



Preschool Ministry Curriculum for
July 31, 2016

Dear Teacher,

This week we continue our summer curriculum, which is following the theme and preaching from the Sanctuary service. Just to note, we are a few weeks ahead of the Sanctuary service in case there is any confusion. This summer we will look back at most of the characters we studied this past year. The point of each lesson will center on the journey each person was on and how they ultimately looked to Jesus “as the author and perfecter of our faith.”

This week we study the Exodus, or the Israelites’ rescue from Egyptian bondage. The lesson covers the last plague, death on the first-born, the Passover, and the Israelites crossing the Red Sea; these are the main aspects to the story in the curriculum this week. 11am teachers, please feel free to use The Beginner’s Bible or the Jesus Story Book Bible in your classes to help teach the lesson and then review the teaching points below. The Exodus is a huge theme in the rest of Scripture as it points ultimately to God’s own rescue of us from our bondage of sin.

We encourage all classrooms to engage with the story from the options provided in class. Teachers, tell the story using any of the provided helps (Vos, Jesus Story Book Bible, Gospel Story Book Bible or printed Handout). If you would like, read the selected Scripture passages aloud in class, discuss or explain what the passages mean, and use the questions below to help guide the discussion. Also, use time in class to teach the Scripture Memory and the Catechism Questions.

Lesson: The Journey: Moses

Lesson Objective: To communicate to children that God’s promises require faith especially since God’s promises do not happen immediately.

Scripture: Hebrews 11:24-29

Story: Vos Children’s Bible, Pages 69-74; Gospel Story Book Bible, Pages 62-65; Jesus Story Book Bible, Pages 88-99; The Beginner’s Bible, Pages 92-119.

Teaching Points:

- To believe that God’s promises will come true is called faith.
- God’s promises do not change despite circumstances, people and even our inability to believe them. God keeps his promises even when we do not trust Him or follow His commands.
- God’s people, the Israelites, were servants to the Egyptians. The Egyptians were very mean and cruel to the Israelites.
- God commanded Moses to lead His people out of Egypt. Moses had help from his brother Aaron.
- God would use Moses to tell Pharaoh what he wanted: for Pharaoh to let God’s people go so that they could worship Him. Pharaoh did not believe God and did not want to let the Israelites go free.
- God demonstrated that He was in control, and not Pharaoh. God sent plagues to show that He was in control. In the last plague, many Egyptian children died even Pharaoh’s oldest son.
- God instructed his people to observe a ceremony called “Passover.” This was a very special time for the Israelites and it’s a ceremony they still celebrate today.
- God led the Israelites by a cloud of smoke during the day, and a column of fire at night.
- God rescued the Israelites at the Red Sea by parting it for them to walk through; however, the Egyptians did not make it through. God closed the sea on the Egyptians before they could get to the Israelites.

Preschool Ministry – Morning Overview

For the Sunday Schedule, please see “Sunday Schedule for Preschool” found in Handbook on the teacher’s table.

First Hour

Cherub Church

- Kindergarten/5’s – 9:35-10:00 (Classroom’s: 162, 163, 121, 123, 124)
- 3’s/4’s – 10:05-10:30 (Classroom’s: 169, 168, 167, 166, 165, 164)

Craft: Baby Moses

Supplies: Cardstock Nile scene, cupcake liner, baby Moses, glue, crayons/markers

Instructions: Color baby Moses and Nile scene, glue baby Moses inside liner, glue liner to scene.



Snack

Second Hour

Craft: Parting the Red Sea

Supplies: Tan cardstock, blue paper, Moses figure, fish stickers, glue, crayons/markers, scissors

Instructions: Help children curl slit side of blue paper, glue paper to sides of tan cardstock with curled side toward the middle, color Moses and glue to middle of tan cardstock so he is standing up, decorate with fish stickers.



Story: The Journey: Moses

1. **PRAY** for your time and any requests the children may have.
2. **ASK** the Transition Question: *Red light, Green light*. Red light, Green Light. Have the children begin at one side of the room and walk, hop, tiptoe, etc. to the other side when you say “green light” and stop when you say “red light”. (You can mark the floor with masking tape for boundaries). When you’ve played enough and it’s the end of the game, hesitate before saying “green light”then say “That was fun, but it was hard to keep waiting when you want to go, wasn’t it? Let’s sit on our chairs while I tell you about a time God’s people were ready to go, but they had to wait until God finally said, “It’s time. You may go now”.
3. **TELL** the Story. When applicable or desired, use the Vos Children’s Bible, the Jesus StoryBook Bible, the Beginner’s Bible, or the story below to aid in telling the story.
4. **REVIEW** the questions to help children understand the story.

