



Subject: The Story of Exodus

Objective: To teach the children that God enabled Moses to fill a unique role even though he faced challenges along the way.

Main Idea: Moses' was a part of God's promise to Abraham and Jacob that their ancestors would be blessed. God continued his protection and provision for the Hebrew people through Moses' leadership to the Promised Land.

Scripture Passages: *Exodus 14:5-7, 15-18, 21-22, & 26-28,*

Exodus 30:30, Exodus 25:10-11, Exodus 26:1 & 15-17, Exodus 37:16-17, Ephesians 4:26-27, Deuteronomy 3:28

Opening Prayer: "Lord, thank you for having a special plan for each of us! Help us learn from Moses' life and his willingness to trust and obey you. Amen."

Icebreaker Review: Remind the children about last week's lesson about Peter. We learned that Peter was a courageous disciple who believed he could do anything if Jesus was in the midst. He trusted the Lord to walk on water.

Introduction

Moses certainly had a miraculous beginning, but God also greatly used him through the latter part of his life. The Story of Moses teaches us that no obstacle is too great for God! God led his people by a pillar of cloud during the day and a pillar of fire by night (**Exodus 13:20-22**) to show them where/how to travel. Never underestimate God's ability to protect them!

God set up a new way for his people to worship. First, Moses' brother, Aaron (and his sons) received a special title – **Exodus 30:30**. God then gave instructions to build a tabernacle, or moveable place of worship. The tabernacle was a place where God literally met with the priests to accept animal sacrifices as the atonement for sin.

□ Why don't we sacrifice animals anymore (because Jesus' blood was the ultimate sacrifice for our sins)?

□Who wants God to forgive you of your sins, now?

Moses and the people wandered in the desert for 40 years because time and time again they disobeyed God. Even Moses wasn't allowed to enter the Promised Land because he acted in anger to one of God's commands (Striking the rock instead of speaking to it for water in the Desert of Zin (**Numbers 20:9-12, Deut. 32:48-52**))." The reality of Moses' disobedience results in a serious consequence and how we face similar consequences when we know how to do right but choose to do what's wrong instead.

□Why did it matter to God whether Moses obeyed him completely (because he was a leader and showed a lack of trust)?

□How does anger hurt our relationship to God and others?" (**Ephesians 4:26-27**)

Anger in itself is not a sin, but, as Moses displayed, acting out in anger in the wrong way is a sin!

God's new chosen leader to replace Moses was Joshua, Moses' assistant who had led the army (**Exodus 17:13**) and explored and survived to see the Promised Land (**Numbers 14:38**)." Discuss how God's provision of a new leader supported his intent to fulfill his promises to, and through, the Hebrew people. Remember, we talked about Ruth and her trust in God. Next week we will learn about Elijah, a prophet who believed in God and was greatly used as a part of God's plan to redeem mankind."

Recap: God continued doing amazing things through Moses' as he led God's people to the Promised Land. We know that no challenge or obstacle is too great for God because he always keeps his promises!

Closing Prayer: "God, thank you for your promises. Help us trust you when we face challenges and give us the assurance we need to keep serving you. Amen."