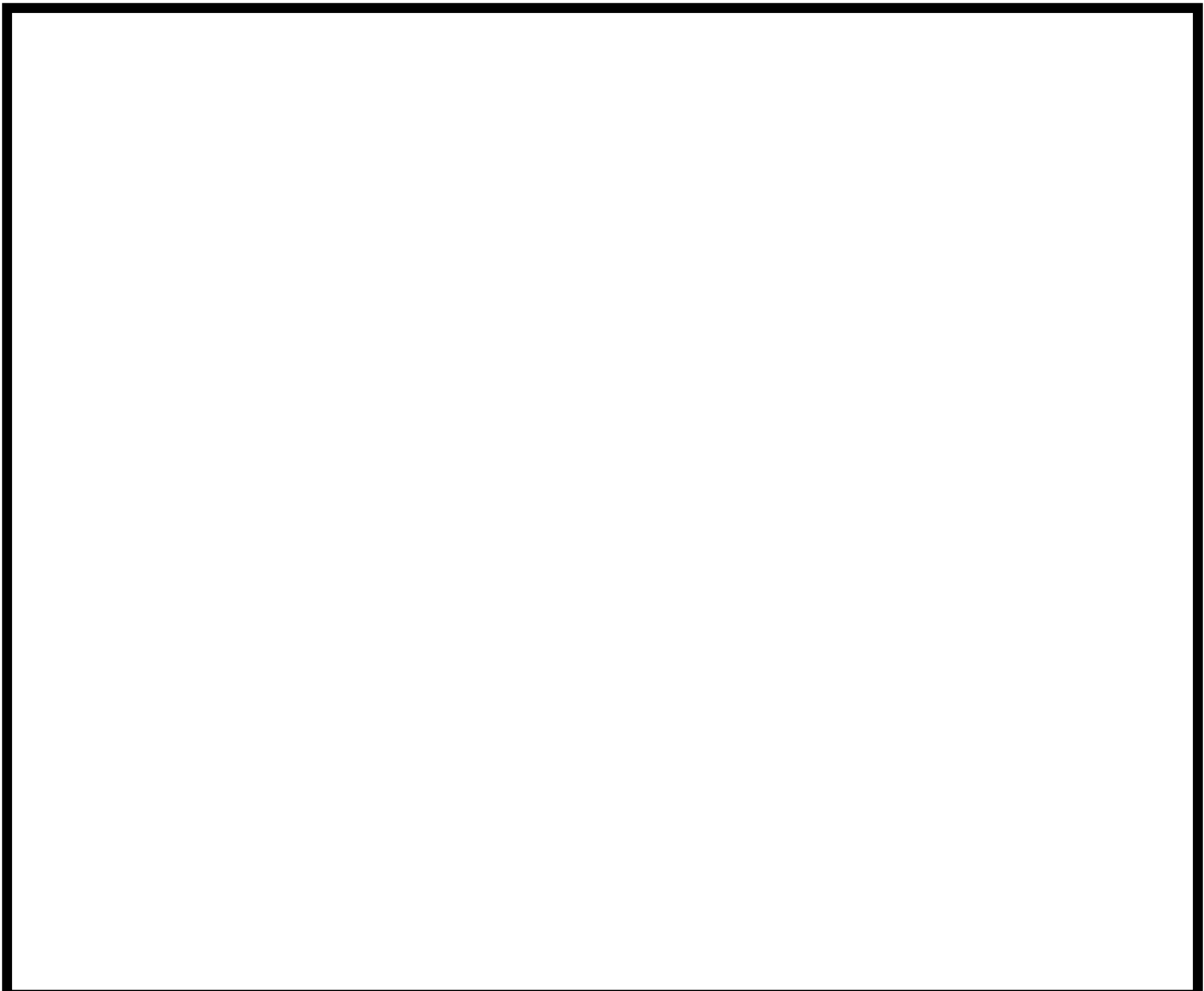
When Pharaoh's own son died, he finally allowed the Israelites to go free.

The passing over of the death angel is called the 'Passover' and this night was when the Israelites were finally freed. The Israelites celebrate a festival every year to remember this event.



Read the story in Exodus 11:1 - 13:16

Draw the Passover meal that the Israelites ate.



Miraculous Escape



Read Exodus 13:17 - 14:31.



Activity A

Imagine you are an Israelite boy or girl escaping from Egypt. Write a story about what happened to you and how you felt.

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Activity B

In a group, choose some people to be Israelites, some to be Egyptian soldiers, some to be horses and one to be Moses. Act out the story of the journey through the Red Sea.

Trusting God in the Wilderness



Read Exodus 15:1-21.

Make up your own tune for Miriam's song, or make up your own song of praise.

"Sing to the Lord,
for he has triumphed gloriously;
he has hurled both horse and rider
into the sea."



Read Exodus 15:22 - 17:7.

Make these negative sentences into something positive. The first one is done for you.

1. I have no friends.

Today I will make a new friend.

2. My food tastes boring.

3. It is too hot.

4. My feet hurt.

5. I don't want to do this lesson.

The Ten Commandments



Read Exodus 19:1-8 and 20:1-17.

Why do we have rules?

Write your own version of the rules to keep on the wall for everyone to see.

It could be something like this:

1. Love God more than you love anything else.
2. Don't make anything in your life more important than God.
3. Always use God's name with respect.
4. Make time to rest and thank God.
5. Respect and listen to the adults who look after you.
6. Do not hurt people with words or actions.
7. Keep your promises to God and to others.
8. Do not steal.
9. Always tell the truth.
10. Be happy with what you have. Do not wish for other people's things.

The Promised Land



Read Numbers 20:1-13, Deuteronomy 34:1-9

Why did God not allow Moses to enter the promised land?

God had made the promise to Abraham that this land would be his family's home. That was many, many years before the Israelites finally came to live there. Why do you think it is sometimes a long time before God fulfils his promises?