



EXODUS

HE LEADS US OUT TO DRAW US IN
FAMILY WORSHIP GUIDE

BACKGROUND

FOR PARENTS

Exodus is the second book of the Bible that is part of the Pentateuch, a larger narrative written down by Moses that includes five parts – Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy.

The title Exodus comes from the Greek word “exodos,” which means “exit” or “departure.” The nation of Israel’s departure from Egypt and Pharaoh’s rule was certainly a big event in the narrative, but we must not look over the true narrative of that event and all other events – it was God who **redeemed** the nation of Israel and had a plan of salvation for them. Israel’s redemption from slavery in Egypt points to a greater redemption from the slavery of sin. This event and many other events in Exodus are shadows of the Gospel, Christ’s redemptive work on the Cross.

Join us once a week with your family as we explore the deep Truths found in Exodus! Family Worship Time isn’t meant to look like Pinterest – expect it to be messy, expect kids to run around, but also expect the Holy Spirit to help those Truths sink in when you least expect it. Consistency is truly key – share with your kids who the God of the Bible is, the authority He and His Word have in your life. Don’t hesitate to process and live your walk “out loud” with your kids – ask for forgiveness, talk about grace, discuss how you have seen God working in your life, etc.

The passages of Scripture will be large each week from the sermons, so for the Family Worship guide we will focus on key portions of the passage. You will be given an ice breaker to help provide a tangible hook for kids or context for the passage, the condensed reading, a brief summary, new theological words to learn, some discussion questions, and encouragement to pray with and for your kids. Family Worship time is should take 10-15 minutes – perhaps longer if your kids are older. Feel free to adapt questions according to your child’s developmental level.

I am excited for this discipleship opportunity for you and your kids, but most importantly I am excited for your kids to know who God which hopefully will point them to their deep need for Him.

-jessica



WEEK SIX

ICE BREAKER

Materials Needed: Clear dish, water, dish soap, black pepper

As you see, I have a small dish of plain water (place it on top of a white piece of paper). Now I am going to take this pepper shaker and shake pepper all over the water. Can you see the pepper floating on top of the water? Now, I want to watch what happens when I put my finger into the water and touch the bottom of the dish. Did you see that? What happened? You are right -- nothing happened!

Next I am going to take just a drop or two of this dishwashing detergent and put it on the tip of my finger. Now I will once again put my finger into the water and touch the bottom of the dish. Now, watch carefully. Wow! Did you see what happened? The pepper all separated and moved to the sides of the dish! That is pretty amazing, isn't it?

READ TOGETHER

Exodus 14:1-15:21

Focus on: Exodus 14:19-31

SUMMARY

Pharaoh's heart became hard once again and he commanded his armies to pursue the Israelites in the Wilderness. But the Lord promised in verse 4 that He will get glory over Pharaoh and the Egyptians shall know that He is Lord. All of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, horsemen, armies, and Pharaoh pursued the Israelites. When the Israelites realized the pursuit, great fear overtook them. In their great fear, instead of trusting God they desired to go back to a life of slavery with the Egyptians. In that moment they wanted to trust their fear instead of the Lord. The Lord used Moses to remind the Israelites that He is fighting for them and to remain firm in the Lord and see the deliverance He will provide. The Lord told Moses to lift his staff and stretch out his hands over the sea to divide it! Can you imagine a large body of water being completely divided and DRY for the Israelites to walk across?? Think of how long it takes your backyard to dry out after it rains! The presence of the Lord has been present in the form of a pillar of fire and a pillar of cloud leading up to this point. The pillar of cloud does an amazing thing – it performs a rear guard and moves in-between the Israelites and the Egyptians. The presence of the Lord never leaves the Israelites. Once the Israelites crossed, the Egyptians were thrown into a panic when they tried to cross and their wheels got stuck and the waters returned to their normal state. The Lord saved Israel from the hand of the Egyptians that day. Israel saw the great power of the Lord.



WEEK SIX

KEYPOINT

God acts in a way that He is most glorified and made known.

NEW WORDS TO LEARN

FAITH – complete trust or confidence in God. The Israelites had to walk across the Red Sea in faith because the pillar of cloud had gone behind them as a guard. The Israelites needed to learn to take the Lord at His word and trust Him.

TALK

1. As the Israelites approached the Red Sea, what do you think they heard, saw, or felt as they looked at the Red Sea before them and the Egyptians pursued them from behind? (think of the sound of the water, the size of the Red Sea, the sound of chariots pursuing them, horses neighing, and Egyptians desiring to hurt/kill them)
2. What do you think the Israelites first reaction or thought was when they could not see the pillar of cloud in front of them? Why did the pillar of cloud move behind them? What can we learn from this in the way that God protects us and is with us?
3. How did God make himself known to Pharaoh and the Egyptians? How was He glorified? How did He remind the Israelites who He is?

PRAY

Pray that we would remember that God never leaves us and that He desires our trust even when it doesn't make sense.



WEEK SEVEN

ICE BREAKER

Ask a fun question: if it could rain any type of food, what food would you choose?

READ TOGETHER

Exodus 15:22-17:7

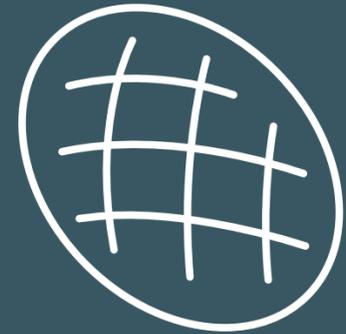
Focus on: Exodus 16:1-36 (summarize if your children are younger)

SUMMARY

God used Moses to lead the Israelites from the Red Sea into the Wilderness. They went three days in the Wilderness without finding any water! God used this experience to point them back to Him. The Israelites have quickly forgotten the Lord's hand of protection and provision in delivering them out of Egypt and crossing the Red Sea and wish they were back in Egypt even though it was so awful. God heard their cries and answered with bread that rained from heaven in the morning and quail in the evening. He gave exact instructions with how to gather the food each day. The Israelites ate the manna for forty years until they came to a habitable land, the border of the land of Canaan.

