



UNIT 1: GOD OF PROMISES

LESSON 2: EXODUS

LESSON SNAPSHOT

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SUMMARY:

The Israelites were God's nation of people. They found themselves in hard circumstances in Egypt but were allowed to be led out by Moses to a new land. At the beginning of this journey the Egyptians chased after them. God had their back – nothing could stop His plan. He did a miracle to make the Red Sea part, so the people could cross on dry land and be safe.

SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Thank you for helping us when things are hard or don't go our way. Thank you for having good plans for us.

*In Jesus' name,
Amen*

LARGE GROUP LESSON

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INTRO:

Raise your hand if you like to swim. Raise your hand if you like to be around the water. What's the strangest thing you've ever seen in the water? Maybe it was in a pond or lake or even the ocean. As we continue to learn about the next important part of God's big story in the Bible, we'll see something pretty crazy that happened with a body of water.

We've already learned that God made a covenant with Abraham; He promised to make him the father of many nations. When we get to the second book of the Bible, Exodus, there are several generations that have passed since Abraham was alive. God's chosen people were called the Israelites. They had gone to the land of Egypt and grown very large. Exodus chapter 1 says that they increased in numbers and became so numerous that the land was filled with them. The king of Egypt did not like this, so he made the Israelites slaves.

As part of God's plan, He chose a man named Moses to rise up and be a leader who would help get the Israelites out of slavery. They had to go through a lot of tough things, but eventually the king of Egypt let them leave the country. That's where our story begins today.

READ Exodus 14: 5-7, 10, 13-16, 21-27

MAIN POINT:

God's people, the Israelites, had been allowed to leave their slavery lives in Egypt, but then the Egyptian king, also called Pharaoh, changed his mind. He took his chariots and his army and began to go after them. The Israelites were camping near the Red Sea when they saw that they were being chased. They were terrified.

They even began to think and say that it would have been better for them to stay in Egypt and die as slaves. They quickly forgot how much God had taken care of them. They forgot about his promises.

Moses had to calm them down. He reminded them not to be afraid, that the Lord would fight for them. Moses was a great leader, but he was nothing without God. God gave the instructions for Moses to raise his staff over the Red Sea, and then God did something amazing. He parted the Sea right down the middle. Can you imagine? There was a wall of water on the left and a wall of water on the right. In the middle was a path of dry land.

The Israelites walked right on that dry land all the way across the Red Sea to their safety. The Egyptians followed them, but once the Israelites were all safe, God made the waters flow back to their place, making Pharaoh and his men lost in the Sea.

DRIVE IT HOME:

Throughout their journey, the Israelites had a hard time believing that God would follow through on His promises. They did have a long hard journey to get to their new land, and there were troubles along the way, but God always took care of them.

Do you ever forget what someone has told you? Or maybe you don't believe what they said was true? That's how God's people were over and over. Something didn't go quite like they thought it would and they instantly became scared and complained. They forgot that God had promised them a new land. Over and over God did amazing things to prove that He would keep His promises. Then they would remember and be grateful.

At the end of Exodus 14 it says that the people put their trust in the Lord – this was after God saved them and they remembered that He would keep His plans and promises. We can remember the same thing. There will be hard things that we go through. Things won't always go as we have planned, but we can trust that God has good plans for us and will carry them out.

CLOSE WITH A SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Thank you for giving us good plans. Help us to trust You even when it seems hard.

*In Jesus' name,
Amen*

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION (K-2ND)

ICEBREAKER:

Can you think of a time when your family made plans to do something but then the plans got ruined?

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY:

Make a dividing line down the center of your room. Have half the kids go on the left side and half the kids go on the right side so there is a clear path in-between. Have one side say the verse as loud as they can. Then have the other side say it as loud as they can.

SMALL GROUP GAME/ACTIVITY:

This activity will have kids follow simple instructions to make a paper airplane. You will need written and pictured steps for folding a paper airplane. Show kids the plans and start with one sheet of paper. Have them take turns reading a step and following it. Discuss if this was an easy or difficult task for kids. Relate it to the Israelites having to following God's plan. Something they thought was impossible was possible for God.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What are the first two books of the Bible? (Genesis & Exodus)
- What did the Israelites do when they lived in Egypt? (Exodus 14:5)
- How many chariots did the king of Egypt take with him to chase after the Israelites? (Exodus 14:7)
- What did the Israelites do when they saw the Egyptians coming after them? (Exodus 14:10)
- Moses told the people to not do what? (Exodus 14:13)
- What happened when Moses reached his hand over the Red Sea? (Exodus 14:21)
- What did the Egyptians decide to do when their chariot wheels quit working? (Exodus 14:25)

SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Thank You that Your promises are true and that we can always trust Your plan.