Singing

Scripture Memory (Hebrews 12:1-2)

Catechism Questions (1-10)

Optional Activities

Scripture

Hebrews 11:24-29

24 It was by faith that Moses, when he grew up, refused to be called the son of the king of Egypt’s daughter. **25** He chose to suffer with God’s people instead of enjoying sin for a short time. **26** He thought that it was better to suffer for the Christ than to have all the treasures of Egypt. He was looking only for God’s reward. **27** It was by faith that Moses left Egypt. He was not afraid of the king’s anger. Moses continued strong as if he could see the God that no one can see. **28** It was by faith that Moses prepared the Passover and spread the blood on the doors. It was spread so that the one who brings death would not kill the firstborn sons of Israel. **29** It was by faith that the people crossed the Red Sea as if it were dry land. The Egyptians also tried to do it, but they were drowned.

Questions for Review

Questions for Younger Children:

- Who led Israel with a pillar of cloud and fire?
- Who chased after Israel?
- What did God do to the Red Sea?
- Who loves his people and cares for them even in very scary times?

Questions for Older Children:

- How did God's people know where to go after they left Egypt?
- Why did Pharaoh want the Israelites to come back to Egypt?
- How did the Israelites cross the Red Sea?
- What did God's people do after they got to the other side of the Sea?

Scripture Memory for Summer:

2 and 3 year olds:

"Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus." Hebrews 12:1-2

4 and 5 year olds:

"Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith." Hebrews 12:1-2

Catechism Questions:

- Question 1 – Who made you? *God*
- Question 2 – What else did God make? *God made all things.*
- Question 3 – Why did God make you and all things? *For his own glory.*
- Question 4 – How can you glorify God? *By loving him and doing what he commands.*
- Question 5 – Why are you to glorify God? *Because he made me and takes care of me.*
- Question 6 – Is there more than one true God? *No. There is only one true God.*
- Question 7 – In how many persons does this One God exist? *In three persons.*
- Question 8 – Who are they? *Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*
- Question 9 – What is God? *God is a Spirit and does not have a body like men.*
- Question 10 – Where is God? *God is everywhere.*

Story

For 2's and 3's, it's recommended to read The Beginner's Bible, Pages 92-119. (should be on the teacher's table) and then review the Teaching Points above. 4's and Kindergarten's can follow along with the story below.

The Journey

Let us continue on our journey together. Remember, we won't actually go to a far land or country. We won't have to pack up our suitcases or food or get in a car or a plane. Nope, we will stay right here! This journey is special. This journey takes us into the Old Testament and we get to see how people trusted in Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

Today in our journey, we learn about Moses. Moses was the leader of God's people in Egypt. Remember God's people had moved to Egypt a long time ago when Joseph was alive. They moved to Egypt because they had no food in their own land, but Egypt had food to share. God's people stayed for a very long time, but eventually they became servants to the Egyptians. The Egyptians were very mean to God's people and God's people cried out to God to rescue them. God heard their prayers and sent Moses to them. Let's find out what God does through Moses...

The Beginning

There was a time when God's people had to eat so fast, why they even stood up while they ate. Their shoes had to be tied and they were ready to go. They even had their walking sticks in their hands. They were ready!

You may remember how God had told the king of Egypt, Pharaoh, over and over to, "Let My people go", but mean old Pharaoh would not let God's people go. God had sent 9 plagues to Egypt. Let's count the plagues...1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9...but still, Pharaoh kept God's people in Egypt. God's people were slaves in Egypt, and Pharaoh would not obey God's command. Now God was going to punish the Egyptians. Moses said to God's people, the Israelites, "Everyone come quickly! I have a message from God. God is going to take us out of Egypt, and we must do exactly what He says."

Moses continued to tell God's plan of rescue to the rest of the God's people. They all listened very carefully; some people were scared and others were happy. But everyone remembered one part of God's plan they could not forget to do. Moses told all of God's people God's command, "To take the blood of a perfect lamb and put it on the doorframe of your house (walk over to the door and pretend you're putting something on the sides and across the top of the door). At midnight, that's very late at night, God will go through Egypt. The oldest son in each house will die except for where blood of the perfect lamb is all around the door. Then God will pass by and no one in that house will be hurt." Moses told them, "God said, "This is the day I will set you free so that you can serve me. It is a very special day. Remember this day. It is to be called the Passover." Moses told each family to find a perfect lamb. It couldn't have any sores or marks or anything on its skin. At the right time the father was to kill the lamb. Then he would dip the end of a branch in the lamb's blood and put the blood on the doorframe of the house just like God had said.

The mommys would cook meat and all the family would eat it, but not the way they usually ate dinner. Nobody could sit down in his or her chair. Everyone in the family had to stand up as they ate. God's people had to make sure their shoes were on so they could leave in a hurry. Everything happened just as God had said. That night, God passed over the homes that had put the blood on the doorframes of the house and they were kept safe. Those were the houses of the Israelites, God's people. But the Egyptians did not do as God commanded; they did not put the blood on the doorframes of their homes. And that night in the houses where Egyptians lived, the oldest son died. Even Pharaoh's oldest son died. There was much sadness and crying all over the land of Egypt.