KEYPOINT

God is our provider.



WEEK SEVEN

NEW WORDS TO LEARN

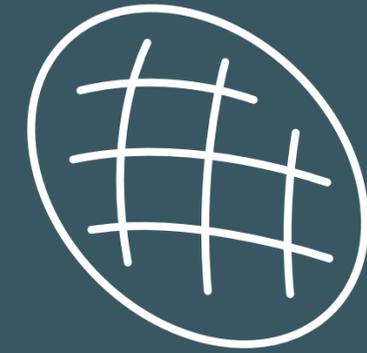
MANNA – means the “bread of angels.” In John 6:26-28 Jesus calls himself the true manna the “bread of life.” The manna in the wilderness points to Jesus.

TALK

1. Why did the people complain to Moses? (They were hungry, Ex. 16:2-3)
2. What did God provide for His people? (bread, meat, and water; Ex. 16-17)
3. How much manna were the people told to collect? (just enough for one day, enough for two on the day before the Sabbath; Ex. 16:21-22)
4. Why was it wrong for the people to complain about their hunger in the wilderness? Guide the kids to think about the amazing ways God had protected His people and rescued them so far. Help kids see that the people’s grumbling and complaining showed how little they trusted God. They even suggested they wanted to be slaves in Egypt again!
5. Who hears all of the thoughts of our hearts and minds? Who cannot? (Guide kids to understand that God sees and hears all of our thoughts even if they are “inside” and we don’t say them out loud. God heard all the murmurings of the Israelites.)

PRAY

Pray that we would trust God to be our provider and that the Holy Spirit would convict our hearts of complaining.



WEEK EIGHT

ICE BREAKER

Think of scenarios that are unique to your family that you as parents have to constantly judge – think of sibling quarrels, fair vs. unfair arguments, needs vs. wants desires, etc. Now, flip the table on your kids and present the scenarios one at a time. Ask them to be judge and ask how they arrived at their decisions. Try to come up with 5-10 scenarios.

READ TOGETHER

Exodus 17:8 - 18:27

Focus on: Exodus 18:8-27

SUMMARY

Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, met Moses along with Moses' wife and two sons. When they saw each other, Moses had the opportunity to share all that the Lord had done in the lives of the Israelites, Jethro rejoiced when he heard about all that the Lord had done. Moses was a mediator for the Israelites and took on the role of judge among the people. Jethro gave Moses good advice. He said, "What you are doing is not good. You and the people with you will certainly wear yourselves out, for the thing is too heavy for you. You are to able not do it alone. . . I will give you advice. . . You shall represent the people before God and bring their cars to God, and which they must walk and they must do. Moreover, look for able men from all the people as chiefs of thousands, of hundreds, or fifties and of tens. And let them judge the people at all times. Every great matter they shall bring to you, but any small matter they shall decide themselves." Moses took Jethro's advice and leaders were raised up to help judge among the peoples. Jethro then went home to his own country.



WEEK EIGHT

KEYPOINT

God uses Moses and Jethro to raise up leaders to teach the Israelites how to live out His commands.

NEW WORDS TO LEARN

MEDIATOR – to act between two or more people to hopefully bring understanding or agreement

TALK

1. Can you describe what was happening in your own words?
2. How do you think Moses felt having to judge everyone's matters – big, medium, and small?
3. God used Jethro to give some good advice. Can you explain what his advice was in your own words?
4. How did Jethro's advice teach the people God's commands?

PRAY

Pray that God would provide good Gospel Community in our lives.



WEEK NINE

ICE BREAKER

Recall: Ask your kids to list all of the ten commandments that they can think of from memory.

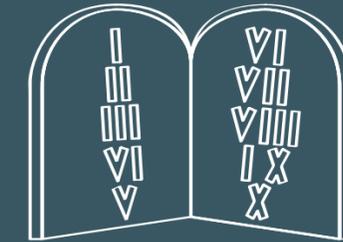
READ TOGETHER

Text from the sermon: Exodus 19:1-20:21

Focus on Exodus 20:1-21

SUMMARY

Israel camped in front of Mount Sinai while Moses went up to God. God gave Moses very specific instructions on how the people of Israel were to approach the mountain because the presence of God was there – He is holy. God also reminded Moses to share with the people of Israel that He delivered them as well as His covenant to them – they are His, they are a chosen people, a treasured possession among all the peoples – and He also reminded them that they are to be faithful to Him, the one true God. God proceeded to give the Israelites the Ten Commandments, which are eternal moral values that transcend the Old and New Testament. The first four commandments describe how we are to relate with God and the last six describe how we are to relate to people.



WEEK NINE

KEYPOINT

God is holy.

NEW WORDS TO LEARN

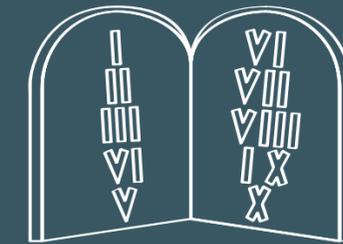
HOLY – God is pure, perfect, glorious, awesome, and majestic. He always does what is right because His nature is holy. God is without sin.

TALK

1. What relationship does the first four commandments focus on?
2. What relationship does the last six commandments focus on?
3. What do you think are some “gods” that we can put before the one true God?

PRAY

Pray that we would understand our need for rescuing and that we are unlike God and desperately need Him.



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