

Fearless

Lesson 7 – Moses

Series Objectives:

Students will learn:

- That followers of God have nothing to fear.
- Stories that illustrate God's people living out fearless lives.
- That followers of God are called by God to live a fearless life.

Series Theme Verse: “Do not tremble, do not be afraid. Did I not proclaim this and foretell it long ago? You are my witnesses. Is there any God besides me? No, there is no other Rock; I know not one.” Isaiah 44:8

Lesson Objective:

Students will understand:

- That God works in ways we do not expect.
- That Moses' family lived a fearless life.
- That Moses lived a fearless life by following God.

Lesson Passage: Exodus 1-3

Lesson Materials:

Activity: Parts of the Memory Verse written on strips of construction paper

Bible Story: Baby or Child pictures of KidX Leaders

Meal: Pizza

Bible Story:

Materials:

Way to Introduce the Story:

A fun way to introduce this story would be to bring some baby pictures or child age pictures of adults in KidX (maybe have leaders text them to you). Then show the kids baby pictures and let them guess which adult the baby picture is.

The Story:

The people who were from the family of Abraham were called Israelites or Hebrews. The Hebrew people ended up living in Egypt where God blessed them and help them to grow as God's people. As it happens there were more and more Israelites than ever before. The Israelites had children, and their children had children and soon there were too many to count.

A new king who was called Pharaoh came into power in Egypt. He didn't like it that there were so many Israelites and he thought they would one day take over the land. So he decided to make all the Israelites into slaves.

He made them work from early in the morning till late at night doing very hard work. Even if they were tired the Egyptians wouldn't give them a break, they would just make them work harder. It was very bad.

Pharaoh did all this and he still wasn't happy. The Israelites were still growing in number so he decided to make a law. If any boys were born to the Israelites he would have them killed.

At this time there was an Israelite couple who were expecting to have a baby. When they had a baby boy (whose name would later be Moses) they decided to hide him because they wouldn't let anyone kill this beautiful, precious baby of theirs.

They hid Moses for three months, but as he got older he didn't sleep as much and he cried louder than before. So his parents did the only thing they could do, they made a strong basket (sort of like a mini baby boat) and put blankets around the baby and placed the basket in some tall grass in the Nile river.

Baby Moses had a sister named Miriam, and she watched from a distance to see what would happen to her baby brother. While she was watching she saw somebody coming, she realized it was Pharaoh's daughter and her servants. They were dressed like they were famous, and she had seen her before and remembered what she looked like.

Pharaoh's daughter had come for a swim. While she was swimming she noticed a basket floating a little ways away in the tall grass. So she asked one of her servants to go see what it was.

The girl brought the basket over to her, and when Pharaoh's daughter opened it, the light startled Moses so he woke up and started to cry. "What a sweet, beautiful little baby. It must be one of the Israelite's," Pharaoh's daughter said to her servants.

Miriam had seen what had happened, and she hurried over and asked, "Would you like me to go find an Israelite woman to feed the baby for you?"

"Yes, go and find someone who can nurse the baby." She answered. Miriam ran as fast as she could and told her mother that Pharaoh's daughter had found him and wanted someone to come nurse him.

They went and found Moses with Pharaoh's daughter, and she asked them, "Please help me and nurse this baby, and I will pay you for helping me." (She didn't realize that this was actually Moses' mother).

Later he became the son to Pharaoh's daughter, and that's when she named him Moses, which means she got him out of the water.

Moses would become one of the greatest leaders of God's people. Jerry has been preaching about Moses on Sunday mornings. Does anyone remember any of the amazing stories about Moses leading God's people? (Burning Bush, Plagues, Parting of the Sea, Manna and Quail, etc.) Give students time to answer, if they don't, remind them of a story and see if they can tell you the story.

Moses lived a fearless life following God, but his family and the daughter of Pharaoh lived fearless lives by saving Moses as a baby, even though they knew the Pharaoh might kill them for disobeying him.

Activity: Memory Verse Game

Materials: Parts of the Verse written on strips of construction paper

The Activity:

Preparation

- Write the verse on enough strips of construction paper to "weave" a mat.

The Game

- Part of the story today is how Moses' mother made a basket to place Moses in so that he would survive the Nile River.
- Take your strips of paper and show the kids how weaving a basket might have happened.
- Alternate the strips like a lattice work to make something similar to a placemat. Show the students how Moses' mother would have bent the "placemat" and covered it in "pitch" to seal the gaps.
- Remind the students of the memory verse and how it illustrates God taking care of us and being our Rock.
- Undo the "placemat" and point out the words of the memory verse. Let the students line the strips up to create the memory verse. Say the verse together.

The Follow-up:

- Remind kids of our theme: Fearless.
- Explain that we do not have to be superhero Christians to live fearless lives.
- Today in Bible Story, we are learning about how even normal everyday people lived fearless lives in spite of the dangers it presented.

Music: Preparation for Musical on May 20.