

# the Venues

## Go Deep

Putting Women in Their Place  
“I’ve Heard of Moses but Who is Miriam?”  
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*How many brothers/sisters do you have?  
What was sibling rivalry like in your home?*

### **1. A place of rescue.**

Read Exodus 1:9-22

*What impresses you most about the actions of Moses’s mother and sister?  
Their love? Their courage? Their resourcefulness? Their disobedience to the law?*

Read Exodus 1:12

*What does this verse say led the Egyptians to such unjust treatment of the Jewish people?*

*How have you see Yoda’s philosophy lived out (Fear is the path to the dark side. Fear leads to anger. Anger leads to hate. Hate leads to suffering)?*

The teaching mentioned Harriet Beecher Stowe, Anne Frank, and Malala Yousafzai as examples of women who made a difference.

*What influential woman comes to your mind?*

### **2. A place of leadership.**

Read Exodus 15:20

*What comes to your mind when you read/hear the word “prophet”?*

*If Miriam was a prophet, what does that say about women’s roles today?*

*How does that role fit with your view of women?*

Read Micah 6:4 in the New International Version and in the New Revised Standard Version.

*Make note of the differences.*

*What, if any, significance is there in the differences?*

*Do the differences affect the way you understand the verses?*

### **3. A Place of new perspective.**

Read Numbers 12:1-16

*What was Miriam’s and Aaron’s real problem with Moses’ wife?*

*Why do you suppose God punished Miriam and not Aaron?*

*What is the most needed lesson and challenge of this story to you?*

\_\_\_\_\_ *not to be racist?*

\_\_\_\_\_ *not to be jealous of others?*

\_\_\_\_\_ *not to be critical of others?*

\_\_\_\_\_ *to accept criticism without being defensive?*