

EXODUS

“The Exodus”

Series Objective:

Students will learn:

- Exodus was the name for the Israelites leaving Egypt
- Israel camped at Mt. Sinai
- Israel worshipped a Golden Calf
- Israel viewed the Promised Land

Series Theme Verse: “The Lord is my God, and I will praise him.” - Exodus 15:2

Lesson Objective: For students to understand that God saved Israel from Pharaoh’s army and when the Israelites left Egypt, it was called the Exodus.

Lesson Passage: Exodus 14:5-31

Materials Needed: Bibles, theme verse on a poster, labels for the four walls in the room

Lesson Plan: Remind students that we left off with Moses fleeing Egypt. God’s people, Israel, are slaves in Egypt and God has called Moses to lead Israel out of slavery. After a lot of convincing (10 plagues), Pharaoh allows Israel to leave Egypt under Moses’ guidance, but as usual, things do not go quite as expected.

Talking Points: Exodus 14:5-31

- Why did Pharaoh change his mind about letting the Israelites leave Egypt? (The slave workforce was now gone, who would do all that work?)
- What did Pharaoh decide to do to stop Israel from leaving? (Took over 600 chariots and pursued the people of God, Israel)
- What was the Israelites reaction to seeing the huge army of Pharaoh? (They were terrified, called out to God, and blamed Moses for leading them to their deaths)
- Why was Israel terrified? (Because they were trapped between the Egyptian Army and the Red Sea or Sea of Reeds)
- What was Moses’ response to the people? (Do not be afraid, trust God to save you)
- What did God tell Moses to do? (Raise his staff and hand over the water and the water would split for Moses and Israel to cross over safely)
- How did God protect Israel while the people crossed the sea? (The angel of God created a barrier of cloud between the Egyptian Army and Israel)
- After Israel crossed the sea, what did the Egyptian Army do? (Charged after the Israelites, right between the walls of water)
- What did God tell Moses to do? (Stretch his arm out to let the water flow again)
- What happened to Egypt’s Army? (They drowned and Israel was saved)
- After they saw what happened to the army, did Israel trust God and Moses? (Yes)

The Story Retold:

- Divide into two groups: Israelites and Egyptians.
- The teacher will put posters up on 4 sides of the room:
 - Dry Red Sea
 - Egypt
 - Barrier of Smoke
 - Flooded Red Sea
 - The children will have to listen very carefully as the teacher will shout out the team name and which area to run to as a team. Ex: ISRAELITES TO THE DRY RED SEA or EGYPTIANS TO THE BARRIER OF SMOKE
 - After the group runs to the wall, they tell the teacher what happened to their group at the location in today's story. Ex. ISRAELITES TO DRY RED SEA – We crossed the Red Sea on dry ground because God held the waters back and we safely crossed.

The Story and Me:

- Have the series memory verse on a poster.
- Ask the students how God showed strength and power in today's story...Barrier of smoke, parting the sea, drowning Egyptians, etc.
- Remind students that God is powerful and led the Israelites out of Egypt and that is called the Exodus.
- Say the verse together several times.