



Lesson 6: *Moses and Pharaoh* (Condensed Version)

Objectives: To explain that:

- The Israelites became slaves in Egypt. God heard the cries of his people in Egypt and sent Moses to rescue them.
- Even with many warnings and plagues, the cruel Pharaoh had a hard heart and would not let the Israelites leave.
- The deliverance of the Israelites through the blood of a lamb points forward to the greater deliverance through the blood of Jesus on the cross. Pharaoh finally let the people leave, and God miraculously parted the Red Sea so the Israelites could walk through.
- God gave his written law (Ten Commandments) to his people through Moses. The people disobeyed and did not enter the land.

"I Wonder" Questions:

This picture shows Moses leading God's people out of Egypt. I wonder what Moses is thinking about. I wonder why there is blood on the doorposts. (This is the lamb's blood that points to the blood of Jesus that would be shed for us on the cross.) What else do you see in this picture?

I wonder how it is that the people are walking on a dry pathway with water all around them.

I wonder where they are going.

I wonder what those two stone tablets are about.

Let's read our story to find out more...

Lesson Summary:

In today's story you will hear about an Egyptian king, called a Pharaoh, who turned the Israelite people into slaves and treated them very cruelly. God heard the cries of his people and sent Moses to rescue them. In the desert, God appeared to Moses and spoke to him from a burning bush. God told Moses to lead the people out of Egypt and away from the cruel Pharaoh. He told Moses to tell Pharaoh, "LET MY PEOPLE GO!" But Pharaoh had a hard heart and would not let the Israelites leave Egypt. God sent many warnings (plagues) for Pharaoh to repent, but he still would not listen to Moses. Then God told Moses that each Israelite family was to put the blood of a lamb over their doorposts so that they would be safe on the night that the firstborn of the Egyptians died. And they were safe! The lamb's blood points to Jesus' blood when he died on the cross so that all people could be saved from their sins. Pharaoh finally let God's people leave, but he chased them all the way to the Red Sea. God did a mighty act and parted the water so that the Israelite people walked across on dry land. But Pharaoh and his army, who were chasing the Israelites, were drowned in the sea. The Israelites were safe once again! During this time, God gave Moses and the people the Ten Commandments. These were laws (rules) on how to love God and live according to His ways. They were written on stone tablets. However, some of the people rejected God's ways and would NOT follow the commandments. As a consequence, the people could not yet enter into the land that God had promised them.

Suggested Questions: What does this story tell us about God? (he hears prayers and sends a deliverer, saved his people by the blood of a lamb, gives warnings, gives laws to live by)

- Why did the Israelites call out to God to rescue them? (cruel treatment as slaves) Who did God send to rescue his people? (Moses)
- Why did the Israelites have to put the blood of a lamb over their doorposts? (God told them to, to be protected from death, to be passed over)
- How does the blood of the lamb over the door point to Jesus? (Jesus is the lamb of God and his blood, shed on the cross saves us from our sins)
- How did God save his people when Pharaoh's army was chasing them? (He parted the Red Sea so they could cross over, the Egyptians drowned)
- What great set of laws did God give his people so they could worship him rightly and live good lives? (Ten Commandments)

Bible Memory Verse:

"The blood on your houses will be a sign for you. When I see the blood, I will pass over you." (Exodus 12:13 - NIRV)