In the middle of the night Pharaoh came to Moses. He was sad, very afraid and also very mad. Pharaoh said, "Moses, get out of here. Take your people and leave. Go and serve your God." Remember, the Israelites were ready to go. (Remember how I told you they had even had their dinner standing up.) But God wanted them to do one more thing before they left Egypt forever. God wanted his people to ask the Egyptians for gold and silver and clothes. And do you know what? The Egyptians gave the Israelites silver, gold and clothes. God had protected His people and now He was making sure they had everything they would need. God would always provide for His people; after gathering these things from the Egyptians, God said, "You may go now."

A Pillar of Fire

When God's people left Egypt, they didn't have a map. Thousands and thousands of men and women and boys and girls left Egypt and they didn't even know where they were going. But sure enough, God had a plan. He knew exactly where he wanted them to go. And He led Israel in a very special way. It was a way much better than any map. The Bible says that the Lord went before His people in something called a pillar (not a pillow!). A pillar is a straight thing that goes up and down (show with your hands). It went way high into the sky. And at the bottom it spread out like a big cloud (show it widening). During the daytime, it looked like a big cloud. The Israelites followed it. But at night, when it was dark, it became a pillar of shiny, bright fire. Then God's people could see it clearly. When they could see that pillar, the people knew that God was with them, and that He was going to lead them right where He wanted them to go! Well, Israel kept on walking until they got close to a big sea. When they arrived at the shore of this big sea, all God's people set up their tents and probably rested for a while.

Pharaoh Changes His Mind

Now remember old Pharaoh. Well he was back in Egypt and not long after the Israelites had left he began to wonder “Who’s going to build my cities now? Who will be my slaves? Why did we let those Israelites go?” So Pharaoh called his servants. “Get my best chariots ready”. (A chariot is a cart that a person rides in standing up. Horses pull it and it has great big wheels on the sides.) Well, Pharaoh wanted his very best chariots and all the other chariots in Egypt too. That’s a lot of chariots! And he took the soldiers, and lots of horses and off they went to find God’s people and bring them back to Egypt to be slaves and work again.

The Israelites See Pharaoh coming

When God’s people heard the Egyptians coming and saw them off in the distance, they were so scared. They were trapped! In front of them and on their right side were mountains. To their left side was the Red Sea and behind them were the Egyptians with lots of chariots and soldiers (point the directions).

The Bible says they cried out to the Lord. And then they said to Moses, “Why did you bring us here? We should have just stayed in Egypt. We’re all going to die here!” (Say it angrily). But Moses said to the people, “Don’t be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord.” (Moses said that because he was certain the Lord would take care of the Israelites.) Then Moses said God’s words, “Those Egyptians over there, you’ll never see them again! The Lord will fight for us. Now keep quiet.”

Then something very strange happened. The pillar of cloud, where God’s presence was, which had been in front of the Israelites leading them, moved and went behind them (demonstrate). It came right between the Egyptians and God’s people. On one side, where the Egyptians were, it was dark. The Egyptians couldn’t see the Israelites, the Red Sea or anything. But on the other side, where God’s people were, it was light. God’s people could see! Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea (stretch it out!) and a miracle happened! God caused a strong wind to blow from the East. (Blow!) The Bible says the wind blew all night long. And it made the water in the sea split open and part of it went this way (demonstrate) and part of it went this way and right in the middle there was no water. It was dry ground. The water on both sides was like a tall, dark wall, but in the middle there was a path where somebody could walk!!! So God’s people walked right into the sea ON DRY GROUND (be emphatic). They didn’t get wet at all. Only God could do something like that!

Egyptians Try To Cross The Sea

When the Egyptians saw what was happening, they just kept chasing God’s people. They drove their chariots faster and faster right into the sea behind God’s people, right on the dry ground. Oh, but the Bible says “The Lord looked down upon the army of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and cloud, and He troubled them”. That means God knew what was going on and He wasn’t going to let Egypt hurt his people. So God caused the Egyptian chariots to stop working. The big wheels fell off and they couldn’t go. The Egyptians said, “Let’s get away from here! The Lord is fighting for Israel. He’s against us!” They were very scared.

Once Moses and the rest of the Israelites had made it safely through the Red Sea, the Lord said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea” and Moses did what God told him and the water came back together and covered the Egyptians. They could no longer hurt God’s people.

God’s People Are Saved

So the Lord saved Israel that day. God’s people saw the great work God had done. They knew God had saved them. Only He could make a dry path in the sea. The Bible says they had a great big celebration. It was like a party. They sang praises to the Lord. Moses sister, Miriam, and other women played tambourines and danced. It was a great day!