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Amen*

Moses and the Exodus

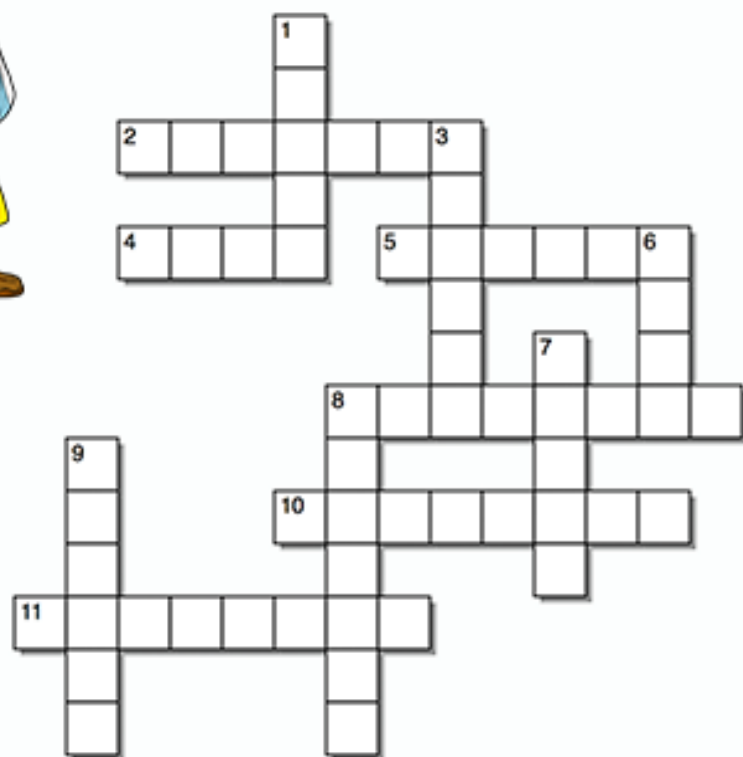
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MOSES



ACROSS

- 2) The Angel of Yah spoke to Moses out of a _____ bush. (Exodus 3:3 ESV)
 4) Moses was of which tribe of Israel? (Exodus 2:1 ESV)
 5) Moses sent twelve spies to spy out which land? (Numbers 13:2 ESV)
 8) "Go and select lambs for yourselves according to your clans, and kill the _____ lamb." (Exodus 12:21 ESV)
 10) Pharaoh's _____ adopted Moses. (Exodus 2:10 ESV)
 11) Moses married _____, daughter of Jethro (Reuel). (Exodus 2:21 ESV)

DOWN

- 1) The mountain where Moses was given the Commandments. (Exodus 19:20 ESV)
 3) The spies warned Moses the land was full of _____ (Nephilim). (Num 13:27-33)
 6) Moses was hidden in a basket along which river bank? (Exodus 1:22 ESV)
 7) The Israelites lived in the wilderness for _____ years. (Joshua 5:6 ESV)
 8) Moses stood before _____ and asked him to free the Hebrews. (Exodus 7:7 ESV)



MAKE IT STICK

5 Simple Ways You Can Make This Lesson Stick With your Kids

The Year Long Bible Journey Exodus

THIS WEEK'S LESSON: EXODUS



IN THE CAR: Ask your child what they learned about this week on the drive home: This week we learned about how God did a miracle to save His people. He parted the Red Sea so they could walk across on dry land and escape from their enemies unharmed. It seemed unlikely to succeed, but nothing can stop God's plans. Exodus 14: 5-7, 10, 13-16, 21-27 – Parting of the Red Sea



HANGING OUT:

Make this week's lesson real:

Share with your child a time that you made plans but they didn't turn out like you thought they would. Remind them that God was still in control.



AT DINNER:

Here are some great discussion starters:

- Exodus 14:14 says, "God will fight for us. We just have to be still." Is it easy or hard for you to be still?
- The Israelites were afraid when the Egyptians were chasing after them? Do you think it's ok to be afraid? What should we do when we're afraid?
- What's a way God can fight for you this week?



AT BEDTIME:

Quiz your child on this week's memory verse:

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PARENT TIME:

What you need to know:

As adults we often want to make our own plans and then have God just come alongside our decisions. This focus in Exodus is a great reminder that God is in control. Things may not always go as we expect, but we can trust that He's got it.

EXODUS

Supplemental Week 2 Readings: Book of Exodus

SUNDAY Meet Moses Ch 1-2

MONDAY Burning Bush Ch 3

*God promises to deliver the
Israelites out of Egypt!*

TUESDAY Rod to Snake, Moses

Returns to Egypt Ch 4

WEDNESDAY Ten Plagues Ch 5-12

THURSDAY In The Wilderness Ch 16

FRIDAY Ten Commandments Ch 19-24

SATURDAY The Tabernacle Ch 25-40

